



# Quick Reference Guide

## Water-Based Custom Automotive Paints

### Start with AutoBorne Sealers

AutoBorne Sealer are the starting foundation for all Auto Air Colors paint jobs.

- Dilute 10% per vol. 4012.
- Apply 20-25 inlet psi with 1.2-1.4mm tip-size.
- Tenacious adhesion to any substrate without need for flex additive or adhesion promoter.
- Direct to aluminum, plastic, wood, glass and any type of cured paint and primer.
- Direct to galvanized metal; untreated metal prep with phosphoric acid or 1<sup>st</sup> apply DTM primer.



### Auto Air Colors Pearlescent and Metallic Colors

Lightfast, durable base-coat colors for application over AutoBorne Sealers.

- Mix 3:1 (25% per vol.) with 4030 Balancing Clear, dilute mix 10% per vol. 4012.
- Apply 28-30 inlet psi with 1.2-1.3mm tip-size (1.4mm tip is too large and will under-atomize paint).
- Apply over AutoBorne Sealer. Scuffing prior to application not required.
- Pearlescent and Metallic Color references available online and in Createx Colors master catalog.
- Apply Silver and Aluminum colors over 6013 AutoBorne Silver Sealer for even orientation.
- Covers semi-opaque. Underlying base color will affect value of finish. Match colors with sealer for improved coverage and minimal stacking.



6013 AutoBorne Silver Sealer

Made in the USA

### candy<sub>2</sub>O

100% transparent, concentrated, aniline dyes for true candy performance.

- Mix 1:1 (100% per vol.) with 4030 Balancing Clear, thin mix 10% per vol. 4012.
- Apply 30 psi inlet with a 1.2-1.3mm tip-size.
- Apply 4040 Bleed Checker over **candy<sub>2</sub>O** to prevent bleeding into top-coated colors.



### Candy-Pearl Mixes

- Mix **candy<sub>2</sub>O** directly with Auto Air Pearlized and Metallic Colors for candy-pearl base colors.
- For best results, apply over a color-keyed AutoBorne Sealer, for example 4650 mixed with 4316 Pearlized Radiant Red applied over 6006 Sealer Red.
  - Mix **candy<sub>2</sub>O** 2:1 pearlescent color for very transparent candy-pearl colors.
  - Mix **candy<sub>2</sub>O** 1:1 pearlescent color for higher covering candy-pearl colors.

### Tinted Metallic Colors

- Create custom tinted Pearlescent and Metallic Colors by mixing with small amounts of **candy<sub>2</sub>O**, generally 5-15% per vol.
- 4652 and 4662 mix excellent with earth-toned Metallic Colors.

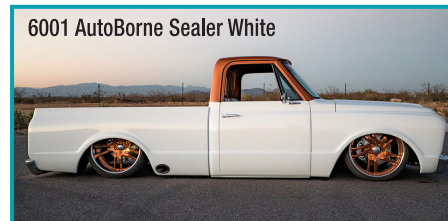


4334 Metallic Bronze tinted 15% per vol. with 4662 **candy<sub>2</sub>O** Dirt Track Brown

**Airbrushing:** 4200 Series Colors work best for airbrush colors. Dilute generously with a mix of both 4030 Balancing Clear and 4012. Generally, an equal mix of paint / 4012 / 4030 Balancing Clear works well. Exact ratios are not required, what is important is atomization. Add enough 4012 to achieve optimum atomization with each color.

### Material Guide:

- 4oz. covers more than 3 sq. feet; helmets or graphics over base paint.
- 16oz. approx. enough material for a motorcycle tank, fenders and side-covers.
- Small vehicles with jamba: 2 x 32oz.
- Large vehicle and trucks (including tonneau cover) with jamba: 3 x 32oz.



6001 AutoBorne Sealer White

**Degrease with solvent-based cleaner OR**  
Apply 4004 Auto Air Transparent Base as non-reactive barrier prior to applying solvent-based paint or clear over AutoBorne Sealer.

### Dilutants and Additives

#### 4012

- Dilutant used for all Auto Air Colors and AutoBorne Sealers.
- Generally added 10% per vol.



#### 4020

- Specialty dilutant for cold and humid conditions.
- Generally added 10% per vol.



#### 4011 High Temperature

- Dilutant recommended for temperatures over 80° F [27° C].
- Generally added 10% per vol.



#### 4030 Balancing Clear

- Creates an acrylic-urethane mix that performs like solvent-based paint.
- Mix 3:1 (25% per vol.) with pearl and metallic colors, 1:1 (100% per vol.) with **candy<sub>2</sub>O**.



*Made with quality, lightfast pigments and durable resins intended for automotive applications.*

*Universally compatible with all types of primers, paints and clears.*

*No time windows. Colors may be top-coated any time after cured without scuffing.*

*No pot-life. When stored airtight, colors may be re-used any time after initial use even after reduction.*

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