

RV LIFE Product Test: **Protect All**

It never fails. Just about the time you've found a product that seems to work for you, another comes along with claims to fame. Under those conditions, it's really hard to switch - even if the promises glow with appeal.

I'd settled with a great deal of satisfaction on a product that protects the finish on a number of indoor and outdoor RV surfaces, and I'd never have tried Protect All if I hadn't been challenged: No matter what my findings, *RV LIFE* would print the results.

I'd like to claim that the manufacturer's confidence convinced me to at least give Protect All a try. But the truth is I have a little demon with a pin scurrying around in my brain, and that little demon's sole objective is a search-and-destroy mission. The demon is looking for bubbles to burst.

Protect All promises a quick and easy way to clean and polish vinyl, rubber, painted, fiberglass, chrome, plastic, formica, wood, glass or tile surfaces. It claims to "do it all," and that it is both detergent and dust repellent. Its label says it will aid in protecting against sun, ozone and smog, and in preventing cracking, rot and deterioration.

With these claims in mind, my demon and I set to work.

Having picked up a can of Protect All at Oregon Show Promotions' Summer Expo RV Show and Sale in Eugene, my first project was my TV screen. Nothing attracts the August RV park dust like a TV screen. Let's see just how dust repellent Protect All is.

I left half the screen unprotected, but dusted, and treated the other half with Protect All (a 30 second job, at most). It wasn't until a full month later that I found any reason to re-dust the half of the screen treated with Protect All.

Next, I checked out Protect All's claims on our trailer's chrome wheel covers. From the picture in this article, it is easy to tell which wheel cover I cleaned with Protect All. It's the one you can see my reflection in. And the shine has been a lasting one, with a very tiny investment of labor.

At the suggestion of the salesman, I cleaned and polished the interior of my commode. As promised, the Protect All'ed surface did, indeed, repel "streak marks" - thus significantly reducing my water usage for this purpose.

On the exterior of the RV, I found Protect All to be both quick and effective, leaving a lasting shine that repels both dust and foreign objects. After driving through dust, mud and insects, all were easily removed with a quick rinse and wipe. Not only did I find that surfaces were easy to clean after having been treated with Protect All, but they also retain their shine after the rinse/wipe process.

Lemon-scented, Protect All is pleasant to use and leaves a slippery finish with the feel of a paste wax shine. The aerosol version of Protect All contains a non-Freon-based propellant that cannot interfere with the atmosphere's ozone layer.

Before I was finished, I'd tried Protect All on mirrors, windshields, windows, countertops, dashboards, trim of all sorts, appliances, cabinets, plumbing fixtures and many other surfaces.

I found Protect All easy to use, effective and lasting.

While ounce for ounce, Protect All seems "pricey," I found that a little goes a long, long way and proves itself economical for both the pocketbook and the elbow-grease.

I'm not finished using Protect All just because my test is complete. But I think my little demon might as well look for a different bubble to burst.

Protect All can be found in many RV part stores. To learn the location of the Protect All dealer nearest you, contact: Champions Choice, Inc., P.O. Box 5968, Orange, California 92613 – or telephone 1-800-322-4491 Monday through Friday.