

Lagondaforum: M45 Frame

Re: M45 Frame

Written by bruffsup at Oct 27, 2017 2:00 pm

I am already getting negative feedback about using glossy paint ! It's not too late to change as the can is unopened . I have looked at pictures of restored M45's and the front frame "horns" always looked glossy black.Was this original, ? Please advise . Thanks

Re: M45 Frame

Written by Julian at Nov 11, 2017 9:26 am

Small pointer before you paint or powder coat any chassis parts.

Spray all the chassis parts with a good light base primer but only a thin coat.

Assemble the complete chassis BEFORE you paint it in top coat.

This is extremely important.

You will undoubtedly want to give the top coat a good few coats of paint and make a really good job of it. This requires a good thick coat of whatever paint or powder you use.

Now, when you bolt and rivet it all back together you will have a thick (actually now double thickness as you have mating parts) coat of paint between all parts. Good you might say? NOT GOOD, your chassis starts to flex when you drive and slowly the paint frets and gets broken down and suddenly your car feels all floppy. Your chassis will not be holding together correctly and you have a lot of work to correct it all. Same applies with wheels powder coated before the spokes are fitted.

Assemble it all immediately after a light primer and then make sure that you cover the joints well with your top coat. This is by far the best way to get it all done satisfactorily for a long time to come.

Good luck,
Julian

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Written by Julian at Nov 11, 2017 9:27 am

Paint it gloss. Looks lovely.

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Re: M45 Frame

Written by bruffsup at Nov 13, 2017 2:20 am

Thanks Julian. I had the frame blasted (in pieces) and immediately shot with a coat of epoxy primer. I am now assembling and will apply the chassis black after.
