

OPERATION FLOW CHART

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I. WRITING A PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE

1. Be sure to review the entire paint repair process described in this document before writing a preliminary estimate to ensure your preliminary estimate is accurate and will be accepted by Lexus. The total cost/labor details of your estimate will be confirmed by the Lexus dealer before authorizing the repair.

2. OEM Finish Removal – Max Body Labor Hours

Lexus has established maximum count of body labor hours for the process of removing the OEM top coat finish from the affected panel. Please reference the table below to ensure your preliminary estimate does not exceed these maximums.

Panel	Maximum hours (OE finish removal)
Roof	2.0 hours
Hood	2.0 hours
Fender (one side)	1.0 hour
Front Door (one door)	1.0 hour
Rear Door (one door)	1.0 hour
Quarter Panel (one side)	1.5 hours
Includes the entire continuous metal panel as necessary (e.g. roof rails, pillars, fuel door, and rockers if rockers are metal.	
Rear hatch (back door)	1.0 hour

3. Clear Coat Application -Max Paint Labor Hours

The maximum allowable paint labor hours for applying clear coat is 2.5 hours for the entire vehicle.

4. Exterior Damage

Damage to the vehicle exterior (such as collision damage, deep scratches, dents, etc..) may prevent your repair facility from performing the paint repair covered by this Customer Support Program.

This Customer Support Program does not cover repair of such damage.

If any damage must be repaired prior to performing the paint repair covered by this Customer Support Program, the Lexus dealer/body shop may offer to repair the damage at the customer's expense.

Examples of damage that might prevent paint repair are:

- Collision damage.
- Dents.
- Deep scratches.
- Deep rock chips.

If exterior damage must be repaired and the customer is willing to pay for the repair, this repair must be estimated in a separate preliminary estimate document. If such repair is included in the estimate for the Customer Support Program repair, it will be rejected by the Lexus dealer.

II. INITIAL CLEANING

Before repairs begin, the vehicle should be thoroughly cleaned. Start by washing the vehicle by hand and then by pressure washing using either a hot or cold-water high pressure washer. The pressure washer should have a minimum rating of 2,500 psi with a maximum rating of 3,500 psi. Use either a 0° or 15° nozzle on the pressure washer wand.


III. OEM FINISH REMOVAL

- 1. CRITICAL: **On the affected panel, remove the OEM top coat finish from 100% of the metal panel's continuous surface area down to the electro-deposition (ED) primer.** For example, if the hood is "affected", 100 percent of the hood's exterior surface area should be stripped of OEM top coat finish. If a fender is affected, 100 percent of the fender's surface area should be stripped of OEM top coat finish. In cases where the quarter panel is affected, be sure to remove OEM top coat finish from the entire continuous metal panel. This may involve removing OEM top coat finish from the roof rails all the way to the A-Pillars. Like-wise, in cases where the A-pillar is the only "affected" panel, this may involve removing OEM top coat finish from the roof rails and quarter panel.
- 2. Confirm which panels are "affected" by checking the panels listed on the Inspection Report provided by the authorized Lexus Dealer. Panels that are not included on this report (not "affected") are not authorized for repair.

Inspection Report from Toyota Dealer:

ZKG/ZLL Inspection

Dealer Code:	82450 TEST Toyota Dealership	R.O. Number:	
VIN:	JTE [REDACTED]	Customer Name:	
Vehicle Description:	2013 Toyota 4Runner	Upload Started:	11/15/2019
Upload Completed:			

Panel	Inspection Results	Photos (Close-up / Wide-Angle)
LEFT C PILLAR	Peeling	

Only panels listed in the report are authorized for repair.

NOTE: If you discover peeling on a panel not listed on the report from the Lexus dealer, notify the Lexus dealer so that the Lexus dealer can confirm if this panel should be covered and, if necessary, subsequently authorize the panel for repair. Only an authorized Lexus may authorize a panel for repair.

OEM FINISH REMOVAL (Continued...)

- For surfaces with visible paint delamination, the technician can begin the paint removal process by using a pressure washer or by directing compressed air at a loose paint edge. The technician may use plastic straight-edge razor blades with a holder and compressed air to help remove topcoats.

When preparing an "affected" panel, the entire outer topcoat surface needs to be removed to the ED primer. Any topcoat material that exhibits good adhesion properties on an affected panel may need to be removed by sanding, using a dual-action random orbital sander with 220 grit sand paper. Try not to remove the ED primer. At least 0.5 mil (12-13 µm) of ED primer should remain. Once the finish is removed from the affected panel(s), the vehicle should be thoroughly washed and cleaned using the degreaser recommended by the paint manufacturer.

Inner panel surfaces not subject to direct sunlight such as the quarter panel lock pillar may not require stripping to the ED primer. Remove the affected paint to the outer panel edge. Feather-edge any inner surfaces that exhibit good paint adhesion and then prime and prepare for topcoat application following the paint manufacturer's guidelines.

IMPORTANT: Make sure that when removing paint finishes utilizing the methods described in this document that paint technicians use adequate personal protection equipment such as a properly fitted N99 particulate mask, eye protection, and nitrile gloves while removing any topcoats.

I. SURFACE PREPERATION

Technicians should consult their paint manufacturer to determine the products as well as the proper application techniques before applying any priming products or topcoats. Follow the paint manufacturer's requirements for personal protective equipment. Always consult the applicable Material Safety Data Sheets and follow all requirements for exposure control and personal protection.

After removing OE topcoats, finish sand the ED primer with 400-grit sandpaper using a random-orbital sander. Follow the paint vendor's recommendations for cleaning the surface before applying any primer coating to bare metal surfaces. Before priming, treat any bare metal surfaces with a metal conditioner followed by a conversion coating, and then prime these treated surfaces with a 2-part epoxy primer. Follow the epoxy primer with a primer-sealer, sanding between primer applications as recommended by the paint supplier. Consult the technical documentation for the paint finish that will be utilized.

NOTE: A chip resistant (anti-chipping) primer needs to be applied to the leading edge of panels that have had a soft-chip primer applied during manufacture. This modified primer must be applied to the panel before any topcoats. For additional information about the application of anti-chipping coatings, please consult the Repair Manual for Collision Damage in TIS for the model being refinished or Collision Repair Information Bulletin 2026 (May 2013).

II. COLOR APPLICATION AND TOPCOATS

Follow the paint manufacturer's technical recommendations for applying all color coats and clear coats. The affected panel should be finished to a natural break edge. Topcoats can be blended into adjacent panels for the purpose of achieving an acceptable panel-to-panel color match so long as the blend panel exhibits acceptable adhesion of the topcoat. If the finish exhibits any dust inclusion after the paint has been force-dried, remove any defects and polish the clearcoat according to the paint manufacturer's recommendations.

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