

**My freshly painted gulf 911T -here are the promised photos**

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Here are a couple of more photo's of my freshly painted "Gulf Racing" 911.

http://staging.huntinter.com/johncar/my_gulf_911.htm

This whole thing started when my wife hit a pothole (a deep one) and cracked the front fiberglass bumper. This was particularly ironic because she has been wanting me to sell the car since I picked up the Turbo. Of course this was a natural way for me to delay selling anything :)

Anyhow, I took it off and started working on repairing it. Well, now that I was doing that, I decided to do a little rust mitigation on the fenders. That was a pretty easy task but now the car was looking somewhat checkered. So, always wanting a gulf racing 911, I went to Lowes and picked up a spray gun and compressor and got to it. I have never painted a car before and have a couple of hints for anyone wanting to try it.

- 1) Use a simple color or colors, metallic can be really hard to get right
- 2) Use a full size paint gun, I used a touch up gun and it took longer to paint
- 3) Don't paint in your garage that is under your bedroom (my wife almost passed out)
- 4) Take the hood off, makes it easier to paint and is simple to remount
- 5) Take the seats out and store somewhere safe (the paint "cloud" is amazing and gets everywhere)
- 6) Over spray on windows is easy to clean with a razor blade
- 7) Buy a random orbit sander it is a whole lot easier than by hand
- 8) Do the stripe before the rest of the car. It is easier to tape off a stripe then a whole car
- 9) Always use a tacky cloth right before painting
- 10) Use a mask (a 3M disposable is only \$20 or so)
- 11) Paint the hard to reach areas first, large areas of the car paint really fast (takes longer to tape the car then to paint it)
- 12) Paint runs are not a problem, in fact it was really hard to get the paint to run with the gun.
- 13) Pressure wash the whole car (underneath as well to get at all the dirt, easier to do now then later when you find some stuff you have to fix under there)
- 13) Have fun and be bold! Worst case scenario you are sanding and repainting again :) and anything is better then a roller!

Now I am considering selling it. So I will be putting it up on e-bay with a reserve of \$13,500 here pretty quick. I could use the money to up-fix my '79 930.

Regards, and good painting.

John
'72 911T
'79 930