



Feather / Prime / Block

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The repair process associated with damaged painted body panels typically involves multiple operations; body repair, feather, prime, block, and refinish.

The body repair process includes metal finishing and/or the use of body fillers to return the body panel to its undamaged contour. The repaired area is finished to 150 grit and free of surface imperfections.

Feather, prime and block are not-included refinish operations that complete the process from 150 grit to the condition of a new undamaged panel.

The refinish process starts at the condition of a new undamaged panel and is outlined and documented in printed and/or electronic time guides.

The body / paint labor and materials necessary to prepare the repaired area from 150 grit to the condition of a new undamaged part is a valid and required step in the process. The labor and material allowance for these operations requires an on the spot evaluation of the specific vehicle and damage.