



Touch up for RV8 leather trim

David Knowles has found a useful, low cost way of touching up the Stone Beige leather trim in an RV8. (May 16)

David says "the RV8 I recently acquired has evidently been very well looked after, and is hardly in need of much ministrations, but I spotted the other day an interesting, low cost product. I thought it might be worth a punt as it was little more than a fiver. On that basis if it turned out to be useless, I had hardly broken the bank. I found it was surprisingly effective.

I found the "touch up" pen on eBay offered by a company called 'The Scratch Doctor' which has a number of products, including some pens which are intended to be used to obscure minor blemishes in leather trim. Their [website](#) offers a wide range of colours, and this was really where I had to make a gamble that "beige" would be somewhere near the so-called 'Dark Stone' in the RV8. I duly placed my order and a few days later I was in receipt of a small packet with the pen and some simple instructions.

In principle it is a bit like a felt tip pen crossed with a touch up paint. It has a small fibre tip designed to convey the 'paint' to its

end. I cautiously tried it on the gear knob - unsurprisingly the surface that gets the most wear - something which has helped boost sales of those lovely replacement burr elm gear knobs from Terry Starkey! As I hope the photos show, the touch up pen seems to have worked very well, I have also used it to hide a handful of other minor marks. It is never going to be perfect or a substitute for proper repairs where needed, but for around a fiver I was quite happy!"



[Scratch Doctor website](#)

