



Revitalising the paintwork on an MGBGT V8

Peter Spurrs felt a while ago that his MGBGT V8 with an Aconite paint finish was looking a bit dull and shabby. Initially, he went at it with Autoglym Super Resin Polish and elbow grease. The photo shows the bonnet before (nearside) and after (offside). Whilst the polish was very effective at polishing the car, it was less so at removing scratches. Peter then bought some Farécla G360 Superfast Compound and a dual orbital polisher to do the rest of the car.



Polishing and removing scratches

After reading David Smith's V8BB Message "Restoration Time" from 29th March 2020, I bought some Farécla **G360 Superfast Compound** to see how it worked on the scratches on my car. At first, I was concerned that the combination of the Farécla G360

compound and the aggressive lamswool pad would have the same effect as a diamond disk on angle grinder; I needn't have worried. Whilst the instructional videos seemed to show a couple of dots of compound and a few passes of the polisher did the job, I did not.

It is worth watching the videos referenced at the bottom of the note. I was a first-time user and would hate to pass on any bad practices as 'the way to do it'. You can see the Farécla "How to use" [video here](#)

The first point about using only a small amount of compound is valid and essential. On my first attempt, I accidentally spilled far too much compound onto the pad. When I started the polisher, the compound spun off the pad and shot all over the place - and that is why I wear safety glasses.

In terms of the number of passes of the polisher, it depends on the number and depth of the scratches on your paintwork. Light scratches come out quite easily, then a decision has to be made on how deep to cut down through the paint. There is only so much of it and then the primer coat awaits.

There are several grades of polishing pad. Red pad with lambswool is the most heavy duty, then there are various colours with ever more gentle effects. For my purposes, the lambswool provided a good finish. Others may wish too use steadily lighter pads on successive passes of the polisher to give a perfect finish.

The big and flat areas can be covered easily with the polisher. There are small tools on the market for the more difficult areas, but I found that a cloth and a light circular motion with my hand was enough.

Once I had improved the paint finish to an acceptable level, I restarted with the AutoGlym Super Resin Polish. The job was as described in the instructions – apply in a circular motion with a cloth. Let it dry and remove it with another cloth. After polishing, the minor remnants of the scratches seem even more minor.

What is G360 Super Fast Compound?

It's supplied by Farécla Products Ltd who supply polishing and surface finishing products for automotive bodyshops. They also supply applicators and polishing machines, paint cups and microfibre cloths. Using G360 Super Fast Compound with a G Mop Flexible Yellow Compounding Foam eliminates all holograms and removes swirl marks. To finish the job, I used Autoglym Car Glass Polish on the windows.

Now my wife wants me to give her SUV the once-over!



Above clockwise: C360 compound, blue very soft pad (from Halfords), G Mop flexible yellow pad and a lambswool super high

cut pad. The orbital polisher is a Global Machinery Company GPDA - 600W Dual Action Sander Polisher 230V available on Amazon at: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/GMC-GPDA-Action-Sander-Polisher/dp/B015HA35OA>. I bought mine from a local supplier.

What's in Autoglym Super Resin Polish?

The famous bottle can be found in garages all over the World and has been lovingly applied on everything from hyper cars and priceless classics to family cars. It will not only restore gloss to dull surfaces, but is also ideal for removing small scuffs and scratches on new or old paintwork. Use every few months as needed to maintain a superb shine.



Super Resin Polish used to remove minor scuffs and scratches and to restore gloss to all types of paintwork. [More](#)



Ultra Deep Shine designed especially for dark coloured cars, it removes minor scratches, swirls and oxidation to leave your paintwork with a smooth even gloss and enriched colour. [More](#)



Metal Polish - a fast acting compound that will remove tarnishing from brass, copper, stainless steel, chrome, aluminium and unlacquered aluminium alloys leaving them gleaming. [More](#)



Scratch Removal Kit with everything you need to remove scratches from paintwork. [More](#)

Autoglym Super Resin Polish contains silicone and a protective wax. Autoglym say "if you would like to extend and prolong that protection you can apply [High Definition Wax](#) or [Extra Gloss Protection](#) afterwards. The resin polish is only suitable for painted bodywork. If any comes into contact with unpainted plastic bumpers and trim you will need to use [Autoglym Fast Glass](#) with a [Hi-Tech Microfibre](#) (large super-absorbant drying towel) to remove it".

What products does Autoglym offer?

They have four products (see alongside): Super Resin Polish, Ultra Deep Shine, Metal Polish and Scratch Removal Kit. See the [Autoglym website](#) and also the Autoglym webpage on the [Halfords website](#).

How do you use Autoglym Super Resin Polish?

On the Autoglym website their guide says:

- Wash and dry the paintwork.
- Shake the bottle of Autoglym resin polish well and pour a small amount onto a polish applicator.
- Apply a thin layer to the paintwork in overlapping circles to ensure even coverage. Increase pressure over any marks, scratches or dull patches. Allow to dry. Do not apply to unpainted rubber or plastic trim.
- Buff with a Hi-Tech Finishing Cloth.
- Stand back and admire the shine.

Autoglym have a video on how to use their Super Resin Polish. [Video](#)

Dual Action Polisher

A Dual Action polisher is a polishing machine that uses a circular motion combined with a spinning motion to create a rational double action. This motion is useful when polishing a surface by machine as it avoids a build up of heat. The Dual Action polisher is famed for being easy to work with, making it ideal for beginners.



What is a dual action polisher. [Video](#)
How do use a dual action polisher. [Video](#)