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## Product Evaluation: PROTECT ALL

Every airport has at least a couple, the bane and envy of aircraft owners everywhere...especially those who through fate or finances find their plane tied down outside instead of nestled snug and warm in a hanger. I'm talking about those impossibly shiny, squeaky-clean planes that blind you with reflected sun as they purr toward the active. Oh no. They're not always new or just out of the paint shop, but suddenly, you're old bird seems chalky and oil-streaked, hours of hand-rubbing away from the kind of shine that just seared your retinas.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure and cheerful complicity that I now share a secret; one virtually guaranteed to turn your airplane into a sparkling-slick, jealousy-inducing Bird of Paradise: Protect All.

In this age of hype and overkill, it's almost a shock when a product actually does what it claims to do. Protect All claims to "do it all," and so far, our tests show that to be exactly the case. Let's get down to some details.

First of all, if your plane's paint is badly oxidized, you WILL have to use a rubbing compound to get down to the fresh paint. Protect All is not a cleaner or rubbing compound but a unique protective coating meant to be applied to oxidation free or gel coated surfaces. Nonetheless, our applications to dull, sun-blasted paint resulted in a beautiful (and very slippery) shine.

Since our Stealth Mooney is in the shop, we relied on some expert input from friend Allen Romero. Allen is a much sought after aircraft detailer who turns out beautiful work from his base in Melbourne, Florida. "Man, this stuff finishes off really nice! It saved me hours and hours of work and put a terrific shine on our Piper Saratoga. I've been using it on customers' planes, but I've been careful to hide the bottle 'cuz they think I spent a whole day hand-rubbing their airplane! It's a great product." I, myself, wouldn't swear to it, but the plane feels so slippery after one treatment, that it just has to fly faster!

More good news for builders and owners of composite aircraft; Protect All has UV blockers that further delay the inevitable effects of the sun on your pride and joy.

Closer to home. I decided to subject Protect All to a truly severe test; my own partially restored '71 Jeepster Commando. The directions say to use sparingly and wipe with a clean cloth. Accordingly, I insinuated a fine mist onto the hood, wiped it clean and was rewarded with a deep, glistening shine. Intrigued, I attacked the old Commando with fervor and in less time than it usually takes to wax the front grill, it was finished, and it hadn't looked so good in twenty years! It really looked like it had just emerged from the paint shop. I was surprised to find that Protect All works equally well on glass, too. The windows sparkled in a way different from even a good Windex treatment. I was impressed. "What the heck" I thought, and went to work on the upholstery. In a matter of moments, the old Commando's seats looked brand new. And all this in less than half an hour - that's my idea of alright!

As a result of water shortages in the Southwest, Company president, Adam Huber, has recently introduced another remarkable product called Protect All Quick & Easy Wash. Quick & Easy Wash allows one to wash virtually any vehicle with only one gallon of water and a capful

of the magic elixir. Now normally, you'll dispense a couple of hundred gallons of water in fifteen minutes of hose use, as well as being tied down to a perimeter of alluvial influence determined as a function of hose length multiplied by pi. Not so with Quick & Easy Wash. You can wash your plane or any other vehicle wherever you can tote a bucket and it's every bit as easy as using the Protect All. Just wash an area with Quick & Easy Wash and towel dry. You're done. It took me just over a half hour to wash and "Protect All" my wife's Marquis. It looked fabulous and she was nice to me for the entire weekend.

Protect All leaves a finish with some interesting properties, not the least of which is an ingredient that seems to inhibit bugs, dirt and roadkill from fusing with the paint at the molecular level. Anyone familiar with Florida's "lovebugs" and the damage their acid bodies do to the paint will appreciate having a Protect All finish: they just wipe off.

At this point I went on a rampage, applying Protect All to all manner of objects at home. The TV, cable box and computer screen gleamed and seem to have abandoned their part time jobs as dust magnets. The wood of an antique music cabinet took on a deep glow, and I even did a pair of black sneakers with the stuff (they look great. I always wondered how you could shine sneakers...). Unfortunately, I got some Protect All on the vinyl floor and ended up with a dangerously slippery spot that I had to strip to render harmless.

Deciding at this point to get REALLY radical, I subjected Protect All to a test that not even Adam Huber ever thought of. Come Friday at 5:00, this mild mannered reporter turns into the "Tuba Player From Hell." That's right. I play a gigantic sousaphone on the weekends. Big deal, right? Except that this particular sousaphone comes equipped with a flame thrower. My specialty and passion is to explode with a 75 foot flame at the climax of "Tiger Rag." Now I've had meltdowns, pock marks in the bell, smoking hair, crackled lacquer and more, but ever since I've started using Protect All inside my tuba bell, I just wipe off the residue and she's good as new!

In a nutshell, Protect All and Quick & Easy Wash are remarkable products with myriad uses at home and on the go. I don't see any reason to ever again buy any of the dozen or so products one bottle of Protect All replaces! For pilots, Protect All and Quick & Easy Wash are convenient and light weight additions to your tool kit, as well as being cost effective and environmentally conscious products. I have personally urged Protect All's Al Baudoin to make it edible in an assortment of flavors. Once they accomplish that, I'll never have to go to the store again! For more information, call Protect All, Inc., 1-(800)-322-4491.