

## Protect-All

I opened my mailbox the other day and found a surprise package. I had no idea at all why GWRRA would be sending me a package when I hadn't ordered anything from the "Goodie Page." After opening it I began to think some of our local Chapter members may have schemed a bit to get me to clean my motorcycle.

What I found was a can of "Protect All," a relatively new "all purpose" spray cleaner/polish. After reading the label it sounded a lot easier to use than getting out several cans of various cleaning and polishing products. According to the label, this single can cleans vinyl, plastic, metal, painted surfaces, furniture, and wall paneling. In fact, it cleans most anything around the house or garage.

"Protect All" is very easy to use...a quick spray and wipe. Follow with a clean rag for a quick final buff. Neat...Quick...Easy! Not only have you cleaned and shined, but the chemical compounds, making up the product, have aided your other efforts at protecting your surface areas.

Follow-up cleaning is just as simple...a quick dusting, or if water spotted, just another quick spray and wipe. Yes, it collects dust just like everything else does, but a quick wipe and it's gone, with a shiny, waxlike look in its place. (Does anybody have any input on Kafka's "Lighting Rod?" To help eliminate static electricity and dust build-up?)

The cost at \$6.00 a can, compares well with other products I've used. The cost is even less, when you consider this single product will replace most cleaner/polishes you now have around the house and garage. As you use up all those other cleaners replace them with a single can, and you'll have, as a bonus, some extra shelf space.

Part of my test included the windshield. I cleaned it with Maguire's windshield cleaner, then Windex, to be sure everything was off. I then did 1/2 of the windshield with "Protect All" and left the other 1/2 as it was. I could see and feel the difference between the two areas, but the bugs stuck just as well on both parts. For cleaning I used plain water and a soft wash rag and the bugs required the same amount of effort to get off both parts. At 1,000 miles, I could still see and feel the difference, but by 1,500 miles it was impossible to tell which part had "Protect All" on it.

I don't know how long a can will last, but so far I have cleaned and polished the motorcycle three or four times, the refrigerator, stove, counter top, some varnished cupboard doors, a couple of floor tiles, (oops! caution...slick), some wall paneling, and stereo components; and I haven't come anywhere near the end of the can. Not only do the can's contents seem to last, but the clean shiny surface seems to last an acceptable length of time and hold up very well in the process.

Since, according to the label, "Protect All" can be used on most everything, I asked the manufacturer what it *shouldn't be* used on. The answer..."unlacquered leather." Although it would be a good idea to use caution when applying "Protect All" to items you have to grip, walk on, or otherwise need a traction type surface. "Protect All" does leave a very smooth, slick, surface. To catch the overspray please use paper on the floor...it is slick.

Champions Choice, Inc. makes several different, specialized products. Although they don't always get the low bid, I've used some of their products at work and have been quite happy with them. Because it is quick, easy, and very efficient, I'm even considering getting a case of "Protect All" to use at my fire station.