

Got Fogged Headlights?

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As our coaches age, one of the most noticeable changes are to the headlights. All of the OEM headlights, including the ones on our cars, are subject to age yellowing and clouding. This is caused by the original coating on the headlights oxidizing in the sun and heat. If your coach is stored indoors the headlights may not fade in ten years. If it's outside in the sun and used a lot then it's not uncommon for them to start oxidizing in three to four years.

One of the very few "As advertised on TV" products that has actually worked as advertised is the Cerakote Ceramic Headlight Restoration kit. For under \$20, and about thirty minutes of work the headlights can be restored to look like new again. The one thing they do say that's not true is it is supposed to last a lifetime but even it will begin to fog up in three to four years.

This is the second time I have reworked mine. The first time was very bad with the original coating yellowed and fogged up. After three years, the CeraKote had begun to fog up a bit but was not yellowed like the original.

It's a simple three step process. The first step is to wipe the headlight with a supplied chemical cloth to remove any oxidation. The second step is to use the red coarser grain sandpaper to totally sand down the outside of the headlamp, keeping it wet with water. Third step is to use the extremely fine gray sandpaper to finish the sanding process. After the final sanding, the headlight will look fogged up and terrible, but the last step will clear that up. The final step is to dry the headlight really well and use the supplied ceramic coating cloth to wipe the headlight outside with just one coat.

For less than \$20 and a little elbow grease, it's a much cheaper and easier process than changing for new headlights.



Left: Right headlight before.

Above: After sanding process, before washing down.

Below: Both headlights after complete process.

