



## FleetVelo Touch-up Paint Application Instructions

Fleetvelo provides the paint and small brushes for applying touchup paint. For best results, you should pick up the following materials from around the house and from your local hobby shop:

- Sandpaper - 600 grit and 2000 grit.
- An ink eraser - used to clean off light surface rust in the chipped area.
- Paper towels - for wiping off excess paint and general cleanup.
- Nail Polish Remover - or similar solvent for cleaning the brushes after use and for thinning the paint.
- Cleaner like Windex to clean oils and dirt from the affected area.
- Materials for cleaning your bike: A clean bike frame is a good starting point for touching up the bike.
- Blow dryer: Once the touchup is applied, this speeds the curing process.
- Index cards.

The key to a good touchup job is preparation. Start with a clean, frame, clear of any dust, dirt or grease on the surface. It may be helpful to remove components or cables near the area to be touched up. You'll want a well-lit work area with ventilation:

- Clean the surface area with the cleaner.
- Clean up any light surface rust by rubbing the ink eraser over the chipped area.
- Do not sand around the chip. The idea is to brush the touchup paint inside the chip.
- If the paint has thickened, add a few drops of nail polish remover and stir up the paint until you achieve the appropriate texture. TIP: Store the touchup paint upside down to reduce the slow thickening of the paint over time.
- If a metallic paint: 1) Take extra pains to mix up all the paint, as any metallics and pearls will tend to settle out. 2) Once mixed, add the paint to an index card and thin it further.
- Apply the touchup, keeping the brush inside the chip. You will have to apply a couple of coats to level out the touched up area.
- Let it sit for 30 minutes - the "flash" cure time. Then, if a two-step color, you can apply the second coat. You can speed this up using the blow drier from a distance of 1 foot or more.
- After applying the last coat, the bulk of the curing takes place over the first 48 hours. You can speed this up to overnight by using the blow dryer for 15 minutes on the chip.
- Use the sandpaper only to remove the excess paint that overflows the chip area. Be especially careful not to remove any of the original paint!
- Re-wax your frame after 30 days.

Touch paint can never match the smooth texture of sprayed on paint, but this can minimize the differences.

Spray painters using reducers can use this touchup to spray on touched up areas. Clearcoat over paint will be needed to facilitate a close match.

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