

Directions for purchasing automotive tints to mix with Tintable Monstaliner

Many people have asked about color matching Tintable Monstaliner to match their vehicles paint. The following information will be helpful to get this done.

You must use concentrated tints (toners) ONLY from an automotive paint store. DO NOT use any previously purchased automotive paint used for a vehicle paint job.

The MOST COMPATIBLE brand of tints we have found is “PPG Shopline Single Stage” toners.

You want to purchase: “TONERS” ONLY, with no binder, reducers or balancers added for the color you want to tint the Monstaliner (your vehicle color code). Do not purchase anything used to tint water base or lacquer base products.

Tell the paint store what you are doing. They may or may not have done this before for others. Tell them you are tinting 1 full gallon of a tintable bedliner. You should wind up with somewhere between 1 pint and 1 quart of concentrated tints. Be certain that the store shakes the mixture well before you leave with it.

Mix your tints with Tintable Monstaliner ONLY AT THE TIME OF USE.

Follow the color mixing instructions supplied with Tintable Monstaliner but substitute your colors for our Monstashades. You add only 8 to 10 oz of what you have purchased to 1 gallon of Tintable Monstaliner + Catalyst mixture. Depending on what type of color it is, you may need more than 2 coats of Monstaliner to achieve full coverage. Pastels, earth tones and dark colors should cover well in 2 coats. Yellows, oranges and reds may cover poorly thus requiring additional coats. Metallics are questionable when applied by roller as the metallic flake does not orient uniformly. We have done only limited testing to be able to predict final results using metallics. Spray results with metallics will be far better than rolling so spraying is strongly recommended. As always, a test on a scrap surface is strongly advised to predict final results.

CAUTIONARY NOTE: Since mixing products not fully tested with tintable Monstaliner can produce unpredictable results, we assume no responsibility for any incompatibility or spoiled product. If the auto paint store does not understand, or is not willing to follow the directions above, find another store that will do what is specified. If unsure about the tints you have to mix, perform a quick compatibility/pot life test as follows:

Get yourself 3 disposable plastic teaspoons and mix the following recipe in a plastic mixing cup or paper coffee hot cup (no cold cups, wax coated or wax lined cups). Mix all individual components thoroughly before starting.

7 spoons Tintable Monstaliner

1/2 spoon of the tint mixture you have purchased

1 spoon Monstaliner Catalyst

Mix components together, stirring thoroughly for 2 to 3 minutes and observe. You should NOT see any immediate thickening, coagulation or cottage cheese chunks. Dab a small amount of the mixture on a test surface and spread it evenly. Cover the mixing cup tightly with aluminum foil and let it sit 10 – 15 minutes. Check the mixture after it sits to see if it is still fluid and has not thickened significantly or turned solid. Some thickening is normal. Keep in mind that you must be able to use the mix for 2 coats. Mix it with the spoon again, cover and let it sit another 10 – 15 minutes. Check mixture again. Prevent skinning of the mixture by drizzling a small amount of MEK or acetone over the surface. Keep covered.

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