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### **VHT Tips & Tricks**

**Applying VHT spray paint** – irrespective of the type of paint you're using the correct method of applying VHT is as follows:

- primer, paint coat and top / finish coat must all go on in the same process
- all coats must be applied within 1 hour
  - apply primer coats 10 mins apart
  - follow with paint coats 10 mins apart
  - followed by top / finish coats 10 mins apart
  - all coats must be applied within 1 hour
- if 1 hour has passed and you wish to apply further coats of either primer, paint or top / finish you must wait a min of 7 days for the paint to cure
- if no primer is used, follow the above minus the primer stage
- if no top / finish coat is used, follow the above minus the top / finish coat
- after the 1 hour application process wait till the paint is touch dry, wait a further 1 hour and begin the curing process detailed on the back of the can

### **Reasons for following the above procedure –**

- all VHT spray paints are enamels
- spray paint enamels have solvents and propellant gases in them
- these gases and solvents need to outgas during the curing process
- outgas means the solvents and propellants begin to diffuse and evaporate as soon as they are applied
- they can do this through several layers of paint during the curing process which takes on average 7 days
- if additional coats of paint are applied before the curing process is complete, the solvents and propellants are diffusing and evaporating through the additional layers thereby preventing correct adhesion
- the result will look like blistering and bubbles on the paint

**SP888 & SP999 Nite Shades** lens tint – these are lacquer based paints and can only be removed with lacquer thinners or acetone. Either one of these solvents will harm plastic lenses. The only way to properly remove Nite Shades from a lens is to wet sand with 1500 grit paper then buff the lens back to its original shine

**SP188 Ford Argent Silver & SP181 Aluminium Wheel Paint** – these two items have been discontinued, however you can use **SP735 Cast Aluminium** with **SP730 Gloss Clear** Caliper paint instead. It is not an exact match but very close