

Is it Wurth It

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I think we all like to find things that don't cost a lot, but add a lot of value to things. We've found that Wurth Products has a few of those. I found out about this particular one from our salesman, Mark Davis. I'm not always the most pleasant person for a salesperson to deal with so I give him a lot of credit for fortitude.

This involves their product called Stone Guard. I was told it's used by BMW and Mercedes (name dropping) but it actually does what they say it will. It's like an undercoating but it dries fairly tough. To apply it, you can use their applicator or something like a hand held sandblast gun. It's a thick liquid but will siphon spray. It's also water soluble so when it's wet, clean up is a breeze.

Here's how tough it is. I was spraying the underside of our 5500 sprayer in 1995. I got some overspray on my coffee cup. I washed the cup with comet for 2 years and it was still on there.

Preparation is important. I prefer to get the machines in before they go out on the course. Typically I get drop cloths and mask off whatever needs to be protected. On our 4500 I pay particular attention to the frame and wheel motors. I also try to get it in the seams under the hydraulic and fuel tanks.



The coating goes on Blue and turns black when it dries. If it came in Red I'd probably do more of the machine. Getting underneath without the wheels on is a challenge but worth it.

I try to zero in on the areas I know will be prone to grass buildup and poor cleaning.

I originally just did the hubs but then decided it might be a good idea to get as much of the decks as I could. The theory there was part of them will be sandblasted so that metal will usually be clean. What isn't may just last longer. Since I'm planning on having this a long time, I'll keep you posted.



This is the deck and their product. We use it on a number of things. It's easy to apply and clean up, you just rinse the gun with water and blow it out. It's a pretty good deal.

I'm also using it on our JD deck. These, as most of you who have them know, are prone to rusting out around the spindles. To try to increase their longevity, we've taken off the deck shields so they can be cleaned and dried, and coated the area with Stone Guard.

