

# How to Repaint a Tejas Smoker Pit or BBQ Grill

Take some sand paper and sand down the rust to smooth bare metal. Take care to do it in a manner that when you run your fingers across the area you can't tell where the bare metal ends and the old paint begins. Use finer grit sand paper to complete the job. Wipe the entire area with some lacquer thinner and let it dry. This not only cleans the area but removes any residual grease. Tape off around the area to be painted with newspaper so that no over sprayed paint can get inside the pit. Then shake up the can of HOT SPOT touch up spray paint and after a minute or so of shaking well, spray it out in the air to check for a good, even flow. Then give the area to be painted a light coat. Miss 50% of the area to be painted the first time. Wait a minute to let this dry a bit. Move your position 90 degrees to hold the can from a different direction. Repeat and miss only 25% of the area on the second time. Wait a minute to let it dry a bit. At this point you will have a good "tack" coat established. You can finish painting the entire area evenly and completely. Take care not to give the area too much paint. We don't want paint runs. Do this in a shaded area with no wind. The temperatures cannot be below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Let the pit sit at least four hours before you move it. The paint will seem dry but it is not. Go easy on touching the painted areas until AFTER you heat the pit up the next time. This is a high heat, silicone based paint. The fresh paint needs to see high heat to fully cure. The painted surface will appear a bit glossy until the paint is cured by the heat when the pit is being used. Then the painted areas will blend into the old paint color pretty well. All this sounds like a lot of work but in reality it is not. You want to keep that pit in great shape because there is no reason that it should not last to pass down to your children. Specify in your Will who gets the pit or there will be a big fight about this after you are gone. - Jim

P.S. We recommend the "Hot Spot" brand after we tried about twenty different high temperature BBQ Flat Black spray paints. We found that "Hot Spot" blended into the original painted areas better than even using cans of the Rustoleum BBQ Flat Black High Temperature Spray Paint. We originally painted the pits with Rustoleum BBQ Flat Black High Temperature Paint from one and five gallon cans. Go figure.