

# Repainting the GMC Motorhome

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# Outline



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- **Introduction To Topeka Graphics**
  - **Painting Options**
  - **Designing Your Paint Job**
  - **Preparing Your Coach**
  - **The Topeka Process**



# Outline Continued



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- **Examples of TZE's In Process**
  - **Short Break**
  - **Finished TZE Examples**
  - **Questions (*Midnight Deadline*)**











# Painting Options



- **Full Body Paint with one color**
  - No clear, with 1 clear, 2 clear
- **Full Body Paint with design**
  - No clear, with 1 clear, 2 clear
- **Full Body paint with graphics plus double clear**





# Designing Your Paint Job



- 
- **Choose colors**
  - **Choose design from photos or lay-outs**
  - **Develop your own design**





# Detailed Design by Customer

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# Other Designs and Colors

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# Preparing Your Coach



- **Remove and Replace**
  - **light fixtures**
  - **bezels**
  - **ladders**
  - **door handles**
  - **antennas**
  - **stickers, etc.**



# Owner Prep Work *Tips from Rusty*



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- **Remove the pod**
  - **Remove the awning**
  - **Replace air conditioners**
  - **Install Fan-Tastic vents**
  - **Complete any window maintenance**
  - **Install new vents if desired**
  - **Remove drip rails, clean and reinstall**



# Owner Prep Work *Tips from Rusty*



- 
- **Replace running lights with new**
  - **Replace rear panel screws with stainless steel**
  - **Install stainless hood & door latches**
  - **Remove all decals (4 hours)**



# Optional Owner Preparation



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





# The Topeka Process



- **R&R any removable items**
- **Repairs as needed**
- **Initial sanding, cleaning and priming of unit**
- **Final sanding, cleaning & masking**
- **Base coat- (Sikkens autobase plus basecoats)**
- **Design in multiple colors (if desired)**



# The Topeka Process



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- **Clear coat entire unit**
  - **Re-sanding & cleaning**
  - **Second clear coat**
  - **Cut & buff; final inspect**
  - **Final assembly**









































# Questions - Short Break

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# Conclusion

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