

## COLLISION REPAIR INFORMATION FOR THE COLLISION REPAIR PROFESSIONAL

TITLE: PLASTIC BUMPER REFINISHING  
SECTION: REFINISH BULLETIN #170  
MODELS: ALL TOYOTA, LEXUS, and SCION  
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When it is necessary to replace a damaged plastic bumper, proper consideration should be given to preparation and refinishing to ensure high quality, long-term durability, and customer satisfaction. While it is important to follow paint manufacturer recommendations for application of refinish materials, this bulletin provides Toyota recommended procedures for cleaning and preparation of original equipment (OE) raw plastic bumpers.



### **Background:**

Toyota bumper covers are manufactured using several types of plastic however, cleaning and preparation procedures outlined here are applicable to all Toyota, Lexus, and Scion raw plastic OE bumpers.

Soap-base mold release agent replaced the wax-base type beginning in 1995 to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions produced by the use of cleaning solvents. This topic is covered in Collision Repair Information Bulletin (CRIB) #69. Thorough cleaning with recommended soap and water removes soap-base mold release agent.

### **Cleaning and Preparation:**

- Wash new part thoroughly inside and out with a hot water and ph neutral wax-free carwash soap solution. Rinse well and dry with clean towels.

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