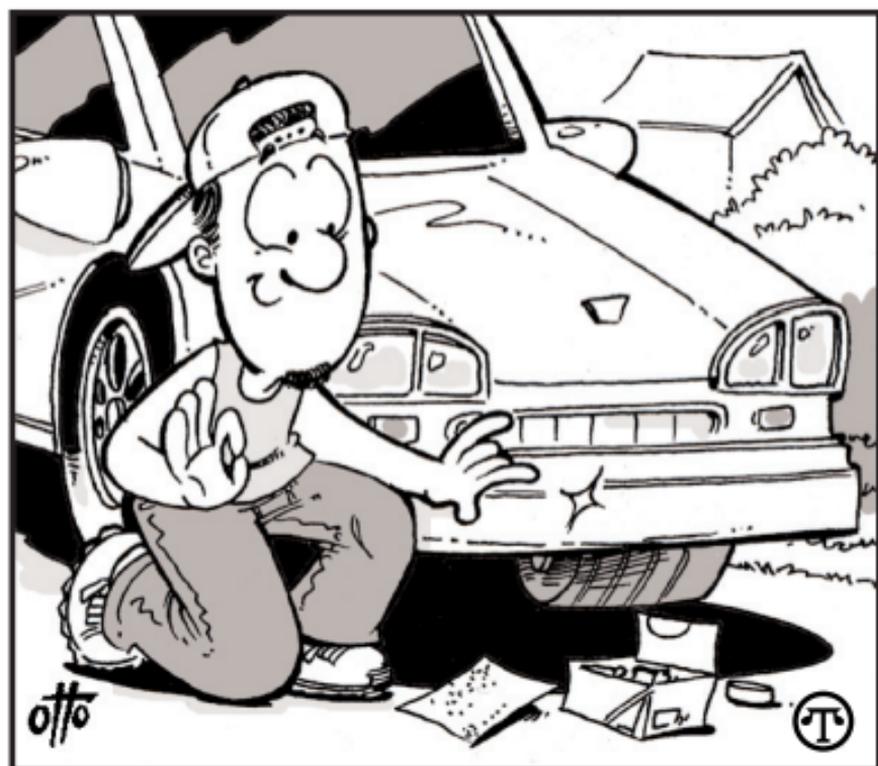


Car Care Corner

Painting Pointers

(NAPSA)—With the proper type of paint and some practice, an automotive enthusiast can achieve professional looking results with a spray can.



Torn bumper covers can be repaired with a kit, then sanded and filled for a smooth surface.

The first step is the surface preparation. The area to be painted should be rust-free, smooth to the touch and finished with an autobody primer. You may need a rust converter on corroded areas. Straighten the area to be repaired and use body filler and putty to smooth and shape damaged areas.

The secret is to use automotive paint made for spot repair. This paint dries quickly, can be sprayed anywhere and imperfections can be sanded out. When the basecoat has dried, follow up with several coats of fast drying clearcoat. When that dries, the surface can be buffed to a high gloss with medium duty rubbing compound.

A great place to find auto body supplies is www.paintscratch.com. It lists nearly every make and model since 1952 with corresponding paint color and sells additional supplies for a great repair.