

BEST PRACTICES BEFORE ACCEPTING USED PAINTED PARTS

- **Wipe the part down with a Wax & Grease Remover**
- **Check and mark any and all visible damage. I like to use a PDR light for two reasons. First it shows all the dents and second, having a detailed marked picture, makes it easier to negotiate with an insurance company.**



- **Use a paint thickness gauge to determine any prior damage to the part* (once you use the part, you will be responsible for that damage). Also, most paint manufacturers will not guarantee a paint thickness greater than 12 or 13 mils.**



Figure C

Higher readings indicate paintwork.



Figure D

Significantly high readings indicate bodywork.

- **Check for any signs of corrosion and reject the part if found.**

- **Check to make sure that the part(s) is identical to part being replaced. For example a used door. Check the glass type (laminated or tempered), wires, operation of the regulator, moldings, mirrors, etc.**
- **Here are some sources for equipment mentioned:**

https://www.amazon.com/Thickness-CM-206FN-Automotive-measurement-Resolution/dp/B079YVPCDG/ref=sr_1_2_sspa?crid=35R5YG3SE07HC&dchild=1&keywords=paint+thickness+gauge+automotive&qid=1635357254&srefix=paint+thick%2Caps%2C142&sr=8-2-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEzUjJJT0xSTTJBVFJHJmVuY3J5cHRIZEikPUEwODM3NzEwM09MSVk3SzM0NTEcwcwRCZlbnNyeXB0ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEzUjJJT0xSTTJBVFJHJmVuY3J5cHRIZEikPUEwNDg5NTIwM0kwTURNMU42SzhVWjZ3aWRnZXROYW1IPXNwX2F0ZiZhY3Rpb249Y2xpY2tSZWRpcmVjdCZkb05vdExvZ0NsaWNrPXRydWU=

https://www.amazon.com/Pro-MotorCar-Gauge-li-Mils/dp/B003CHFXR8/ref=sr_1_31?crid=17KVQ60YZ82EL&dchild=1&keywords=pro+gauge+2+pen+paint+thickness&qid=1635357449&s=industrial&srefix=pro+gauge+2+pen+paint+thickness%2Cindustrial%2C145&sr=1-31

<https://www.kecotabs.com/collections/pdr-and-portable-lighting/products/elim-a-dent-milwaukee-pdr-light>

*** Most paint thickness gauges only measure ferrous metals. If you want to measure aluminum or plastic, you will need a more expensive piece of equipment. Defelsko (www.defelsko.com) is a supplier of this type of paint thickness gauge.**

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