

## **MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR REMOVING ROAD PAINT FROM CARS**

The supplier of paint used on the County roads by the Road Commission of Macomb County, has recommended the following procedure for removing this paint from your vehicles. The Road Commission of Macomb County does not take responsibility for any damage caused to your car in this process, but rather is passing along this recommendation from the paint manufacturer in an effort to assist the motoring public that may encounter this problem.

As soon as possible after getting paint from road stripes on your vehicle, wash the vehicle at a pressure car wash. This will loosen and remove most of the paint unless it has dried for more than a day.

If the car wash does not remove the paint, allow the water to dry off the vehicle. Spray the paint residue with WD-40 and allow the WD-40 to stay on the area for 1 to 2 hours, then rewash the vehicle. The WD-40 will soften the traffic paint without hurting the vehicle finish. If there is a heavy concentration, repeat the procedure.

For heavy accumulations or paint that has dried for several days, apply a liberal coating of Vaseline to the dried traffic paint and allow to stay on overnight. Take vehicle to a pressure car wash and wash. This should remove most of the traffic paint. If not, repeat the procedure.

**DO NOT SCRUB THE FINISH WITH A SOLVENT OR SCOURING CLEANSER  
-- THIS WILL DAMAGE THE FINISH.**

After cleaning the paint away, apply a good wax to the vehicle's finish. Wax should remove any lasting signs of the traffic paint.

Wheel wells are very difficult to remove the paint from since they are normally a flat finish. Apply a liberal coating of Vaseline to the area and leave for several days and then pressure wash. Applying an alcohol such as Solox or Rubbing Alcohol to the area in the wheel well will help to soften any residue left after the Vaseline. Again, **DO NOT SCRUB!** Just apply with a very wetted rag or sponge.

23 Mile Collision in Shelby Township (586.247.5550) also removes paint from vehicles at a reasonable charge.