

Homemade metal polish recipe

This recipe works great on aluminum or stainless steel. The ingredients needed are:

1 large polishing compound brick (green for heavily tarnished) (white for super shiny finish on previously polished)(blue or purple all purpose)8-10" (available at truck stops, chrome shops, truck dealers, even Ebay!)

1 gallon mineral spirits or non-flammable paint thinner

1 bottle of Meguires Carnuba Wax Liquid

4 to 6 ounces of Lemon Juice (helps cut oxidation)

Camp Stove or Hot Plate

1.5 gallon (or larger) pot with lid

stir stick

Directions:

PLEASE DO THIS OUTDOORS or in WELL VENTILATED AREA!!!

Pour approx 1-1.5 quarts of mineral spirits in pot and place on low heat. Break the approx 10" brick in half and place in pot. Stir continuously till brick has melted and stir stick has no lumps showing on end. (keep lid handy in case of flare up) I have not had this happen but if you use a flammable thinner it could happen. Adjust heat accordingly so that solution doesn't boil over. Allow to cool overnight. You will notice the thinner/spirits has come to top. Add a bit of Lemon Juice till it gets to your desired consistency. The Lemon Juice may possibly turn the polish into a paste in which case you may want to add more thinner. Experimenting with amounts of each ingredient will allow you to make the polish to your liking and ease of use. I like to use the blue brick and make it into a fairly thick paste that I even use on oxidized paint, aluminum and stainless steel. The green brick is a good one to start with if you are polishing fairly tarnished aluminum and finish with a white or blue polish. If you have badly tarnished aluminum and want a more course polish. You will have to shake well before using. Rub on with terry cloth rag till a black sludge appears. Of course, the more you rub, the better the finish, dry clean rag to polish to a mirror finish. You can dilute the polish till it is as thin as the store bought stuff but experimenting is the key.

CAUTION please when making this polish. Probably not a good idea to breathe vapors or make indoors. Should wear gloves when making and using this stuff. Your wife may also want to beat you for using her pot as she will never want it when you are done with it. Although this is safe to make if care is taken, I take no responsibility for any accidents, spills, fires, divorces, etc. You will never buy the store bought stuff again!