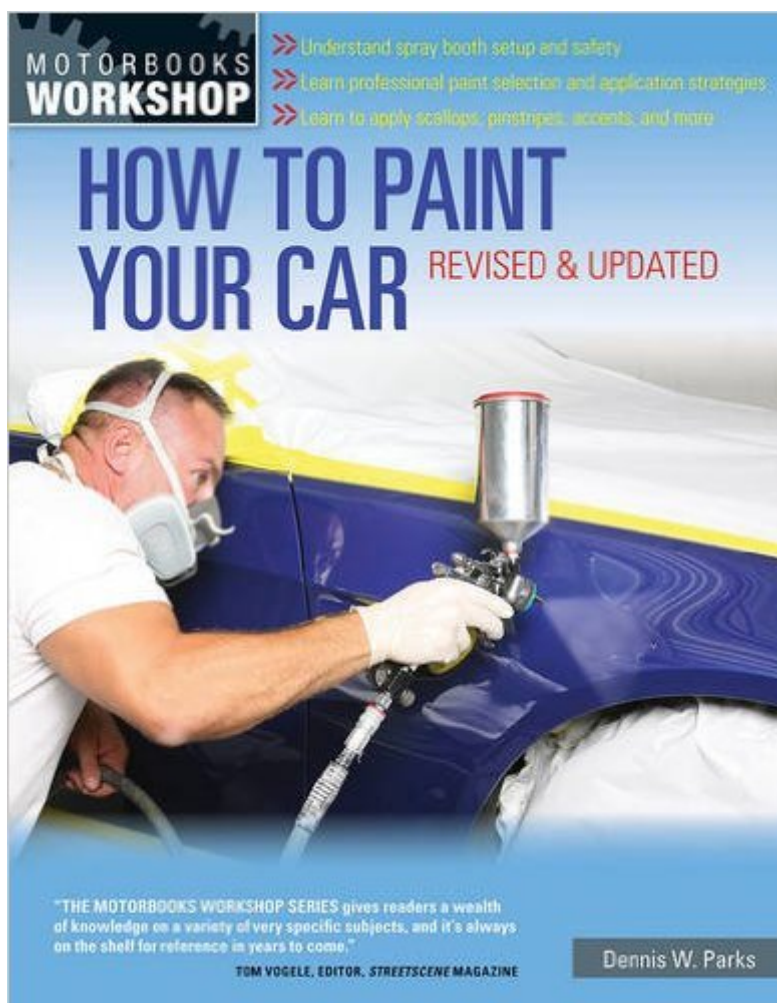


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# How To Paint Your Car: Revised & Updated (Motorbooks Workshop)



## Synopsis

How to Paint Your Car reveals the techniques, tricks, and technology behind automotive painting through 400 color photos, clear captions, detailed text, and step-by-step how-to sequences. You'll learn the latest information about paint chemistry, waterborne paints, spray guns, body fillers, surface prep, site prep, as well as respirators and other safety gear that every automotive painter must know. With step-by-step detail, you'll learn how to properly prepare your car for paint work, including minor bodywork, surface preparation, rust removal, masking, priming and final coating. How to Paint Your Car also includes information about custom touches and effects as well as how to care for your paint after application, including information on buffing compounds, waxes, and other care products. Everything you need to know to feel comfortable and confident in undertaking your own paint project, whether a touch-up job or a complete respray, is covered in How to Paint Your Car.

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This was a wonderful book, that just got updated to make it even better. The only things I didn't really like about the old book is that all of the pictures were in b/w and it was beginning to become a bit dated. Now with color photos and updated content, this book is pretty much perfect. Also, ignore the reviews that say it's outdated. They were written before the updated version came out.

This book contains a great deal of information that is useful to someone who is a novice in regards to equipment, materials, preparation of surfaces, and painting. All steps are explained in detail with full color photographs. A great resource.

This book really answered the questioned I had about setting up my paint gun and prepping the surface. Well written and easy to understand instructions. I recommend this for someone interested in getting into the auto body business.

I bought this book not because of the need to paint my car, but because I wanted an overview of the entire painting process from scratch. My interest is Airbrush and custom painting (for my plane actually), but I needed to get a book on the steps taken from bare metal. This book explained how to do it and went over and above what I had expected. It even went on to an overview of custom painting and pinstripping at the end. Eitherway, more info here than anything I flipped through in the local bookstore and presented in an easy to read fashion with color pics. Probably the best buy I have gotten at in a year or so. I really hate it when people rate things five stars, and then when the book arrives it just gets chucked in the charity pile a couple months later, for my next tax season. I wonder if people do that to sucker other people into buying junk they did, anyways this time the reviews of all the folks were bang on !

I purchased this book as research before attempting my own paint job on my truck. I found nearly all the information that I was needing, and referrals to other resources to fill in gaps for more vehicle specific questions. Highly recommended for the novice or hobby automotive painter. Chris

This book showed me the entire process of car painting, from beginning to end. I successfully painted my commuter car that just won't die, two years ago, and the paint job is still looking good! Painting a car, as a novice painter, is a VERY large undertaking (the worse shape the car, the more time it will take). This book does a good job of warning of that, but after doing it myself, I can reiterate how time consuming it can be. The thing that this book is lacking is more talk about paint chemistry, what to look for in a paint, and how to mix the paint. I was able to piece the mixing together by talking to the people at the local PPG store (who seemed to know less than I did, after reading this book). If you're considering painting your car yourself, I would recommend this book - it will give you good insight about how to do it, and gives a realistic picture of how difficult it can be. Just be sure that you're serious about the job, before you take it on.... it's time consuming, detail

intensive, and you don't want to be the primer/bondo monstrosities that you see on the street, sometimes.

I could not ask for a better book on painting a vehicle. What I like the most is that with careful reading it does prevent the reader from the many pitfalls of autopainting. When I went to a paint shop I was confident. The book has bright pictures, good advice and I advise readers to also buy the book "The complete Guide to Auto body repair" as it is helpful and can work as a two part series. I bought my paint, Air-gun, books, hand sander from and look forward to purchasing clear-coat and primer sealer.

i bought this book a year ago after i had painted my car with some handwritten instructions, needless to say the paintjob didnt come out great. after i bought this book, i read through most of it and i was able to redo the paint job. it came out looking great! i really liked that it had the basic instructions listed in the back for handy reference. only thing i didnt like was that it didn't really cover 3 stage paint jobs, but since its a book aimed at begginers, its understandable.

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