

Dunlop composite wheels refurbished by Solent Wheels



Matthew at [Solent Wheels](#) says the paint used is an epoxy resin primer with a self-etching feature used in marine applications. It's an activated paint with a hardener that is baked off. The refurbishment process involves good preparation by stripping existing coatings and fine grit blasting the wheel to bare metal to remove the corrosion, repairing any kerb damage, filling any areas where corrosion has been removed and then applying the self-etching primer which is baked in a low bake oven, then the wheels are flattened down to create a smooth surface. The wheels are top coated and lacquered with a durable Polyurethane silver coloured paint and clear coat. Before refurbishing a Dunlop composite wheel, Matthew looks at the back of the wheel to check if there is any corrosion between the rivets and if so how serious it is. Rarely has he seen Dunlop composites with serious corrosion there which would raise doubts over refurbishing a wheel. The result is a smooth, polished finish which is durable lasting for many years. These refurbished wheels can only be distinguished from the original chromed rims from a close inspection.

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Above: silver top coat, lacquered with Polyurethane paint and a clear coat

Below: darker paint finish on the inside of the wheel

