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**SUBJECT: Models 170, 171, 203, 208, 209, 211, 215, 219, 220, 221, 230
 Clear Coat with Enhanced Scratch Resistance**

Revision: Model range expanded and updated paint supplier information

As of:

- June 3, 2002, the model C215 is now painted with a scratch-resistant clear coat which reduces the visible scratching that can be caused by car washing and machine polishing.
- July 14, 2003, all 170 and 230 models shall use the clear coat with the enhanced scratch resistance.
- September 1, 2003, all Sindelfingen production shall use the clear coat with the enhanced scratch resistance.
- December 15, 2003 all remaining Bremen production shall use the clear coat with the enhanced scratch resistance.

The 170, 203, 208, 209, 211, 215, 220 and 230 vehicles can be identified by the letter "C" preceding the paint color code (arrow, Figure 1) on the left B pillar label. The 171, 219 and 221 vehicles do not use the letter "C" preceding the paint color code (arrow, Figure 1) as all vehicles have the scratch-resistant clear coat.



Figure 1

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NOTE:

Additionally, a limited number of C208 and W/S210 model vehicles (listed on page 2) have also been painted using this more scratch-resistant clear coat. These vehicles **do not** have the letter "C" before the paint color code on the B pillar label (arrow, Figure 1). Therefore, VINs for these affected vehicles are listed

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on page 2.

When refinishing these vehicles, use only the compatible clear coats available from each of our approved paint suppliers. This information is available from your local jobber, the paint manufacturer's field representative or the paint manufacturer as listed below:

Standex North America, Inc.
47801 West Anchor Court
Plymouth, MI 48170
Tel.: (800) 551-9296

BASF Corporation (Glasurit)
26701 Telegraph
Southfield, MI 48034
Tel.: (248) 827-4670
(800) 825-3000

Spies Hecker, Inc.
47818 West Anchor Court
Plymouth, MI 48170
Tel.: (800) 44-SPIES

PPG Industries, Inc.
19699 Progress Drive
Strongsville, OH 44149
Tel.: (440) 572-6111
(800) 647-6050

DuPont Automotive Finishes
4417 Lancaster Avenue
Barley Mill Plaza, Building 21
Wilmington, DE 19805
(800) 3-DUPONT

The following vehicles have also been painted with the enhanced scratch-resistant clear coat paint:

CLK320 (C208) – F177977, F178087

CLK55 (C208) – F178044

E320W (W210) – B229066, B230969, B233666, B387796, B388765, B388763, B388764, B388801, B388802, B388806, B388819, B388822, B388838, B388848, B388868, B388882, B388922, B389110, B389136, B389231, B389890, B389918

E320S (S210) – B388837, B388957, B389045, B389062, B389233, B389323, B389355, B389561, B389954

E430W (W210) – B388833

When machine polishing this paint, we recommend using a DA with a foam pad. Good results have been obtained with both the Meguiar's and 3M materials.

