

PART 5 COLOR OF THE MONTH



NIPPON PAINT'S TREND COLOUR "POWER UP!" (15M-208WC), "SKYWALKER" (15M-306BC), AND "BLACKJACK" (15M-310BCC).

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NORMALLY, when we think about repainting a car it usually means two things: repairing damages from an accident, or repainting the car due to old age. Anything that is broken and old can be mended for the better much like the traditional Japanese art and philosophy called Kintsugi. Defined as "to repair with gold", it's the art of repairing broken pottery with lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold, silver, or platinum. As a philosophy, it treats breakage and repair as part of the history of an object, rather than something to disguise.

This philosophy colours the story of one individual and the Isuzu D-Max LS you see here in pictures. Lance Chua, who is

a Manager, Product Branding, Marketing and Sales Division for Isuzu Malaysia, drives this very pickup truck as a daily vehicle for many years, through rugged forest paths and narrow streets, resulting in deep scratches along the right side of the rear deck, a huge deep gash at bottom right Step Rail, a deep half-inch scratch at the front left fender, and the huge stickers on its flanks were peeling off by itself while collecting dirt and grime. Clearly this truck has seen better days.

"This truck is made for it; you can drive it virtually anywhere, be it in the city or in the deep remote forest of East Malaysia, or even completing a 1,600km journey from Thailand to Singapore in a single tank, the D-Max has definitely proved it worth. However in this truck's case, it needs a makeover." said Lance.

Nippon Paint Malaysia has worked hard developing their new Nippon Paint Automotive Trend Colours



Stickers tend to peel off easily and collects dirt over time...



... while paint is not only flexible, but can last for a very long time!

2016/2017 palette for Asia, creating future colour trends for automakers, paint shops and automotive enthusiasts alike. Like the Toyota Camry, Ducati Multistrada 1200H and the Kawasaki Ninja 250 SE featured, this very Isuzu D-Max LS has been chosen to be part of the Nippon Paint Automotive Trend Colours 2016/2017 project.

The truck has been sent over to the experienced and skilled hands at Teo Spray Painting in located in Kepong Baru, Kuala Lumpur. This is where Mr. Teo, the owner of Teo Spray Painting puts his Midas touch on this one-of-a-kind D-Max LS.

Here the truck has been sanded down by a layer, revealing truly damaged areas of the body and filled in with Nippon Paint's Nax Polyester Putty, providing good adhesion, easy sanding ability for both wet and dry process, with fine and homogeneous structure putty-knife workability.

Have you ever wonder how its intricate design was made? It's achieved by applying "Skywalker" 15M-306BC as a base layer coat. Once the base layer is set, a stencil is then made based on the mock-up illustration made by the designer. And once that is done, "Power Up!" 15M-208WC and

"Blackjack" 15M-310BCC is then painted over the stencil to make up its 'Tron' like livery, and like the icing on the cake, the body is clear coated with Nax Crystal 9905 Mirror Image Clear 2K 2:1.

The clearcoat uses CyGLAZ technology, a proprietary technology that dramatically improves the fundamental properties of the clear coat-resistance to environmental factors, toughness, and other aspects. It achieves this by having a more robust molecular structure, compared to the products that follow the classical approach. The finish achieved is mirror-like with a highly reflective surface (as can be seen in the picture). Scratch-resistance is also much better and fine scratches can even be cured under sunlight. Finally, there is very good resistance to environmental 'chemical' factors such as bird droppings and petrol spills.

Gone were the days of its tattered and tired body with its stickers beginning to peel off by itself, to now a show-truck in just a week! Demonstrating that Nippon Paint's Nax Premila paint system is not only easy to work with, but also providing deep lustful paint finishes that detailing enthusiasts crave for.



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