

TRIED 'N' TESTED Lucas SlickMist Tire & Trim Shine

AVAILABLE FROM:

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Lucas Oil are well known for their ranges of top quality classic and motorsport lubricants, but their car care products deserve some attention too. Like this product, Tire & Trim Shine, which is particularly simple to use and does what it says on the bottle. Simply spray it onto the sidewall and buff it up a bit, and it gives it a 'like-new' look. That's right, like new. That doesn't mean 'silicone-based glare' like you get with cheap and nasty tyre-blacks, nor does it mean 'greasy like a novelty condom' that I've seen from some companies that should know better. It does actually give you that neat, uniform one-step-up-from-matt black that you get on a new tyre.

And easy? Squirt, wipe, done. You could have all four tyres done in a similar number of minutes, though it's always worth rolling the car forward a foot or two afterwards just to

catch the bits that were facing the ground previously. And economical? This product isn't expensive in the big scheme of things, and I did all four tyres using only a couple of squirts, which didn't noticeably affect the level in the bottle, so I'd say it'll last a while.

One thing that's worth noting is the No-Mess Tire Dressing Applicator, a small, tough

sponge specially designed for this purpose. Using a normal sponge to do this job will leave you with a handful of sponge shreds, and using stockinette just means a whirlwind of fluff. This applicator is just spongy enough to soak up the product a little and actually apply it, rather than just smear it around a bit. It made the job an absolute breeze. Very much recommended.



TRIED 'N' TESTED Fuchs Velvetone High-Gloss Polish

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Fuchs (pronounced 'fyooks', for fuchs' sake) are another company better known for their lubricants and such than their car care products. Perhaps that might change soon, as they seem to be pushing the Velvetone range quite hard. High-Gloss Polish is another product that does as it says on the bottle, and is equally simple to use.

On a clean, dry car, using just two bits of cotton cloth, you apply some polish with one cloth, leave it a moment, then buff it off with

the other. It's that simple. The product is a lot more liquid than many polishes, goes on easily and buffs off cleanly. No great deal of elbow-grease required, and no dusty white snowstorm that some polishes give. The overall effects wouldn't stop the show judges in their tracks, but gave a lovely, swirl-free gloss that looked like it would hang around a while and weather a rain shower or two.

This isn't a particularly large bottle, though, and I reckon you'd be lucky to get two complete

coats from one bottle, but that also means it's small enough to stow in the boot, and that handy flip-spout lid is less likely to spill than a normal cap. Ideal for taking to shows for that last showfield going-over, it's definitely worth looking out for.

