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## Henry Koch on using lacquer as a finish.

- Surface prep is critical to good results.
- You can seal the surface if needed with sanding sealer, epoxy, de-waxed shellac or CA glue, and use pore fillers if necessary.
- Make sure the sealer has cured completely, and ensure that no silicone or oils come anywhere near.
- Lacquer has the advantage that each coat reactivates the previous layer. Apply a few coats before starting to sand, which is only necessary if runs, sags, etc. are present. Your finish also doesn't necessarily need to be "show car shiny".
- Lacquer application can also be affected by temperature and especially humidity.