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Time to step it up



OKAY, YOU'VE GOT A STEADY HAND AND SOME airbrushing experience on your résumé. Might even have a fancy workshop in the garage where you decorate your buddy's sheet metal. That's fine, but what you need to take your painting prowess to the next level is some focused instruction courtesy of a talented artist. And a good place to start is Vince Goodeve's *Professional Airbrush Techniques* (\$24.95). Another addition to Wolfgang Publications' series of instructional tomes, Goodeve's book offers a wealth of pointers within its 144 pages, as well as over 500 color images to guide the reader through various stages of preparation and actual paintwork.



Beyond the obligatory chapters on setting up a comfortable area to hone one's skills and getting assorted parts into paint-ready condition, there are a dozen custom projects highlighted in varying stages of progress. For aspiring airbrush masters, Goodeve's step-by-step painting sequences are invaluable in terms of visualizing a project from start to finish. There's a variety of work to admire: from full-blown custom bikes to a mural on an extended cab 4x4. There's even a section showcasing a customized

NASCAR helmet. The variation in featured paintwork is particularly beneficial, so readers are not merely relegated to flames 'n' skulls (though there's nothing wrong with some expertly airbrushed flame 'n' skull designs).

Goodeve's book is clearly written and illustrated, and offers some valuable tips on an array of painting strategies, including templates and masking, color choice, and fine detailing. But make no mistake, this guide isn't for amateurs or minimally skilled wannabes. To get the most out of *Professional Airbrush Techniques*, one needs the requisite mechanical skills to competently wield an airbrush. Thus, if you've got some decent experience behind the trigger, and are looking to improve your skills, Vince Goodeve is a pretty sound instructor to learn from. AIM

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