

How to remove the etching left by a bird dropping with ScratchX

At the recent San Diego Viper Detailing Clinic here at Meguiar's in Irvine, one of the club members showed me where a bird left him a little present on the hood of his black Viper. Below is a picture of the car after the Meguiar's polishing system...

Before ScratchX



After ScratchX



Note: The above *after* picture was taken after three applications of ScratchX that were thoroughly worked into the finish. Each application removed a little more paint and thus removed a little more of the etching. After three applications the etching was no longer visible from a couple feet away. We stopped here because we were going to machine polish the entire finish using the [G-100a](#).

At the time the above after picture was taken, neither any polish or wax had been applied. The results will only get better with an application of a pure polish and then a couple of coats of wax.

Below is a picture of the same defect after a thorough polishing and waxing procedure was performed by the owner using the following products. (Note: The below is a list of all the products used over the entire car including the etching left by the bird dropping.

Products Used

[Quik Clay System](#)

[G-100a](#)

[W-8006 foam polishing pad](#)

[W-9006 foam finishing pad](#)

[#83 Dual Action Cleaner Polish](#)

[#80 Speed Glaze](#)

[Meguiar's NXT Generation Tech Wax](#)

[Ultimate Wipe](#)

[Ultimate Bonnet](#)

After



The 6.3 mega pixel camera, held about one foot away was able to capture what remains of the etching. The above photos are what are referred to as RAW format photos. That is they have not been altered or modified in any way, including resizing. They have been cropped out of the original at 700 pixels wide.

The after picture shows just a small amount of pitting, but not enough to continue removing clear coat from the finish because with your eyes up close, about one foot

away, you cannot see this pitting. Standing directly over the hood of the car and looking directly into the hood, you can see no sign of the original etching.

When were were all through, the defect was no longer visible unless you knew where to look, were in the right light, and put your face right down close to the finish.

