

RCI-52-22-001-2: Clearcoat Blending

Rivian Automotive, LLC Position Statement

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Vehicle System	52 - Body

Rivian has established important guidelines regarding collision repair and interaction with parts on Rivian vehicles to help ensure the vehicle is repaired to Rivian standards. Certified Collision Centers and the collision industry must follow these guidelines to uphold Rivian's standards of safety and quality.

Repair guidelines, position statements, and repair procedures published by Rivian are engineered and tested to help ensure Rivian vehicles are repaired to provide quality, performance, safety, and durability. To meet [Rivian Repair standards](#), repairs should be performed by Rivian Certified Technicians using Rivian approved repair procedures, tools, and Rivian Original Equipment Parts.



Warning: The use of clearcoat blending procedures may void the paint manufacturer's warranties.

Rivian does not recommend the use of any clearcoat blending procedures in warranty or collision refinishing repair work.

Technicians should not perform clearcoat blending due to the following:

- Clearcoat blending does not allow material to properly adhere to the refinished surface.
- Clearcoat blending does not provide sufficient ultraviolet (UV) protection to the refinished area.
- Clearcoat blending can degrade the durability of the material, exposing it to the elements. This can result in discoloration, delamination, hazing, fading, peeling, and a noticeable blend edge.

Rivian advises technicians to perform the following clearcoat procedures:

- To restore the factory finish, the final clear coat should be applied to the panel's edge or natural breaking point.
- It may be necessary to remove exterior trim, moldings, weather stripping, handles, emblems, decals, or glass for clearcoat application. The removal of certain components can cause fault codes and may require recalibration or reinitialization to ensure all systems are functioning properly.

Rivian's position applies to all approved paint systems. Please refer to the paint manufacturer's guidelines for additional information on recommended processes and warranty restrictions.

Always refer to the appropriate Rivian Repair procedure for the most up to date information regarding specifications as well as location, position, operation sensitivity, part numbers and any revisions listed.