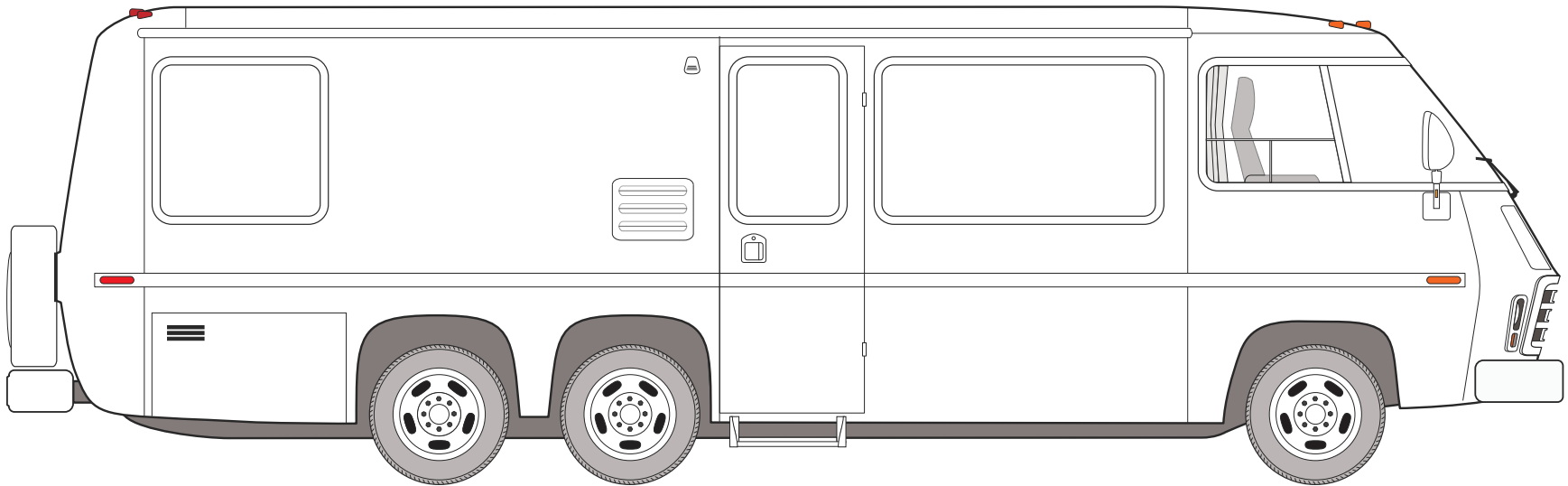


Principles of GMC Paint Scheme Design



Purpose

To examine

1. Great Schemes
2. Constraints of Design
3. Considerations for Color
4. The Topeka Graphics Way

Constraints

1. Basic Shape of the GMC (from the sides, front and rear)
2. Predominant Angles and Curves (wheel wells, angles of front and rear viewed from the side, dividing line of aluminum to fiberglass)
3. Horizontal Lines (the inherent nature of a vehicle [except the Smar])
4. Windows (proportionately larger than other motorhomes)
5. Open Space (under the living area, the upper area over the rear wheels)

Design Types

1. Most Basic (solid color with some accents)
2. Two-tone (lower and upper in contrasting, complimentary or adjacent tones)
3. Complex ("mask" around windows - solid or divided, other solid areas gently shaped, two colors or more against a background [body] color)

Use of Color

1. Consider the Color Wheel — see <http://www.colorschemedesigner.com>
2. Monochromatic: One color
3. Complimentary: Two colors
4. Triad: Three colors or their variants
5. Analogous: Adjacent colors
6. Additional Resource — <http://kuler.adobe.com>

Some Do's and Don'ts

1. The GMC is a timeless design and deserves a sturdy design
 2. Avoid Fads — it needs to last a long time
 3. Don't Copy the Big Boys — their challenges are different and not always well done
 4. Simple Is Better — cheaper, too
 5. Judicious Use of Accent Adds Character
 6. Curves and Lines Should Compliment the Coach
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The Topeka Graphics Way

1. Options
2. Full Body Paint with one color
3. No clear, with 1 clear, 2 clear
4. Full Body Paint with design
5. No clear, with 1 clear, 2 clear
6. Full Body paint with graphics plus double clear

