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General Split Rim Maintenance Overview

When it comes to the maintenance of a split rim, it's actually very straight forward. The only difference with split rims is that you usually have a variety of exposed surfaces rather than just a single surface like on a single piece wheel. All this means is that each surface needs different methods of maintenance with the overall theme being to 'keep them clean'.

It may seem surprising, but a majority of the time the main downfall in a set of split rim ownership, is just the owner not literally cleaning the wheels, let alone any of the more complex worthwhile maintenance methods.

Here below is a brief overview of split rim maintenance, that if followed even these simple steps and product recommendations, your split rims will last for as long as you decide to maintain them. Think of it as car ownership; neglect your car? It will not last. Use your car loads? It will need more maintenance. etc, etc.

For Polished Lips:

At Rimscarnated, before we supplied new outer lips for most wheels, we used to re-polish any and every lip that came into our shop, despite how pitted it was. We'd discuss with the owner that we can only bring the lips up to a certain standard for the quoted price and that due to the pitting and neglect that the wheels have seen, the previous neglect will be shown even after a full polish.

This is due to pitting being the No.1 killer of aluminium lips. Pitting is corrosion, quite literally tiny little divots in the aluminium. This is caused by... neglect. In other words, moisture and brake dust. These two things, left on your wheels will cause them to pit, especially if you live in the UK or a wet and cold climate.

The one simple and easy way to stop this is by using an easy to apply polish. This is something that should you use your wheels daily? You would need to do **once-per-week**. Use your wheels only for a show and then keep indoors after that? **Once-per-use** will be fine.

We would recommend **Peek-Polish** for this. It quite simply is very easy to apply and gives a brilliant shine. Apply this the same as car-wax in **swirling motions** with a **micro-fibre** and you will have success in maintaining your wheels.

General useful fact: *If your lips are shiny and feel ultra-smooth (no dusty or sand-paper like texture), this means you are maintaining correctly. If your lips are dull (could still have a reflection) but still have a dusty or sandpaper like texture, this means your lips are starting to corrode.*

Pitting does not happen over night, it takes a couple/months to happen, but we all know how fast a few months goes by!

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Centre & Barrel Maintenance:

The centres or faces of a split rim are usually the easiest parts to keep maintained. More so as they usually are not polished and instead, powder coated. Powder Coated finishes are easy to keep maintained as long as they are accessible.

Certain tyres of centres can be harder to maintain if they are a 'mesh' style or a tight-spoke design. These however are still maintainable with the correct methods.

First tip: *Keep them clean.*

Sounds simple right? But this is one step most people forget.

Solution: Depending on the use; daily use, wash once-per-week. Show use, wash once-per-use.

Product: Hot soapy water ie Snow-foam etc.

Second tip: *Ceramic Coating*

Ceramic Coating is a serious time saver as it stops dirt and dust sticking to the wheels and provides an invisible shield to those tight gaps that can be particularly hard to reach.

Solution: Follow the product directions for application. Best done when the wheels are new, or newly refurbished. If not, make sure they're squeaky clean!

Product: We would recommend **Matrix Black**. It's expensive, but absolutely incredible. At Rimscarnated, we charge £50.00 per wheel to ceramic coat with Matrix Black.

Third tip: Keep those Barrels Clean, especially around the nuts!

If you ceramic coat the wheels, make sure you ceramic coat around the nuts on the rear, as this is a prime place for dirt to sit.

Solution: We would recommend removing the wheels once or every other month (should you daily the car) and give the rears of each wheels a full detail.

Product: Snow Foam and a hog-hair brush for between the nuts alongside a microfibre for general cleaning of the back of the wheel.

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Summary:

When it comes to wheel maintenance, it's always worth remembering that at the end of the day, they are wheels and will be used. So don't stress! Enjoy the ride and learn along the way.

If we were to use one word to compare the wheels that are practically pristine after many years and the wheels that are knackered after 6 months, that word would be **lazy**. If you look after your wheels and follow the simple steps on the previous pages, you will have success in maintaining your wheels.

Should you for whatever reason, forget all the information previously mentioned, remember this:

- Ceramic Coat the Paint/Powder, Wash regularly and Polish the Aluminium Lips -



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