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12. Allow for additional flash time.
13. Tack blend area for dirt/overspray.
14. 2nd basecoat application, stepped out and over reduced for blend application.
15. 3rd basecoat application, stepped out again to achieve maximum hiding and full blend effect.
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