

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pretty excited about this update!! I finished up painting the bulk of the shell today. Three days ago I painted the trunk, floor, under dash area and the rear package shelf. It came out pretty good. I masked all that area off and painted the front and rear cowl areas, under the roof, the A, B & C pillars and the firewall area. I also practiced color sanding a one square foot area on the deck lid of the parts car and it came out pretty nice.



I sanded the orange peel with 600 wet, then 2,000 wet, then 3M rubbing compound #1 and it looks pretty nice.



The second round of seam sealer went a lot better!!

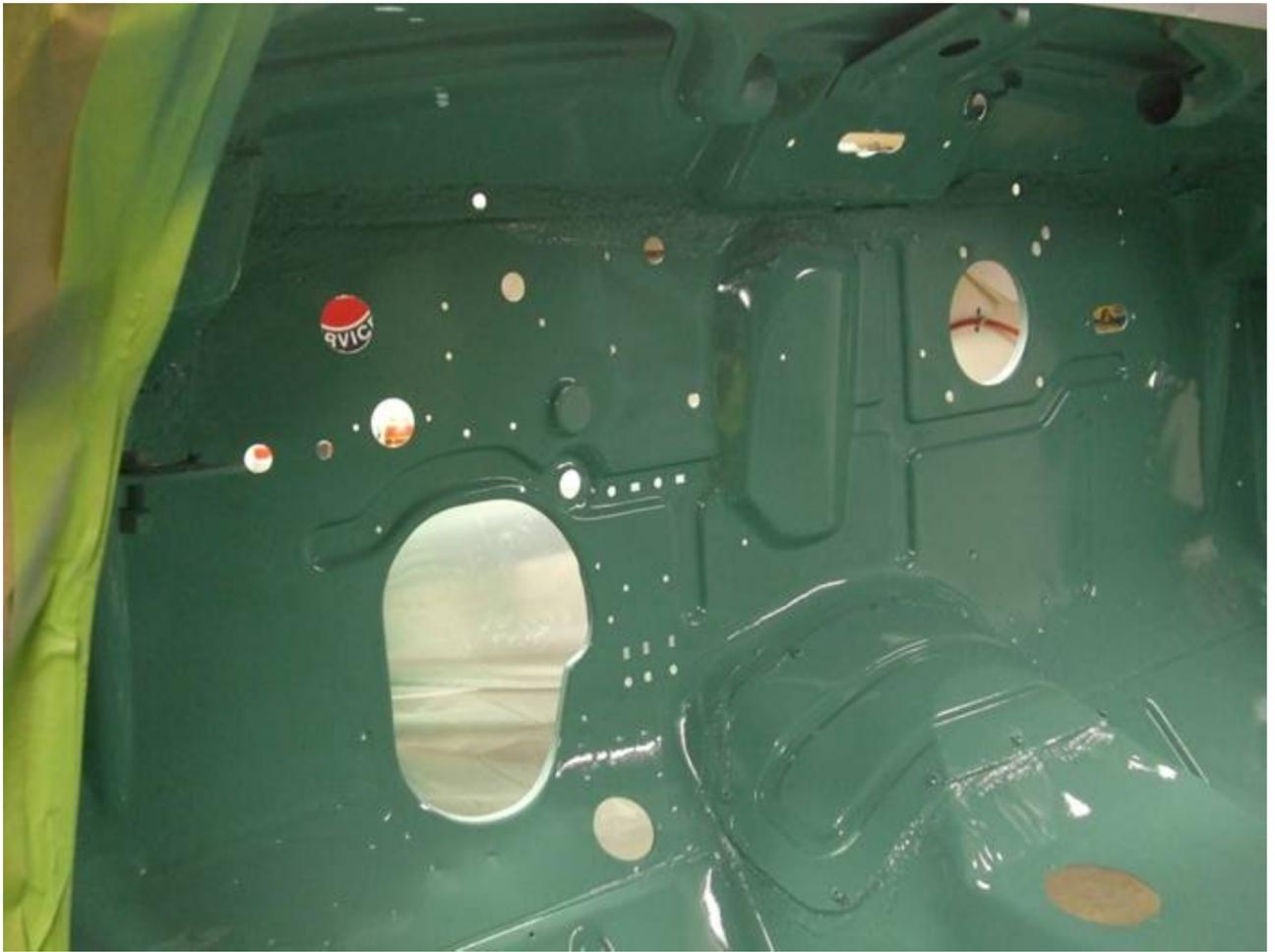


Everything got a round of 400 grit dry sanding.



The first coat was a seal coat consisting of a heavily reduced SPI epoxy primer mixed 1-1-1 epoxy-activator- slow urethane reducer.













This round of painting was the best for me so far. There is some orange peel but it came out very shiny. The metal temperature was 88 degrees. I mixed the TCP Global Restoration Shop Acrylic Urethane at the ratio of 4-1-2 Urethane-hardener-slow reducer. One tiny run that will be hidden from site when the back seat is installed.



Masking the painted areas was slow and tedious.



Once again the first coat was a seal coat.





I could not believe how nicely the first coat of the Saginaw Green laid down!! Almost like glass. I could see my reflection everywhere I looked. I was so impressed I considered stopping after just the one coat of color but I felt it was important for the protection and durability to spray another coat.









It still looked pretty good after the second coat.



I forgot to spray a second coat on this rocker. The overspray from the end of the A, B & C pillars can be seen. I got a series of runs on the other rocker (I think they were the only runs I could see). When I get home from the Ozark Trails meeting at Pea Ridge battle ground tomorrow I will do some masking and 600 sanding on them and put another coat on both. I should be able to take the masking off Sunday and get it out in the sun for some curing.

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