# Vehicle Preparation for Color Reading



#### Step 1 | Clean

• Remove dirt from 3 areas adjacent to the repair area with soap and water or equivalent material, if not completed previously

## Step 2 | Machine Compound

- Using a buffer with a wool pad and compound thoroughly
- Buff a minimum 4 x 4 inch area on each of the 3 areas
- NOTE: Do not use plastic parts or fairings to achieve color readings

#### Step 3 | Machine Polish

- Polish the same areas that were buffed using a foam pad and machine polish
- Buff and polish blend areas and adjacent panels

## Step 4 | Wipe

- Use a micro cloth to remove any remaining polish
- Remove polish residue from the polished areas on each panel using an Axalta waterborne cleaner
- Use a lint-free Sontara E-4143 cloth for cleanup

# **Step 5 | Take Reading**

- Use the spectrophotometer camera to take a reading from each of the cleaned/buffed areas
- Read a flat surface and ensure the 4 contact points are in full contact with the surface

## Step 6 | Upload

- Connect Camera to computer
- Transfer readings to ColorNet®
- See 'Choosing a Color SOP' for more details