

ComancheZOOM for Thursday, Oct 2, 2025

Topic: The Benefits of Paint

The importance of paint:

- Typically, the 3rd most expensive component after engine and panel
- Improves Looks, Value, Pride

Subjects to cover:

- Materials to use and NOT use, broken down by top and bottom, longevity of treatments
- Typical costs, benefits of doing your own
- Benefits of working with a professional

Math on savings and justification:

(assume 100 hours/year @ 12 GPH and \$5/gal = \$6000 fuel cost)

- Clearcoat study says difference in paint roughness vs Clearcoat is 0.5 gal/hr savings
- At 100 hrs @ \$5/gal = \$250 fuel savings/year * 5 years = \$1250 savings on fuel over 5 years.
- Now add value in paint longevity (new paint typically \$16K -\$25K)
- Now add value of your bug cleaning time hour after hour.

Many comments on different types and brands of paint, surface preparation, and care after you have spent the money to do it. Advantages of base color/clear coat applications.

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- <http://meetings.northeastcomanche.org/zoom/2025-10-02/video.mp4>
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