

Level 3 Diploma in Vehicle Accident Repair Paint Principles

Location	Stretford Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Motor Vehicle
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	TFP-MV3D-1200

Course Overview

This course is designed to provide learners with the essential knowledge and skills required by vehicle body paint operators working on a wide range of vehicles in all types of garages, dealerships and specialist paint businesses.

Learners will study both the theoretic and practical aspects of the following areas:

Diagnosis and rectifying of paint faults and defects

Applying topcoats and completing refinishing

Colour mixing and matching

Learners will also gain a broad knowledge and understanding of health and safety in the workplace and other skills associated with working in the body repair paint refinishing sector. During the course all learners under the age of 19 are expected to undertake a work placement as part of their studies.

Course Requirements

4 GCSE's at Grade 4 or above (including maths and English Language). Applicants MUST have completed the qualification at Level 2

What You Will Learn

The course is a mixture of practical and theoretical knowledge.

Theory is delivered through a combination of classroom based sessions along with independent learning assessed through a number of written assignments.

The practical element of the course takes place in our fully equipped motor vehicle paintshop. Learners are required to provide their own safety footwear and protective overalls for these sessions.

A good understanding of the fundamentals of vehicle paint refinishing is essential for those wishing to undertake this course, in order to determine this, prospective candidates will need to undergo an interview with the course tutor.

Applicants with extensive prior experience of working in a paint refinishing role, who do not have a Level 2 qualification may undertake this Level 3 course, however, additional units will need to be completed to achieve the qualification.

Assessment

The programme is based on continuous practical assessment along with completion of a portfolio of evidence. Each unit also includes a written assessment and multi-choice examination

Progression

Successful candidates can progress to onto an apprenticeship or employment as a trainee paint refinishing technician.

Career Options

Panel technician, paint technician, mechanical and electrical trim technician

Mandatory Units

Knowledge of Establishing Paint Defects

Skills in Establishing Paint Defects

Knowledge of Applying Topcoats and Completing Refinishing Operations

Skills in Applying Topcoats and Completing Refinishing Operations

Knowledge of Vehicle Colour Matching

Skills in Vehicle Colour Matching

Technical Excellence Pressure Testing

Contact Details

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