

Refurbishing the Fuel Filler Cap

The fuel filler cap on the coupé is notorious for degrading over time. When the cars left the factory originally, the cap was lacquered but now the lacquer is starting to fail and allows moisture to create areas of corrosion.

This guide will take you through the process of restoring the cap to the way it looked when it left the factory.

Before Picture



Here we go:-

1. Paint Nitromors or similar paint stripper solution, with small brush all over the cap, following the directions and safety advice from the manufacturer.

- Covered in Nitromors



- This is what it will look like after twenty minutes.

- Getting there



- Wire wool the paint stripper (wearing gloves and eye protection). It should clean it up a treat and ease off the remaining lacquer.
- If there is remaining lacquer repeat the process.

Clear of lacquer



7. Sand the bare cap with 600 and then 1200 wet and dry grit paper.
Sanded



8. An alternative to sandpaper is to use wire wool and Autosol chrome polish. As you can see the sand paper does leave a lot of scratching.



This is after a go with the wire wool and Autosol

9. With a slightly damp cloth and Autosol start rubbing.

The Autosol feels gritty as you work it in but then starts to smooth out in to a dark covering. Apply some more and keep going until you are happy with the finish.



The After picture

This cap was then waxed to protect it, Carnauba Wax by DT
It can take about 2 hours including removal/refitting of the cap.