

Tech Day
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Thanks to everyone who attended our first "Tech Day" on Saturday the 26th. Also thanks to Jack and Phyllis Poe for letting us use their beautiful Highland Green Miata as our demonstration vehicle. It is the perfect color to showcase the effects of a good exterior detail.

Several people were interested in the products I used to detail the car so I will list them here. These products are my personal favorites. There may be better ones on the market. Notice that many are Meguiar's brand. I favor their products not only because I have found them to be of excellent quality, but also because the company is of excellent quality. Meguiar's puts untold amounts of its profits back into the automobile hobby by sponsoring many car shows and various awards.

- To wash the car, "Meguiar's Deep Crystal Car Wash".
- To remove any tar, "Goof-Off".
- For the tires, "Westley's Bleche White Tire Cleaner". Also use this to clean under the wheel wells.
- For the wheels, "Meguiar's Hot Rims All Wheel Cleaner". Also use this to clean the brake calipers.
- "Meguiar's Smooth Surface Clay Bar Kit" was used to clay the paint. The kit contains the clay bar, a bottle of Quick Detailer to lube the surface and a microfiber towel to dry the surface.
- To buff out the fine scratches and swirl marks in the paint, "3M Perfect-it II Foam Polishing Pad Glaze" using (of course) a "3M Perfect-it Plus Round Edge Foam Polishing Pad". I use a professional body shop buffer that is adjustable from 0-3000 RPM but any buffer/grinder that turns 1000-2000 RPM will work.
- To buff out tight areas such as around the tail lights, License plate etc, "Mother's Power Ball 4 Paint" using an electric drill capable of 1000-2000 RPM.
- To polish/wax the finish, "ProtectAll" all surface care with Carnuba Wax. This may be tricky to find. Most RV and Marine stores carry it and Steve Moore found it at Wal-Mart in the RV section.
- For the glass, any good glass cleaner followed by a 50/50 mixture of white vinegar and water. The vinegar solution will remove all streaks. Follow this with an application of Rain-X on the exterior glass.
- For the exhaust tips, "Wenol Auto and Motorcycle Ultra Soft Metal Polish".
- For the tires, "Meguiar's Endurance High Gloss Tire Protectant Gel".
- For convertible tops, "Ragg Topp Cleaner" followed by "Ragg Topp Fabric or Vinyl Procetant".

This is available on-line at Moss Motors.

Deb and I appreciate the turnout for Tech Day. We had a wonderful time hosting it.