

Scratch repair kit | Essential

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Quixx scratch repair kit

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What is it? The clue's in the name – a polishing kit to remove scratches from your car's paint

Why do I need it? Because it could be a lot cheaper and quicker than getting your car sprayed

Price? £8.95

Where do I get it? Call 01454 312831 for stockists

MIRACLE CURES that will restore your paint to showroom condition are all over the place, but Quixx stands out because it's a two-stage polishing kit which should get better results than a single tube of polish.

You get two tubes of polish, some strips of 2500 grit emery paper and a wad of very soft polishing cloth. The idea is to apply polish from tube one, rinse off the residue and go over the area again with polish from tube two. Deeper scratches require the use of the emery paper, and if the scratch has gone through to the primer you have to apply touch up first.

We tested it on an elderly VW Golf that had picked up just about every kind of scratch in its 143,000 miles. Quixx did a perfect job of removing some light but noticeable swirled scratches that defeated T-Cut – the kind of thing that branches or undergrowth could cause – and didn't require an undue amount of elbow grease.

It couldn't remove anything more severe, however, and if you need to apply touch up the end result is only going to be as good as the colour match of the paint. But it does produce a very smooth and glossy finish, even if you have to use the emery paper. Worth the money.

THE ALTERNATIVES

1. T-Cut, around £4.99

From all good motoring stores
 Cheaper, available everywhere and quick to use – but not as effective at removing scratches.

2. Professional valet and buff

Prices vary, www.clean-image.co.uk
 More expensive, but the most effective way of restoring paintwork. Clean Image has experience with the likes of Porsches and TVRs.