Remove and Replace

1. Light fixtures
2. Bezels
3. Ladders
4. Door handles
5. Antennas
6. Stickers, etc.

Owner Preparation

1. Remove pod
2. Remove awning
3. Replace air conditioners
4. Complete any window maintenance
5. Install new vents/fans if desired
6. Remove drip rails, clean and reinstall

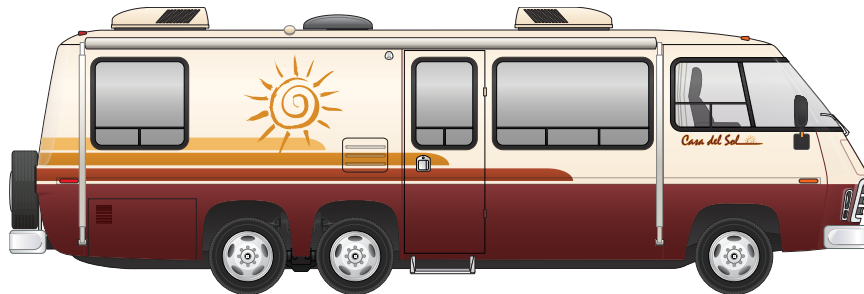
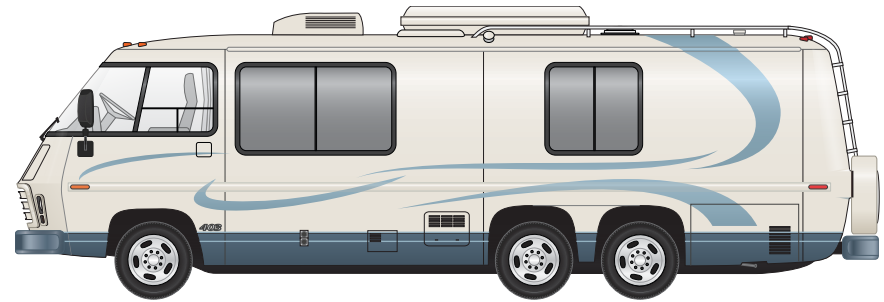
Topeka or Owner

1. Fill holes and sand down smooth
2. Re-seam and seal unit (3M-08360)
3. Initial sanding (80 grit)
4. Primers and sealers (Sikkens-autosurfacer 2+1, colorbuild)
5. Final sanding (320 grit)

The Topeka Process

1. R&R any removable items
 2. Repairs as needed
 3. Initial sanding, cleaning and priming of unit
 4. Final sanding, cleaning & masking
 5. Base coat- (Sikkens autobase plus basecoats)
 6. Design in multiple colors (if desired)
 7. Clear coat entire unit
 8. Re-sanding & cleaning
 9. Second clear coat
 10. Cut & buff; final inspection
 11. Final assembly
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Wind Jammer

