

Howto Stripping paint from miniatures

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ok here goes. This is the simple green I used. Bought it at the local walmart/ general merchandise store. cost between 5-10 usd for 2 liters.

How do you strip paint from Models?



I used Simple Green at full strength right out of the bottle. I submerged the land raider door into the simple green about 3 hours before going to sleep so it sat in the stuff for maybe 10-11 hours.



After waking up and getting coffee, I set out to scrub some black primer off of the door. The picture above show my results after 5 mins of scrubbing with a medium bristle stiffness toothbrush. I put the piece back in the simple green.

Now I will be testing how long it will take to loosen the paint completely. It did have some flexibility, but didn't seem to be any more so than an identical door pre simple green bath. the surface was still hard and details still crisp.

One thing not to do however is leave pewter figures in simple green or any other degreaser, citrus or petroleum based. It makes the metal black and very brittle. I forgot a farseer in a can of this stuff for a couple months one time. I removed him (the paint fell right off only had to rinse off chemical. I went to primer him outside and dropped it to the floor and it basically turned into dust on the side that hit the concrete.

Here is an example of two pewter figs from roughly the same time (scout is '91 marine is '92) the marine has been stripped using simple green (the same over night bath as the forge world landraider door) and the scout has been sitting in my bits box. I chose roughly same year figs to show that it wasn't age that darkened the figure. Metals do strip fairly quickly (usually in only an hour or two unless its got a ton of paint on it) in simple green, and the paint is a lot easier to remove from metals as opposed to plastics. I just wanted people to be warned that leaving/ forgetting about metal figures in simple green or castrol super clean degreaser can harm metal figs if your aren't careful.



Effects on forge world resin after an additional 8 hours. Paint is mostly gone(I am sure the only reason the paint in the small details wont come off is because the bristles of the toothbrush are too thick). Nice and clean no warping, bubbling, gumming melting or any other ill effects, and it smells nice! 😊

