

# CAST PLAQUE MAINTENANCE

## Metal Plaques

All Spike's metal plaques (except anodized and stainless steel) are coated with a clear poly paint to help protect the metal from corrosion. Based on where the plaques are installed, periodic cleaning of this coating may be required. Wash these plaques with a soft cloth and warm, soapy (dish washing liquid) water. Cleaning with harsh cleaners that contain chemicals is not recommended, as this may damage the clear poly coating. We recommend cleaning every few months, or as needed to preserve the original finish.

## Repairing Paint Scratches

Scratches in letters can be a distraction, especially with interior installations. Smaller scratches can be minimized by first washing the letter, then applying car wax and buffing the scratch with a soft cloth. Deeper scratches can be removed by wet sanding with extra fine grit sandpaper. Sand the scratch, wipe dry with a soft cloth and apply a liquid paste such as Finesseit to the scratch. Buff out the scratch with an auto paint repair buffing wheel. Deep scratches that cannot be buffed out will have to be sanded with 1200 grit paper, then re-painted.