

This guide will show you how to have better looking base plates on your bravo/a and marea.

As you can see from the first picture the base plate is showing signs of corroding it gets worse with time and looks horrible.

Thers no need to invest in new base plates, all you need is to remove your base plates from the door and from the mirror casings normally attached with screws using star screw heads.

This is only a recommendation for what I used:

Red Oxide Primer (stops rust and corrosion)

Satin Black spray (or color to match car)

Wet and Dry (I used 400 and 1000) worked well for a good finish



A garage is good if you have one, and also a halogen heater like I did comes in handy for dryin paint (not too close tho)

1. Sand down both base plates on the outer side, inside isn` t necessary usin the 400 wet and dry and level off any flaking bits of black coating.



2. Using the red oxide primer spray the outer side base plates and then when dry spray the inside, 2 to 3 coats at best will do, this is to reduce the chance of any corrsion later on in time.



3. Let both sides dry, an hour at most, but if you have a garage and halogen heater around 20-30 mins, must stress though, DON` T leave the base plates too close for drying, paint will bubble and risk of fire.



4. You will then need to sand down the outer side coating of red oxide primer very lightly with 1000 wet and dry, remove any dust with a kitchen paper towel, trust me it helps. If there is any areas of metal showing through give it a final coat with primer.



5. Now you're ready for your last spray coat, this is where you can use the same color to match your car, bear in mind that if it is metallic you will need to use lacquer, using Satin black spray paint is easy as it doesn't need back to black later when on the car as it gives a good finish when dry. I know because I've done this on my car, use a few coats on both sides of each base plate letting each coat dry thoroughly before giving them another coat.



6. Give at least a 24 hours for the paint to harden before attaching to the car as finger prints will end up on the paint, and when attaching the plates to the car don't lose the screws!

These pictures are a rough guide so I don't take any responsibility for the finish on the mirrors.

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