

Important information regarding maintenance and use of your roof box.

Surface treatment/polish

The roof box surface is made of pigmented polyester, also known as gelcoat. The surface suffers exposure to UV rays, especially during the summer months. Over time, the surface color and shine will fade, leaving a greyish look. Boxes delivered in the standard colors (black and white) are more exposed to this than the ones coated in the color of the car. This is because car varnish contains clear acrylic varnish, which is less affected by the UV rays.

The main cause for the surface fading is that the gelcoat manufacturers have been required to reduce the amount of cobalt and other substances in their products, due to environmental concerns. The new normative is applied throughout the EU/EEC, and is something we, as a manufacturer, must adhere to.

To counteract the fading process, it is very important to regularly treat the surface with a wax or a polish - at least once a year. If the roof box is a few years old and has never been treated, treatment will require more work. Use a wax/polish intended for plastic and gelcoat.

Skiguard has researched solutions to the challenges of boxes fading over time, and we have found that good results are achieved using OWATROL POLYTROL. Skiguard markets this product in Norway, and we are happy to assist with advice and guidance to achieve the best result possible. For further information and technical data sheet, please visit www.owatrol.com.

Here in Skiguard, we want to be helpful providing information and counselling on the subject of fading gelcoat.

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