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REMOVING YEARS OF PAINT

There are two basic methods for removing paint, Sandblasting and stripping.

They both have their advantages and disadvantages and most of you that have done restorations know.

If you want to save money and if time is not a key item, then I have just found some material which makes stripping at home in your garage easy, quick, and cheap. The material is "SAF-TE STRIP" (Marine paint remover) manufactured by Wilson-Imperial Co, Newark N.J.

All that you do is paint it on, let it set for 20 minutes to an hour and take a putty knife and scrape the paint off. The old paint is lifted so free that it comes off very easy. A old kitchen knife may be needed in corners. Steel brush afterwards using an electric drill, metal-prep the surface and paint.

I am not sure if I will use it on the sheetmetal but it sure works good on steel parts. I did my complete chassis in one weekend after I discovered that my little home sandblaster was not going to take off the many many coats of paint.

Although sandblasting works very good on most solid steel parts you still need to be careful of some commercial operations for they use so much pressure that they can peen finish a nice smooth chassis. Never sandblast sheetmetal.