



## Auto Refinishing Rule

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### Overview:

- Rule 326 IAC 8-10 requires auto refinishers to use paint with low volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and to operate according to good housekeeping procedures.
- The rule previously applied only to auto refinishers located in Lake, Porter, Clark, and Floyd Counties, but was revised in 2009 to expand its applicability to all counties statewide.
- As of June 1, 2009, 326 IAC 8-10 applies to any auto body shop in Indiana that refinishes the equivalent of more than three motor vehicles per year.
- The only activities exempt from 326 IAC 8-10 include the application of aerosol coating products, graphic design application, and touch-up coating application.

### Regulated Community Requirements:

- Auto refinishers must use low VOC coatings described in 326 IAC 8-10-4.
- Rule 326 IAC 8-10-5 requires auto refinishers to follow several work practice standards, including:
  - The use of covered spray gun cleaners.
  - The use of electrostatic equipment or high-volume low pressure (HVLV) spray equipment.
  - The implementation of good housekeeping practices.
  - The development and implementation of written and hands-on training procedures.
- Paint manufacturers and suppliers must provide coating and surface preparation product information as dictated by 326 IAC 8-10-6.
- Auto refinishers must maintain records of jobs completed, information regarding coating products used, and training records for 326 IAC 8-10-9.

### IDEM's Role:

- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is responsible for protecting human health and the environment while providing for safe industrial, agricultural, commercial, and governmental activities vital to a prosperous economy.
- IDEM's Office of Air Quality is responsible for protecting air quality in Indiana through the implementation of federal, regional, and state control measures, regulations, and ambient monitoring.
- IDEM's Compliance and Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) offers confidential compliance assistance to any auto refinishing shop owner/operator requiring help in understanding 326 IAC 8-10. Please see below for contact information.
- Inspectors from IDEM's Office of Air Quality conduct unannounced inspections at random facilities throughout the state to verify compliance with 326 IAC 8-10.

### More Information:

- To find information and guidance online, visit [www.idem.IN.gov/aircompliance/automobile-refinishing/](http://www.idem.IN.gov/aircompliance/automobile-refinishing/).
- For Collision Repair/Auto Refinishing shops, visit [www.idem.IN.gov/ctap/guidance-for-industry-sectors/collision-repairauto-refinishing-shops/](http://www.idem.IN.gov/ctap/guidance-for-industry-sectors/collision-repairauto-refinishing-shops/)
- For questions and concerns regarding compliance inspections, please contact IDEM's Office of Air Quality at 317-233-0432 or 800-451-6027 ext. 3-0432, or by email at [vison@idem.IN.gov](mailto:vison@idem.IN.gov).
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