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DIY Auto Body and Paint

Steps for Applying Body Filler

- 1 If the repair has been welded, grind and clean repair area, mix and apply fiberglass filler to repair area.
- 2 Sand the filler with 36 grit. There is no need to use a finer grit as body fill will be applied over the fiberglass. All you need to do is to level the fiberglass filler.
- 3 Mix and apply body filler over the repair area. Cover and extend body filler over fiberglass. Do not extend the filler onto the paint surface.
- 4 Block sand (cross sand) the filler with 36 grit sandpaper. (This step can be done before the filler is completely dry to reduce the amount of sanding required.)
- 5 Repeat steps if there are still lows.
- 6 Allow to fully cure (15 to 20 minutes) and spray with guide coat.
- 7 Block sand (cross sand) with 80 grit sandpaper. Sand just enough to remove guide coat. If guide coat does not sand off in an area, this indicates a low and additional filler will be needed.
- 8 Optional: Either apply guide coat and block sand with 150 grit; or, apply a coat of finish glaze over entire repair area. Remember, glaze can be applied over sanded paint too.
- 9 Finish filler or glaze by blocking with 150 grit.

Now the body work is complete and the repair is ready for featheredging, priming and painting.