

# Motorcycle Tech Tip

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## “Paint with Screwy”

By way of introduction, I’m Scotty (Screwy) Sherbert, owner of Screwy Designs. I’ve been painting now for over 30 years.

Through the years, I’ve had many famous racers and loads of local talent as clients. As a self-employed custom painter, I have experienced all the screw-ups a painter can make. Nevertheless, I really enjoy my customers and challenges.

I began in the late 70’s painting lacquer, and then moved into acrylic enamel, and now use the modern base coat/clear coat systems. I do several different styles of graphics, flames, pin-striping, and specialty paint. You might say I’m old school, with old school style.

When I was contacted to write an article on paint, I was honored. In this article, I will address one of the most frequently asked questions:

**Question:** When can I wax my fresh paint and what kind of wax do I use?

**Answer:** All fresh paint needs at least 30 days to cure. Solvents in the paint need time to evaporate. Fresh paint can be washed and hand glazed immediately, but not waxed. If waxed too early, the wax can seal off the evaporating solvents and later cause solvent popping, which is commonly referred to as “blisters.” Once waxed, be aware that it washes off over time and should be reapplied as often as possible.

I’ve always said that any wax is better than no wax. I prefer a carnauba base wax. Failure to wax leads to ultra fine scratches in the paint, which, in time, results in a duller finish. So, keep it waxed! A properly maintained paint job should last at least 10 to 15 years or more.

In closing, if you have questions about custom painting or procedures, don’t hesitate to ask Screwy. And remember “wax on, wax off.”