

We just got back from the Huntington Beach Concours. What a great show it was! There was over a hundred Porsches to admire along with about three hundred classic cars and vintage motorcycles. The weather cooperated, and it was a perfect event to meet new people and swap car stories. Congratulations to all the participants! The cars looked outstanding, all your hard work paid off.

I was asked by Pete Lech at the show, how he could get the rubber on his car looking good, without being blotchy? The trick is: before you Armor All, you should clean all the rubber surfaces first. (I must interject here that I don't really use Armor All. But, I'm going to use it as a reference for the process of treating the rubber surfaces.) I have found that often the rubber hasn't been totally cleaned before the Armor All was applied the last time. When you wash your car and apply Armor All to the seals and tires on a weekly basis you just end up "Armor Alling" the Armor All! You will need to spend extra time cleaning the rubber parts and seals thoroughly before any product is used.

The best scenario is to start with a clean surface. To remove all the old Armor All it will take a bit of work. Wash your car paying special attention to all rubber pieces including the tires. Use a brush, sponge or toothbrush dipped in a soapy water and scrub away. If you find soap and water isn't working you can try a product like Simple Green or a tar and grease remover. Remember you want all the old protectant gone. Get the rubber down to its natural state. As a last resort Lacquer Thinner can be used, but beware, this is dangerous and could damage the paint surrounding the rubber if you're not extremely careful.

Now that your seals and rubber parts are clean and ready for treatment, take the Armor All and apply with a sponge or towel. Wipe off all extra product with a clean towel. Some cars will require an additional coat of protectant. For excellent results,

massage the Armor All into the rubber making sure that it is totally absorbed. When you're done, you should be able to run your finger over the rubber and not feel or see any residue on your skin. This process applies to the tires as well.

The tires on your car will benefit from this treatment. Not only are you improving the longevity of the tires but they will look great too.

This extra effort will set you apart from the rest and put the final touch on your vehicle.

Wax on.