

# **Blend Preparation Process**

#### Step 1 | Disassemble

• Disassemble any moldings, trim, lights, or anything that makes contact with the panel

#### Step 2 | Clean

- Wash with soap and water
- Clean with a compliant Axalta Silicone Remover using a 2-rag method as per the Surface Cleaning SOP

#### Step 3 | Buff

• Buff a minimum of the last 6-8 inches (15-20 cm) of the blend panel closest to the adjacent OEM panel

#### Step 4 | Clean

 Clean with a compliant Axalta Silicone Remover using a 2-rag method as per the Surface Cleaning SOP

#### Step 5 | Sand

- Scuff hard to reach areas with P1000 by hand or an ultra-fine scuff pad first
- Sand entire blend panel with P1000 sandpaper on a dual action sander with an interface pad

## Step 6 | Clean

 Clean with a compliant Axalta Silicone Remover using a 2-rag method as per the Surface Cleaning SOP

## Step 7 | Mask

Mask the vehicle as needed

### Step 8 | Blend

Follow the blend SOP for the quality of paint used