

## MGB Register Event...

### Report on visit to **Eye Candy Detailing**

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On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March we visited Eye Candy Detailing of Norwood, specialists in automotive exterior and interior protection, detailing and general conventional cosmetic repairs and renovations.

We were greeted by the Proprietor Adam who has had the business for some 8 years and runs it assisted by his cousin Russell. Upon arrival we were given a demonstration on a Tesla that had come in for a full body and interior detail plus surface protection, the wheels also having just returned from refurbishment.

The body protection product applied is called “Ceramic Pro” and is a Silicon Dioxide ceramic glass coating. The product is in a liquid form applied by hand and whose nano sized particles fill up the microscopic imperfections in the paint’s coating. It is then buffed off to a durable glossy ceramic coating.

Once cured, the final coating achieves a “covalent” bond with the paint to effectively become a new product that is impervious to UV, bird droppings and all general road grime etc., all without ever having to polish or wax the car again! The product is also unaffected by high temperatures and can be used to coat and protect painted brake calipers etc..

Removal can only be achieved via abrasion. In fact polish will tend to abrade the surface and wax will not adhere properly.

Full warranties are given when applied to new cars, but as with the Tesla, it can be applied to used vehicles although the surface preparation is much more onerous to get back to a clean and scuff free base paint finish. The cost for the external treatment of a new car would typically be around \$1000, which is not surprising given a full day’s work to prep and coat the car, plus a 50cc bottle of the Ceramic Pro, enough to treat a whole car, costs a few hundred dollars.

To demonstrate how easy a Ceramic Pro treated car can be cleaned, Adam’s Audi was given a demonstration wash. A simple low pressure foam pre-soak followed by a pressure hose wash saw the water simply bead off to leave a basically “dry” car, which after a quick buff with a micro fibre cloth was clean, dry and streak free.

Adam did mention however that such ceramic treatments are only really cost effective on newer cars that are used daily and so are subject to regular road and weather contaminants. Very good protection can be achieved if older cars are polished and waxed properly and they are only used irregularly, also some older style paints cannot always be coated anyway.

Similar products (Pro Leather and Pro Textile) are used to treat all internal surfaces and upholstery. These again provide a protective, easy clean finish whilst still retaining the original feel of the leather etc..

Between Adam and Russell they would handle an average of 7 cars per week.

So, our thanks go to Adam and Russell for taking the time to show us what they do, and whilst it was a small turn out from the Club Membership on the Thursday afternoon, we did all go away with an appreciation of what modern nano technology is doing to help preserve modern motor vehicles.

Attendees: Ken Burke MGB

John Roach	MGB GT
John Davies	Torana XU1
Carl Aitken	-
John Hore	- Guest
Chris Soutter	MX5 Guest
Steve Spong	-

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