

2010 Update on Wood Finish Test



In summer 2007 we wrote the "final" test results for our second bed wood finish evaluations. At that time all the clear finishes had failed to some degree and only the painted samples had not failed. The original plan was to continue to monitor and report the results until all samples had failed. This is being written in summer 2010 and after 5 years continuous exposure to Oklahoma weather, the painted samples have dulled slightly but still have not cracked or separated from the wood.

The pictures below dramatically show the failures of the natural or clear finishes and the durability of the painted finish. All the clear finishes have completely failed, and the painted finish still is very presentable. If we had waxed it occasionally as one would take care of the rest of the truck paint and the chrome, the black painted boards probably would still be glossy. This test graphically demonstrates the durability of painted versus varnished surfaces when exposed to sun and moisture.

