



SAVVA Technical Tip 176 – Paint Containers



How often have you opened a tin of touch up paint to find out it has hardened and is useless?

Considering the cost of a liter today it's quite depressing. Apart from the cost of the paint, one has to shlep to the paint shop to get a new lot. Modern twin pack paints take longer to dry-out than cellulous or Duco type paints but, still dry out. I was faced with this problem a few months ago and just managed to save a liter which was on the "way out".

The problem appears to be the containers the touch-up paint is supplied in, either the metal or the horrible plastic ones don't seal properly. I looked for an alternative and found what could be the answer and that was a plastic container from the Plastic Shop. I transferred the paint to it with a gollop of thinners. That was over six months ago and I'm glad to say that so-far it's working. The paint is still very usable.

The cost of the container was about R100 which wasn't bad considering the cost of the paint and the inconvenience of having to go and replace it. In most cases one has to take a piece of body work to match the colour one needs and has to go back the following day to fetch it.

