



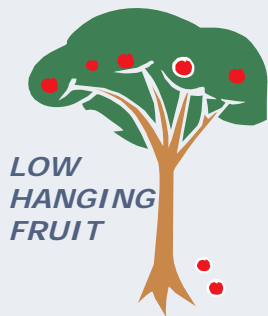
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Your *FinishMaster* Account Manager can help you grasp the low hanging fruit by tackling the four requirements that are the easiest to meet.



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The Next Step in Paint Rule Compliance

Collision repair facilities have twelve (12) months in which to meet each of the specific Paint Rule requirements. Shops are encouraged to begin immediately to meet these requirements as some expenses may be incurred. The best "next step" is to tackle the four easiest-to-meet requirements first.

1) Paint booth exhaust systems must use 98% efficient booth filters

Contact your supplier and begin using these 98% efficient filters now so that you can try out a few different brands to see which one meets your needs and budget. Keep the manufacturer's data assuring the efficiency rating of these filters in a file folder on-site at the facility to meet the documentation requirement of the Paint Rule.

EPA's Design for the Environment has conducted extensive research on the auto body industry and has informational resources available.

Review their "Spray Booth Filters" fact sheet at

<http://www.epa.gov/dfe/pubs/auto/factsheet/sprayboothfilters.pdf>.

2) Spray booths and/or prep stations MUST BE USED

Ensure that all spray activity is being conducted in the paint booth. A spray booth for fully assembled vehicles must have four walls and a roof. Parts may be painted in a prep station of three walls and a roof. Walls may be made up of side curtains.

For most shops, this is simply a matter of making sure the painting takes place in the booth. Not only does this meet the Paint Rule requirement but is a healthy work practice for all employees.

3) Efficient spray guns required for reduced air emissions

Use High Volume, Low Pressure (HVLP) spray guns to meet the Paint Rule requirements and to maximize spray paint efficiency. Good spray technique and the use of these 65% efficient HVLP guns have proven to reduce paint costs and improve finish quality.

Visit the Design for the Environment website at

<http://www.epa.gov/dfe/pubs/auto/spraygun/> for more information.

4) Healthy spray gun cleaning process required

Implement healthy gun cleaning practices that minimize painter exposure to solvents. Atomization of cleaning solvent through the paint gun (even in the paint booth) is not allowed for cleaning purposes.

Invest in a fully enclosed automatic gun wash system as the best management practice to protect employee health.

These four requirements should be simple to implement immediately at the auto body shop. Most shops already have the equipment necessary. For those shops that need to make equipment purchases there is no time like the present.

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