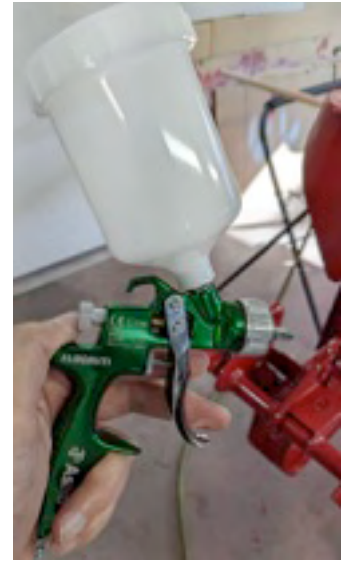


Neil's Notes

After a couple of months of not doing anything with the TR3, it's time to start working again.

The frame was painted in July and looked pretty good, that is, until I did a closer inspection after the paint had dried for a few days. Some spots had been missed and touch-ups were needed. I used small pieces of masking tape to mark areas that were missed or had paint that was a little thin. And then everything was put on hold because I just didn't want to mix some more paint for the touch up work.



I liked the Astro Pneumatic paint gun that I used to prime and paint the frame, so I purchased a smaller version to use for touch ups.

When I used my EuroPro gun I had it set up to use the 3M PPS (paint preparation system) paint cups and I really liked that system. The gun will spray at any angle and clean up is very simple. You just throw the paint cup liner and lid into the garbage and clean the nozzle. It's pretty easy and fast.

However, the PPS adapters are relatively expensive, and I couldn't find any place to buy small size cups. So, I decided to use the plastic cup that came with the EuroHVT gun when I did the touch ups. Well, let's just say that it was a mistake.

The little gun sprayed paint as nicely as the big one did. The big surprise came when I tipped the gun back in order to get a couple of spots under the front of the frame. Guess what? A lid screwed onto the top of the plastic cup doesn't seal the paint in and I ended up with paint all over my hand, the gun, and the floor. Fortunately, I was wearing gloves and a paint suit so my cleanup was fairly easy.

The gun cleanup was a different story as it probably took me 20 minutes to get it clean. Granted a lot of the time was spent cleaning the outside of the gun, but even cleaning the cup took a lot more time than just throwing a disposable one away.

Laura said that I needed to include a photo of the crime scene!

There's no question that I'm sold on the 3M PPS paint cups.

After a few days of letting the paint dry, Frank and Howard came over to help me get the frame off the paint stands. It's a three-person job as it takes two people to hold the frame and the third to remove the stands.

The frame is now mounted on regular jack stands where it will be easy to start re-assembling the front suspension.

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