



Application Information

PRODUCT FUNCTION:

Auto-balm provides a durable protective high gloss film to automotive paintwork and car bodywork.

Normal automotive polishes and waxes are generally based on natural hard waxes such as carnubra and montan, but synthetic silicones and resins are also widely used—either with or without waxes—when these products are buffed to produce the required shine the ultra-thin films left provide very little protection at all.

Auto-balm is the result of thousand of hours of development and testing—a blend of synthesised complex corrosion inhibiting molecules that lock together tightly enabling them to remain functional in ultra-thin, high gloss films.

Auto-balm will seal capillary pores in paintwork and provide an anticorrosion barrier to stone-chips and other damaged sites on vehicle paintwork.

Auto-balm will also protect and *shine chrome, aluminium and alloys*. Auto-balm is not an abrasive polish—if the vehicle's bodywork is faded or in poor condition then the use of a light cutting polish will be required before application.

HOW TO USE:

Auto-balm should not be used without following these instructions:-

- Thoroughly wash vehicle with hot soapy water, only use salt-free automotive shampoos or Bilt Hamber Car Shampoo Do not use wash and wax products. Dry vehicle using a chamois leather or synthetic equivalent.
- Auto-balm is not an abrasive polish, if your paintwork is faded, feels rough or has not been polished for a long period it will be necessary to use Bilt Hamber Auto Clay or an abrasive polish and/or paint clay before application. Once prepared in this way a regular application of Auto-balm will maintain a high gloss finish without the need for further use of abrasive polishes
- Wet the supplied circular polishing pad under running cold water. Wring the pad out—it should retain a damp feel. Roughen the surface of the auto-balm paste so that a very small amount of the auto-balm is transferred to the pad. Apply to the vehicle keeping the pad flat—the dampness retained in the pad will lubricate the surface and allow the small amount of paste to spread a long way. You should **not** see droplets of water as you apply Auto-balm. If you do then the pad is too wet. Apply sparingly using the application pad in a circular motion. (If preparation of a car to show-standard or swirl mark elimination is required see Show Car Finish Section)
- If the paint is in a marginal condition apply increased amount of auto-balm and increase application pressure using smaller circular motion. This will fill the porous surface and improve gloss although there is a point where if the paint does not respond use abrasive cutting liquid or polish first.

- Work on small areas, ONLY 2–3 feet square at a time, do not work in direct sunlight and apply only to cool panels. Most polishes are laden with abrasive paint films and are dusty after buffing leaving little or no protective film at all. Remember that unlike other polishes auto-balm is not simply removed when buffed—applying small amounts evenly will enable easy buffing and great results.
- After application of auto-balm wait for a few moments before buffing to a high uniform shine. Use a cut length of the 100% cotton stockinette supplied for the buffing process. It may be noticed on paint work in poor condition that the wet look created by buffed Auto-balm film is not fully uniform. This condition will improve on repeated application as the capillary pores fill with the protective film re-establishing a smooth surface.
- Ensure that the polish applicator pad remains clean during application—if required wash it using vehicle shampoo, rinse it thoroughly and wring until damp before continuing. A damp pad is not necessary when applying direct onto bare metals.
- The buffing stockinette should be turned frequently during use—if buffing becomes less easy cut a new piece of stockinette.
- Both applicator pad and stockinette can be washed for re-use. Do not use fabric conditioner.

SHOW CAR FINISH

*Where preparation of the vehicle to the finest possible degree is desired the application of auto-balm using a light, straight, forward and back technique will eliminate any swirls or microscopic cobweb lines. On top panels, use front-to-back hand motions. On side panels, use up-and-down hand motions. This method allows auto-balm to fill fine scratches and improve reflectivity. Heavy rubbing is not necessary. Swirls and cob webbing caused by abrasive polishes and waxes are particularly noticeable on the sides of clean vehicles in direct sunlight—you will be amazed at the elimination of these imperfections by applying auto-balm using this technique.

N.B. There is no re-active silicone in Auto-balm. However there is Silane but this is not damaging and is completely inert.

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