

PROTECT ALL

Anytime a manufacturer uses the word all, he'd better be careful. My interest was sparked when we were asked to try out a product called Protect All. The manufacturer said his product is formulated so that it can be used on virtually all surfaces. That was a challenge that I was eager to take.

At first, I thought that Protect All would wind up being just another vinyl/rubber conditioner that would shine my dashboard and make the tires of my motorhome look new. But Protect All is truly a versatile product that does exactly what the manufacturer claims.

Adam Huber, inventor and president of Champions Choice Inc., started his career in chemical engineering by manufacturing cutting fluids and coolants for the metal machining industry. He later produced a popular chain lubricant for motorcycles and then created Protect All, after two years and 25 test formulas. Protect All was first marketed to the aircraft industry. Pilots found that this was the quickest way to clean and shine the whole airplane, inside and out, top to bottom, and while leaving a hard, slick coating that reduced wind drag and shed dirt and dust. A petroleum formula containing silicones that seal and protect paint, vinyl, leather, chrome, plastic, glass, wood and fiberglass. The liquid comes in 13.5-ounce aerosol cans that contain a non-Freon-based propellant that is safe for the atmosphere's ozone layer. The product is very easy to use. The surface that you want to protect is simply sprayed with Protect All and wiped with a clean, dry cloth or paper towel until it is shiny. That's all there is to it.

I first tried Protect All on the RV interior. I sprayed the dashboard, and it worked fine. But the overspray from the canister got mist all over the inside of the windshield! Because of past experience with some other vinyl protectants that had left a greasy, streaky film on the glass, I was surprised that Protect All made the windshield sparkle.

Since it worked so well on the inside of the glass, I decided to try the outside where it worked just as well, plus I found an added benefit. The silicone content of Protect All makes water roll off the glass. In rain, windshield wipers were almost not needed. Bugs that had splattered on the glass simply wiped off rather than having to be scraped off, and there was no streaky residue visible on the glass during night driving. Now I was getting excited.

Next came the stainless-steel galley, sink, stovetop cover, glass oven door, refrigerator door. Formica countertop, cabinet wood, shower stall and bathroom mirrors, they all looked great after that treatment.

By this time, I was ready to tackle the exterior. Experience with paste and softened cream waxes had made me gun-shy of waxing motorhome exteriors. Rubbing on the wax, then wiping off the hard dry residue is not a job for the meek and timid.

In my judgement, Protect All reduced the effort required to wax a motorhome's exterior by about 60%. There is no rubbing required for application, the only rubbing is during the polishing phase. And since Protect All does not have a dry-powder residue, the effort required for this phase is much less than with waxes. The rig absolutely sparkled!

Later we found another side benefit. Bugs that normally plaster themselves to the front of a coach wiped off easily during a regular wash. The exterior was finished by giving the tires the once-over, and after the process, they almost looked new. Protect All contains additives that prevent rubber damage from ozone, sun and smog, while reducing rotting and cracking.

Seeing that job go by so easily, the Bronco II that we pulled behind our motorhome was next.

Anyone who has tried to keep a black vehicle clean while it is towed behind a motorhome will appreciate Protect All. Huber claimed that dust and dirt could be removed with a “dry wash,” since the anti-static and anti-stick properties of Protect All would not allow dirt to stick tight. He was right. A household feather duster was used to remove dust accumulation without scratching the Bronco’s finish. It’s recommended that a coating of Protect All be applied every other month to build a hard, glossy layer.

Protect All not only worked well for RV applications, but found its way into the household. I’ll have to admit, “Protect All truly protects all.”

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