

OEM Bumper Covers – Condition as Shipped

Project Scope: The scope of this project was to contact each of the OE's to determine in which condition their bumper covers are shipped. (Raw, Primed, or R/P Sometimes Raw – Sometimes Primed)

In an effort to obtain this information we made phone and/or e-mail contact with the OE's noted below to inquire about the bumper cover condition as shipped.

Below are our findings:

The following OE's ship their bumper covers PRIMED

- Ford – The only parts currently shipped raw are mirror skull caps.
- Volkswagen
- Chrysler
- Audi
- Honda – Or surface finished ready to install
- Acura – Or surface finished ready to install

The following OE's ship their bumper covers RAW

- Toyota – With the exception of a few Corolla parts coming out of one specific plant.
- Lexus
- Subaru
- Hyundai

The Following OE's ship their bumper covers a combination of Raw/Primed/Painted

- General Motors – Most are shipped primed but some are shipped Raw.
- Saturn - Most are shipped primed but some are shipped Raw.
- Volvo – 95% are shipped painted and the other 5% are raw. No consistent make/model shipped raw but typically older models or rush orders.
- Mazda – Currently shipped primed or raw but in the near future all covers will be shipped raw.
- Nissan
- Infiniti
- Mercedes – Most covers are shipped in color or primed but some do go out raw.
- Mitsubishi – 04 and newer Endeavor, 99 and newer Galant, 00 and newer Eclipse, 01 and newer Eclipse Spyder, and 97-03 Diamante are all shipped Raw.

As we all know bumper covers shipped in the RAW condition require additional steps to prepare them for the painting process. Our research confirms the need for information providers to automate this required additional labor in their database.

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Make	Condition	Notes
Toyota	RAW	All Bumper Covers are shipped RAW with the exception of a few Corolla parts coming out of one plant.
Lexus	RAW	All Bumper Covers are shipped RAW.
Ford	PRIMED	All Bumper Covers are Primed. The only parts sent RAW are mirror skull caps.
Volkswagen	PRIMED	All Bumper Covers are Primed.
Chrysler	PRIMED	All Bumper Covers are primed.
Audi	PRIMED	All Bumper Covers are Primed.
GM	R/P	Most covers are shipped Primed - Some are Shipped RAW.
Saturn	R/P	Most covers are shipped Primed - Some are Shipped RAW.
Subaru	RAW	All Bumper Covers are shipped Raw.
Volvo	R/P	95% of the bumper covers are shipped painted and ready to install. The other 5% are shipped raw. There is no consistent model that is raw but many are older models or in some cases new models when the shop doesn't want to wait for the OE to paint and ship the cover.
Hyundai	RAW	All Covers are shipped Raw.
Mazda	R/P	Currently bumper covers are shipped primed and/or Raw but in the near future all covers will be shipped Raw.
Honda	PRIMED	All Primed or surface finished ready to install.
Acura	PRIMED	All Primed or surface finished ready to install.
Nissan	R/P	Covers are shipped in both conditions.
Infiniti	R/P	Covers are shipped in both conditions.
Mercedes	R/P	Most covers go out in color or primed but some do go out Raw.
Mitsubishi	R/P	Currently bumper covers are shipped primed or raw.
BMW	PRIMED	All covers shipped primed

RAW = Always Raw, unprimed

PRIMED = always primed

R/P = Sometimes raw, sometimes primed