

Exterior Fiberglass Care

A question which is often asked by new owners is, “**What product can I put on the exterior which will keep the coach looking as good as it did when I picked it up?**” I decided I would find the best answer by visiting with some of my associates here who work in fiberglass and gel coating on a daily basis as well as some of you owners, who “field test” various products. The majority favored Protect All, while others mentioned a product called 303 Protectant.

Admittedly, I am skeptical about some products advertising claims which just sound too good to be true. Thus, before I could recommend a product, I felt I should first try it out myself **(I think some of my ancestors came from Missouri!)** To say I was pleasantly surprised with the results would be an understatement. Not only did Protect All make the gel coat look great, but also performed well on decals, chrome, aluminum, vinyl, rubber, windshield glass, and so on.

Perhaps, the favorite feature was it only took about half the time to polish the exterior as compared to other waxes and polishes. One U300, 40SAI owner told me his grandson can finish an application on both the interior and exterior of his coach in 5½ hours!

It should be noted Protect All is a non-abrasive, moderate cleaner and can be used effectively on virtually any surface without scratching. It will not remove hard oxidation and other heavy grime. When these conditions are present, it will most likely be necessary to buff the affected area with a polishing compound. This can be accomplished by a professional detailing service with experience in fiberglass gel coat exteriors.

Once a good shine is attained, an application every three to four months will enhance the surface, making future cleaning and polishing both easier and quicker. However, no excessive buildup will occur if you decide to apply it more often. Simply follow the directions on the label for best results. Both Protect All and 303 Protectant have UV (ultraviolet) inhibitors which help reduce the negative effects which the sun’s ray have on exterior surfaces, particularly decals. Try it and I believe you will be as happy as I was about the results.