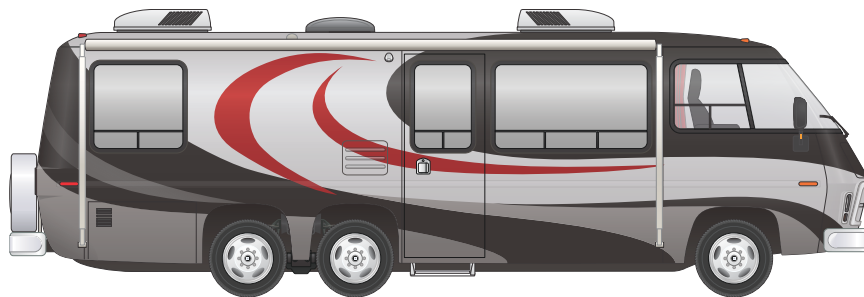


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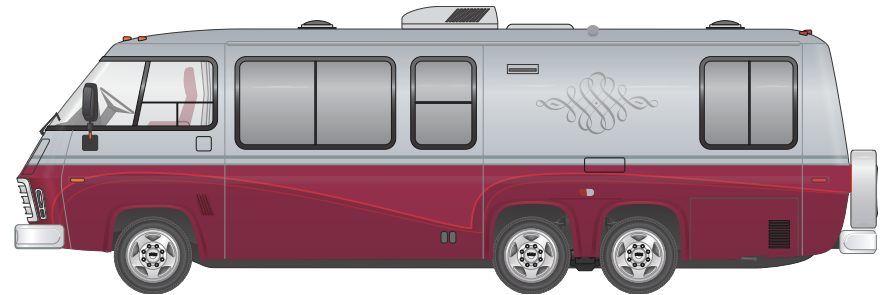
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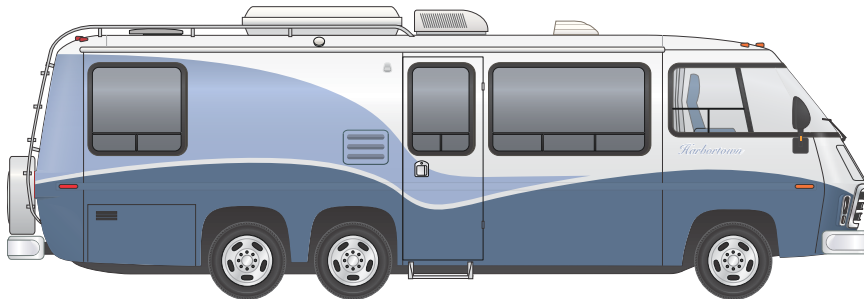
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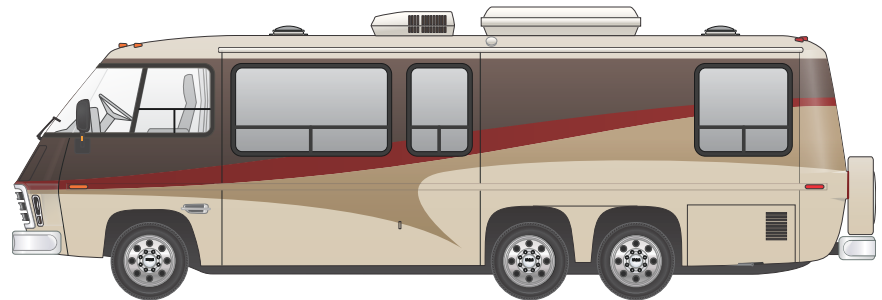
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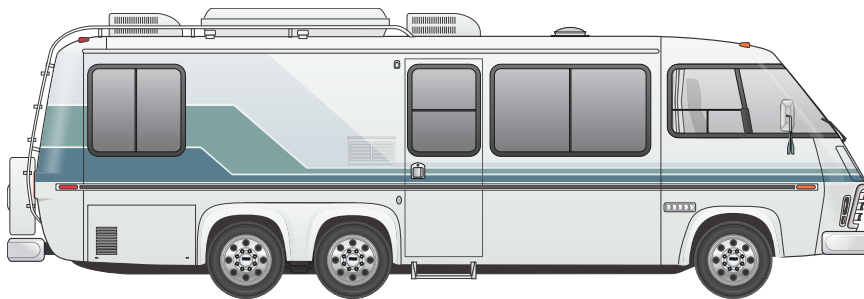
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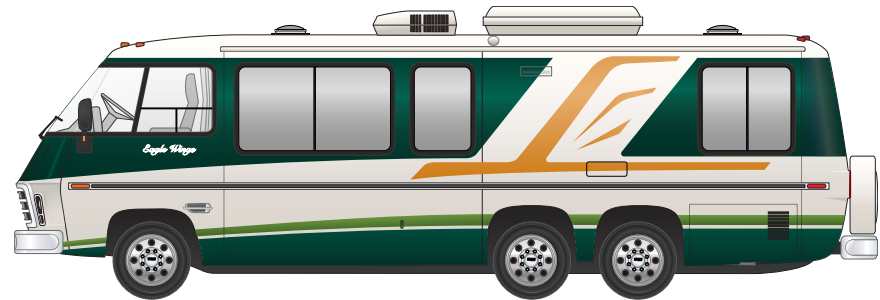
Wind Swept



Simple Passion



Eagle Wings



Summer Dream



Dietz Roadster



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