

DIY vs Autobody - How Much Does Paint Repair Cost?

Nobody likes dings and scratches in their car. In fact, they become a big pain for you. Just imagine, you parked a car. When you come back later, you saw a scratch. It is not only frustrating but also ruins the car's look. Not to forget that you will be also paying the cost to paint a car.

You can hire some professionals for paint repair or you can carry out yourself. There are many pros and cons to both methods.

Cost to Paint A Car Yourself

If we talk about the supplies then you will be happy to know the cost to paint a car will be under *\$100*. They are also easily available but the biggest problem is the painting job. It takes a lot of time as well as energy such as add dozens of coats of paint and many more.

That is not all, you will also require some machinery such as a paint gun. You can rent these machines but remember it is not available everywhere. You can also count on brushes and paint trays.

Another problem is ventilation. When you are painting, make sure that the area is well-ventilated. The reason is that the dust or dirt can ruin the new paint job while it is drying.

You will also require some extra things which are sandpaper, mineral spirit, and masking tape. Sandpaper is used to remove the grime or rust. To clean your car, you will require mineral spirits. Masking tape will surely protect the area from the paint.

Cost to Paint A Car by Hiring a Professional

If we compare it to [the DIY method](#) then the cost to paint the car will be higher than *\$100*. Every painting company charges different rates for different level. You need to analysis your budget first then choose the one that fits.

If you are looking for a **basic paint job** then it will cost you under *\$1,000*. In basic paint, you can have

- Few coats of enamel paint (synthetic)
- Less attention to detail

A **standard paint job** will cost more than the basic paint job. Approximately, you will be spending around *\$1,000* to *\$3,000*. What you can expect from standard paint job is

- Last Longer
- Will make your car look better
- Smooth surface
- No impurities



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Last but not least, if you like to show off your car then it is advisable to invest in a **showroom quality job**. This one is better than the above two paint jobs. It will cost you around \$20,000 but on the other side, you will be getting a high-quality paint job. This process will

- Remove the whole paint on the metal frame
- Clear out any dents
- Carefully add dozens of layers of paint

Not to forget that you will also be getting all the benefits of a standard paint job as well.

Which one to choose?

You must be thinking then which one to choose? If your car doesn't need specialized tools and you are a very patient person then you can easily do it. Another factor might be that you don't want to spend a lot of money so you consider doing it yourself.

If you have no idea of how to paint a car or you are looking at something which is very hard for you then consider hiring a professional for this job. These people are very good at their work and they will guarantee you that the final product will be amazing then you can expect.