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ColorRite AUTO-131-724-HPINT-C

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FOR FORD ESCAPE (2003-2004) - ASPEN GREEN PEARL METALLIC CLEARCOAT (P5/M7056)

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the proper use and application of ColorRite Half-Pint Automotive Touch-up Paint, specifically formulated for Ford Escape models (2003-2004) with Aspen Green Pearl Metallic Clearcoat (color code P5/M7056). Following these instructions will help ensure a superior color match and durable finish. This product is a color-only package and does not include primer or clearcoat. For a complete repair, additional products may be required.

Setup

Proper preparation is crucial for achieving optimal results. Ensure you have all necessary materials and a suitable working environment before beginning the application process.



Image: Various ColorRite paint products. This product is the Half-Pint Color-Only package, typically a can for spray gun application.

1. Surface Preparation

- Clean the repair area thoroughly with a wax and grease remover to eliminate contaminants.
- Remove any loose paint or rust from the damaged area.
- Lightly sand the area with fine-grit sandpaper (e.g., 400-600 grit) to create a smooth surface for paint adhesion. Feather the edges of the repair area.
- If necessary, apply an appropriate automotive primer according to its instructions and allow it to dry completely before proceeding.

2. Product Preparation

- Shake the Half-Pint container vigorously for at least one minute to ensure the paint is thoroughly mixed. Continue shaking periodically during application.
- Perform a "**spray-out**" test on a non-visible surface or a test card. This is critical to verify color match and practice your application technique before painting the vehicle.
- This Half-Pint product is pre-reduced and ready for use with a spray gun. Ensure your spray gun is clean and properly adjusted according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

3. Safety Precautions

- Work in a well-ventilated area to avoid inhaling paint fumes.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including a respirator, safety glasses, and gloves.
- Keep the product away from open flames, sparks, and other ignition sources.

Operating Instructions

Follow these steps for effective application of the ColorRite Half-Pint paint.

1. **Apply Thin Coats:** Using your spray gun, apply thin, even coats of the color paint to the prepared area. Avoid applying thick coats, as this can lead to runs, uneven drying, and an inconsistent finish.
2. **Drying Time Between Coats:** Allow adequate flash-off time between coats, typically 5-10 minutes, or until the paint appears dull. Refer to the product label for specific drying recommendations.
3. **Build Coverage Gradually:** Continue applying thin coats until the damaged area is fully covered and the color matches the surrounding paint. The number of coats required will vary depending on the severity of the damage and your application technique.
4. **Clearcoat Application (Optional but Recommended):** Since this is a color-only package, a clearcoat is highly recommended to protect the color coat, provide gloss, and ensure durability. Apply a compatible automotive clearcoat according to its manufacturer's instructions after the final color coat has dried sufficiently (usually 30-60 minutes, but check clearcoat instructions).

Maintenance

Proper care after application and storage of the product will help maintain the finish and product integrity.

1. Post-Application Care

- Avoid washing the repaired area for at least 30 days to allow the paint and clearcoat (if applied) to fully cure.
- Do not wax the repaired area for at least 90 days.
- Protect the newly painted surface from harsh chemicals and abrasive cleaning agents.

2. Product Storage

- Store the Half-Pint container in a cool, dry, and well-ventilated area, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- Ensure the lid is tightly sealed to prevent evaporation and contamination.
- Keep out of reach of children and pets.

Troubleshooting

Addressing common issues during or after paint application.

1. Color Mismatch

- If the color does not appear to match, re-evaluate your **spray-out test**. ColorRite paint is formulated to match the **original factory color**. Vehicle paint can fade over time due to sun exposure and environmental factors, which may result in a slight difference from new paint.
- Ensure proper lighting conditions during application and color comparison.

2. Uneven or Textured Finish

- This can occur from applying coats too heavily or not allowing sufficient drying time between coats. Apply lighter, more consistent coats.
- Ensure proper surface preparation, including thorough sanding and cleaning.
- Check your spray gun settings for proper atomization and fan pattern.

Specifications

Brand	ColorRite
Color	P5/M7056 (2003-2004) Aspen Green Pearl Metallic Clearcoat
Finish Type	Metallic
Size	Half-Pint Color-Only Package
Paint Type	Liquid (for spray gun application)
Surface Recommendation	Automotive surfaces (e.g., Doors)
Item Form	Liquid
Package Information	Can/Bottle
Item Weight	2 Pounds
Model Number	AUTO-131-724-HPINT-C

Warranty

ColorRite guarantees that this paint will match the original factory color of your Ford Escape. This guarantee applies to the original factory color, not to paint that may have faded over time. For any concerns regarding color match or product quality, please contact ColorRite customer support directly. Manufacturer's standard warranty applies to product defects.

Support

For technical assistance, product inquiries, or support, please refer to the contact information provided on the ColorRite product packaging or visit the official ColorRite website. Their experienced team is available to help you achieve the best possible results.