

# Preparation and Painting Schedule

## Metal Parts

### HOW TO PREP & PAINT YOUR FINGERS

#### Preparation of Metal Parts

Remove **ALL** old paint (if not new): manually abrade, or preferably grit blast with aluminium oxide grit 30, to Swedish Standard SA 2½ or 3 to provide a roughened surface profile for a good mechanical key.



Painting the brackets and letters by spray if you have the kit but by hand can be equally good

#### Painting Schedule

1. Use acid etch primer for new, galvanised & aluminium alloys e.g available as spray can from Halfords etc.  
*or adhesion primer for imperfect/rough surfaces (e.g part painted part metal)*  
*Suitable for galvanised and aluminium substrates – e.g. Rustoleum Combiprimer 3302: Note; apply next coat shortly after (15 - 30 mins) - while still a little tacky!*
2. Primer undercoat e.g. Rustoleum Combiprimer or Seajet underwater primer 011 for coastal areas. Recoating time: 24h at 18°C.
3. Base/top coats, good quality black or white paint for metals e.g. Rustoleum Combicolor 7300. Recoating time: 24h at 18°C. Full cure 7 days

Letters and whole numbers should be finished in BLACK SATIN  
Brackets and number fraction blocks finished in WHITE GLOSS

A few arms such as on RED posts and PRIVATE LANES are finished in red or green paint respectively & letters are finished in contrasting white satin Rustoleum Combicolour

**As all paint systems - observe re-coating times and conditions, Health & Safety etc**

**TOP TIP** if hand painting characters : Brush both sides thinly and quickly in a gloved hand (marigold type): avoid 'runs'. Lay freshly painted characters face up to cure on steel/plastic wire/net stretched across a frame – this allows both sides to be covered in one application - with only trivial 'sticking' on the back face.

