

Using PlastiDip spray for the best results.

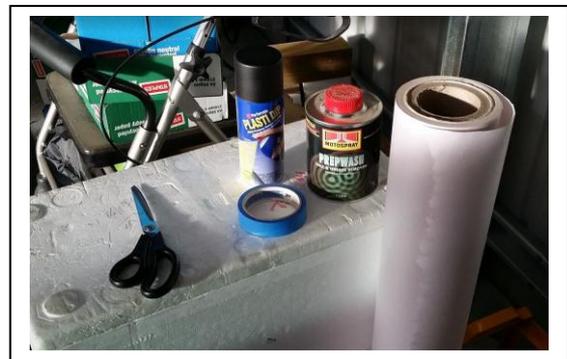
Please read the whole article before proceeding and I hope this will save you a lot of time and give you a great result! Watch as many Youtube videos as you need to in order to get comfortable with the process if you are a newby with painting from aerosol cans and lacking confidence. It really is easy and if you make a mistake – peel and start again.

Points to consider before you start:

1. It is best to do the painting in a sheltered garage. This will lessen overspray, keep weather off the car / component, and stop the wind from blowing masking paper everywhere and dirt onto the fresh paint.
2. The car / component should be in the shade and cool to the touch.
3. The PlastiDip should be warm. Leave it in the sun or place in warm water. This makes it spray from the nozzle without spluttering.
4. This article is written assuming you will be spraying a panel on the car. If you are just spraying a component the process is easier as you may not have to mask some lines.

You will need the following:

1. PlastiDip – [warmed]
2. Masking paper like butchers paper and the BLUE [good quality] masking tape. ***
3. Scissors for cutting the paper
4. A wax / grease cleaning liquid. The component you are spraying must be spotless. I used 'Prepwash' which smells like thinners.



Let's start!

- A. Ensure that the car part is completely clean and dry. This is critical. Then use the wax / grease remover and ensure it is cleaned perfectly.
- B. Mask off the area that is going to be sprayed. Make sure that the line made by the tape is exactly where you want it to be as the PlastiDip will go right to the edge. Then, use more tape to stick the paper to protect the car from overspray. Just use little bits of the tape to secure the paper here and there ensuring that the paper overlaps some of the original masking tape you used to create the 'line'. When you are happy that the exposed area is perfect and there is no risk of overspray you are ready.
- C. Try to avoid having to spray parts in hard to reach areas, or upwards, or too far downwards. If you have to jack up the car to get better access than do it!
- D. Shake the warm PlastiDip for at least one minute. Spray from right to left or left to right overlapping the spray by 50% each pass for each coat. Do a test spray on the paper before each attempt to lay a coat.
 - ✓ The first coat should be very thin and is a 'bonding' coat. Wait 10 minutes.



- ✓ The second coat should be thin, this is the secondary bonding coat. Wait 10 minutes.
 - ✓ The third coat should be thicker and now the baseline colour of the part will disappear under the PlastiDip. Do not spray too thick to the point where it runs. If it runs you have to peel and start again. Wait 10 minutes.
 - ✓ The fourth coat should be like the third. The area should look really good now and you can stop at this point. If this is your last coat then be sure to remove the masking tape and paper immediately. The PlastiDip should be wet when removing the tape to avoid the PlastiDip tearing. This is a 'wet-line'.
- E. Let the Dip dry for as long as possible before exposing to the environment. A few hours should suffice. Some people also put on a coat of Glossifier or Metalizer, it is up to you and the effect you are after but apply those before removing the masking.

End result.



*****Note:**

You can also cut out stencils from paper or the plastic laminating film used to cover books. Secure on the surface to be painted, spray, then peel off leaving the image! This is particularly useful when trying to create curves or any pattern not using perfectly straight lines.