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HMM PRODUCT TEST: Metal Polish

Most brand-name commercial car-care products perform fairly well, so it can be challenging to write a review that doesn't sound like a sales piece. But every so often we find something that actually exceeds expectations.

This time, it was a metal polish that we hadn't heard of previously. Chrome-It Super Polish seemed like it could easily be another snake-oil item from the discount rack...but then we used it. We have an aluminum wheel with a dulled polished rim that we've used to try other polishes, which have all been of the creamy variety that comes in a small tub. Those polishes did a very nice job, but the Chrome-It Super Polish, which is more of a liquid, was a real surprise. With just a little effort, the product began to turn black, and when we hand-buffed it off, the aluminum was brilliant, with no trace of haze.

Chrome-It front-man Mike Vernon later explained that the product was actually developed by enthusiasts (including himself) here in the U.S., ultimately using a blend of jeweler's rouges that provides just enough abrasive to shine without scratching; it also contains no ammonia or acid, so the shine should last longer. Vernon also told us they'd even used the product on silver jewelry with no scratching, and some customers are now using it to restore plastic headlamp lenses. We saw pictures from a customer posted on the company website; he used the polish to restore the outside of a 50-year-old Airstream trailer—by hand—with dramatic results.

Our results were impressive, so we'll be trying other applications (Vernon recommends stainless trim and aging chrome) to see what else it can bring back.

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