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## Technical Data Sheet

# Permatex® Dashboard & Vinyl Top Repair Kit

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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

S.I.N.: 834-300

Permatex® Dashboard & Vinyl Top Repair Kit repairs cracks and tears in dashboards, upholstery and vinyl tops. The kit contains assorted colored resin compounds, an adhesive curing compound, filler and a heat transfer tool.

### PRODUCT BENEFITS

- Easy to use
- Does not migrate during cure
- 7 OEM color compounds

### TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- Dashboards
- Vinyl tops

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

**Always make a practice repair on vinyl sample (in kit) before making an actual repair.**

**Read all 6 steps of instructions before using the repair kit.**

#### 1. CLEAN THE DAMAGED AREA.

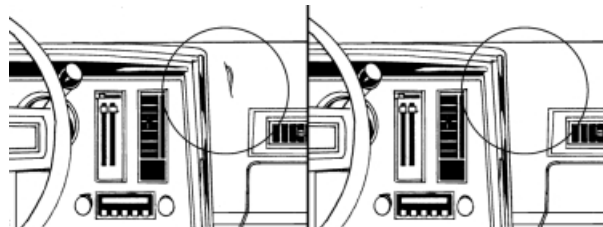
Clean the area with a strong household cleaner. Make sure the area is dry before starting the repair work. Trim off any loose pieces (dashboard plastic or excess vinyl top threads) with a razor blade or knife.

#### 2. PREPARE THE DAMAGED AREA – FOR DASHBOARDS

Apply adhesive and filler to the damage. Spread it smoothly with the spatula provided. **FILL IN THE DAMAGE TO SURFACE LEVEL.** Allow to dry for 4 hours. It will become very hard and shrink slightly, leaving a void, which is then filled in with colored repair compound. Remove and excess material before it dries, or sand it afterwards.

**FOR VINYL TOPS.** If the damage is all the way through to the metal roof, cut a thin piece of backing material (cloth, cotton balls, etc.) slightly larger than the damage. Use the spatula to insert the backing material into and under the damage to provide support for the repair. Spread evenly with the spatula. If it is difficult to insert the backing, eliminate this step. Do not insert any backing if it will raise or cause a bump under the damage.

Use the tube of adhesive and filler to fill in the damage, and to cement any loose vinyl material. Spread the adhesive with the spatula and allow to dry for 4 hours.



#### 3. SELECT THE GRAIN PAPER.

Enclosed are three (3) grain patterns; fine, course and medium. Select the grain pattern paper closest to that of your damaged vinyl. Draw an outline of the damaged area on the top side of the grain paper. This will allow you to position the heat transfer tool accurately.

#### 4. MATCHING THE COLOR.

One of the seven (7) color repair containers may be close enough to the color of the damaged vinyl to make the repair. If so, use it directly from the container.

If not, while the clear Vinyl Adhesive and Filler is drying, mix and match the color of your vinyl using the color-matching chart on the back of the kit package.

Mix the colors in small amounts with the spatula until the correct shade is obtained. Check the color match by rubbing a small amount of the color onto the undamaged vinyl, and then remove it with a rag.

#### 5. APPLYING THE COLOR REPAIR COMPOUND.

Use the spatula to evenly and neatly apply the repair compound into the damaged area. Spread a thin layer onto the undamaged vinyl and feather the edges to make the surface smooth and even. Correct application of the repair compound is necessary to produce an excellent repair job.

Wipe up any excess from around the hole or damage.

**DO NOT OVERFILL THE DAMAGED AREA.** Filling the surface evenly is very important, and care should be taken to do it properly. Use less repair compound, not more. It is easy to add more later if necessary.

Tape the grain paper over the uncured color compound making sure the outline is directly over the damaged area.

#### 6. HEAT CURING THE REPAIR.

This is the most important step of the repair process. **NOTE:** You will need a home iron or car cigarette lighter to complete this step. If using an iron, preheat to the highest setting for three (3) minutes.

Hold the heat transfer tool's metal tip against the hot iron (or lighter) for 2 – 3 minutes. **IMMEDIATELY** place the hot metal tip of the heat transfer tool on the grain paper over the drawn outline.

NOT FOR PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS.

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**NEVER LET THE IRON DIRECTLY TOUCH THE VINYL OR GRAIN PAPER!**

Rotate the heated tool on the grain paper outline in a circular motion for 35 —45 seconds or until the heat tool is cool. Do not move the grain paper. If the repair is large, re-heat the too and repeat the procedure. Heat must be applied to each and every section where the grain paper covers the repair compound. (This includes the area surrounding the outlined area)

REMOVE THE PAPER ONLY AFTER FULLY COOLED (1 – 2 minutes). If the area repaired is sticky or tacky after cooling, simply repeat step 6 above.

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**NOTE:** See product package for additional tips for a successful repair.

**For Cleanup**

1. Wipe any excess repair compound off with a dry rag.
2. Clean hands with a dry cloth or Permatex® Fast Orange® hand cleaner.

**PROPERTIES OF UNCURED MATERIAL**

Chemical Type	<b>Typical Value</b> Plastisol dispersion
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**TYPICAL CURING PERFORMANCE**

Cure is by vinyl resin fusion.

**PERFORMANCE OF CURED MATERIAL**

The cured repair will have physical properties similar in nature to the original vinyl.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**This product is not recommended for use in pure oxygen and/or oxygen rich systems and should not be selected for use with chlorine or other strong oxidizing materials.**

**For safe handling information on this product, consult the Material Safety Data Sheet, (MSDS).**

**ORDERING INFORMATION**

Part Number	Container Size
81785 (VR-9A)	1 kit, carded

**STORAGE**

Products shall be ideally stored in a cool, dry location in unopened containers at a temperature between 8° to 28°C (46° to 82°F) unless otherwise labeled. Optimal storage is at the lower half of this temperature range. To prevent contamination of unused product, do not return any- material to its original container.

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