

Hi folk's and thanks for taking time to read one of many (hopefully) trials of various manufacturers products. So what has been trialled today? Item in question is the Spautopia Coolpad.

A unique buffing pad with in built air circulation. Information provided by Spautopia

Key benefits:

- 1 - Decrease in panel temperatures up to 35%.
- 2 - Less risks of hologram infliction due to lower temperature obtained.
- 3 - Flexability of the pad on non flat surfaces.
- 4 - Faster finish of area worked upon.
- 5 - Time savings due to fast cut and high performance polishing even on the most delicate of surfaces.
- 6 - Stability of the pad thanks to the highly resistant composition of the 3D PES.

Advantages:

With the stretch advantages of the three different layers so you can use all different kind of fibres and foams with different properties in various combinations. With advantages of the construction best air, heat and moisture transportation by the pad.

Lets cut to the chase.... First impression is that the pad is extremely well constructed and you can actually see the benefit of how the design has been implemented on this pad. Hook and loop (Velcro) backing system is very sturdy and will easily stand the test of time.



As you can see. The pad is very little the same as regular polishing pads however, the Spautopia Coolpad has been developed with all manner of finishes in mind be it automotive paints to fibre glass / plexi glass and even wood. Lets put the pad to the test then. Working in conjunction with Scholl concepts S17+, pad was firstly primed by applying polish product and spreading by fingers so even displacement can be achieved. Once primed it was time for the test. Panel in question was a Chrysler 300c bonnet in a tarnished state...



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The end results from first initial hit were staggering...



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However, I still feel holograms are inevitable when using any forms of heavier polishing methods. I then refined through with a light polishing set using a Chemical guys hexlogic pad and again, Scholl concepts S17+ and refined with 3M ultrafine se on a 3M blue pad to further burnish and jewel the finish. I found the results to be staggering to say the least. Metallic flake was really drawn out to the top surface of the finish, levels of correction very high with at least 40% work time reduction and one seriously slick to the touch finish.



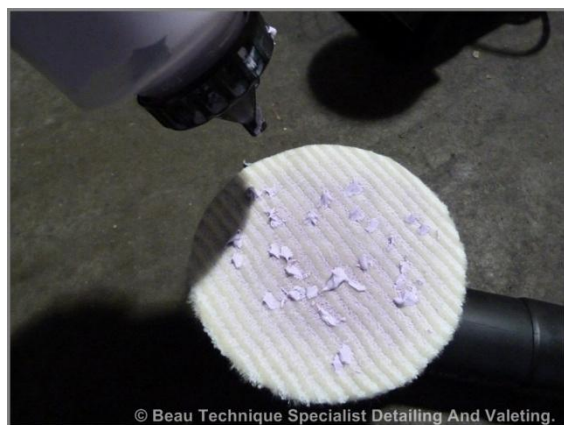
Further more another panel tested and yet even more outstanding results using a completely mirrored system...

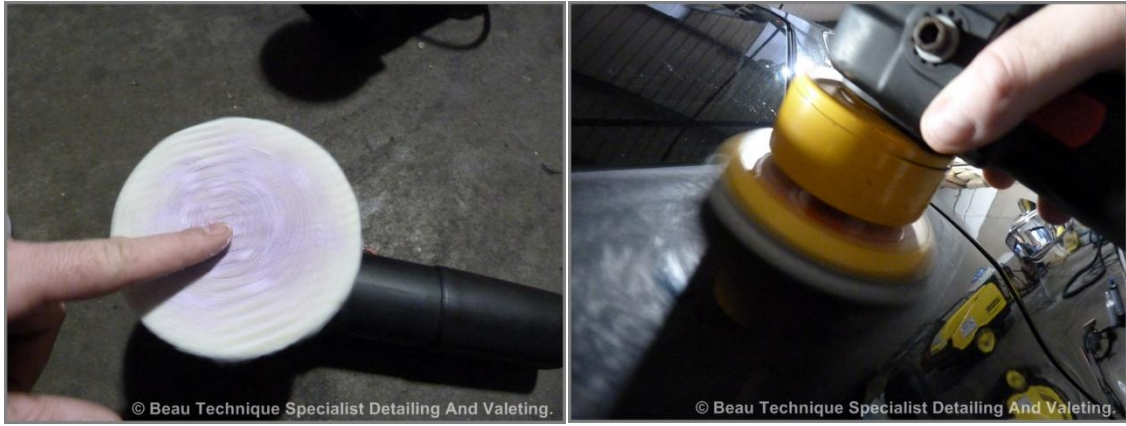
Before:

And after:



Final trial was on same paint type via DA (Dual Action) polisher. I feel that the pad is more so derived for this such machine as continuing on. The pad did employ a level of clumping almost alike to when polishing a soft / sticky paint even when pad was thoroughly cleaned. Using with the DA. Pad was again primed...



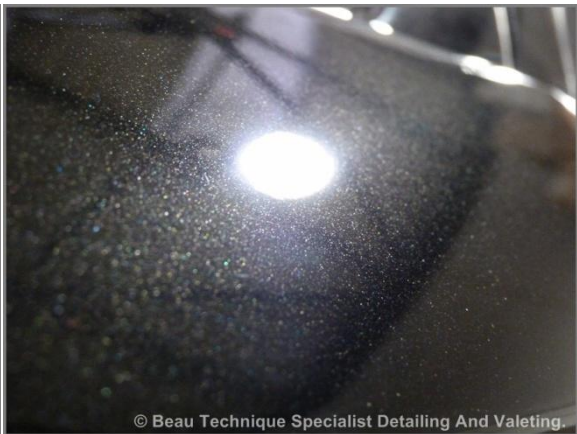


And on with spreading at speed 3. Moving up to speed 6. At this point it seemed as though it was grabbing ever so marginally. Down speed to 5 then back down and so on in the typical method using such machine. A final wipe down and again, results were once again very pleasing for a single session with no refinement...

Before:



And after:



Does it work – Yes.

Is it effective – Yes.

How effective is it out of 10 (1 being poor 10 being extremely) – 8.

Is it something worth considering as an alternative to every day polishing foam's – Too early to say however, it is effective but only with dual action polisher or local area correction work via rotary polisher due to heat build up and pad over loading with product too quickly.

Cost of the Spautopia Coolpad - £TBC Thanks for looking and

see you soon.

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