

Clawfoot Tub Repair Guide

REPAIRING MINOR TUB BLEMISHES THAT MAY OCCUR IN SHIPPING.

Despite of our best efforts to make certain your clawfoot tub arrives in perfect condition; you may get a tub with a blemish or minor damage. Don't worry. These issues are easy to repair if you have the right tools and know what to do.

Here are the tools we recommend. This is not your usual Yadda-Yadda – take the couple of minutes to read about these products and how to use them. It could save you a lot of headache later.

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Tools You Will Need

- **Bon Ami** non-abrasive cleaner. We like Bon Ami. It cleans well, is commonly available, inexpensive, and "hasn't scratched yet". We suggest you use a damp rag to apply a small amount to the scuff or stain you are trying to remove. Remember – use a feather touch at first and apply more pressure as you go. Only use the force necessary to remove a stain – excess pressure with any cleaner, sandpaper or rubbing compound can dull the tub finish.
- **Sandpaper:** Use only Ultra Fine 1500 to 2000 grade sandpaper when attempting any repair on a tub. Always use small, circular strokes and a light touch when using sandpaper on a porcelain or paint finish. Remember - you will get better results if your sandpaper is wet when you are using it.
- **Rubbing compound** is commonly available from most auto parts stores. Use only a mild to light compound. Always use small, circular strokes and a light touch when using rubbing compound on porcelain or a paint finish. This is important because rubbing compound, like sandpaper, can dull or remove the finish from porcelain and paint. Also, it is important that the rag you use to apply the compound is wet. We use 3M Perfect-it III Rubbing Compound at our warehouse and have had great results.
- **Razor Blade:** A razor knife with a fresh, clean single edge blade works best. Place the blade as close to parallel to the tub as you can. Use light, short strokes to remove the excess paint from the tub.

Metal Scuffs on the Porcelain

These are surface marks caused by soft metal rubbing against the porcelain.

To remove surface marks:

- First try removing the scuff mark by using a rag with warm soapy water.



- If that fails, use Bon Ami (or other non abrasive cleanser) on a wet rag. Remember - use a feather touch at first and apply more pressure as you go. Only use the force necessary to remove a stain - excess pressure with any cleaner, sandpaper or rubbing compound can dull the tub finish.



- If the mark remains, use a light rubbing compound according to the instructions above.



- If you still have a scuff mark, gently use very fine (1500 or higher) grit sandpaper to remove the mark. Wet the sandpaper and use small, circular motions on the affected area.

Paint Chip on the Rim of the Tub

This occurs when the paint covering the cast iron is chipped away and exposes the cast iron hull.

To repair a paint chip on the rim of a tub:

- Clean the affected area with a rag to remove any dust or loose paint fragments.



- Next, carefully apply the touch-up paint. For best results, apply the paint in multiple, thin layers and avoid getting the paint outside of the damaged area. Taking your time here will reduce or eliminate the need to remove excess paint later.



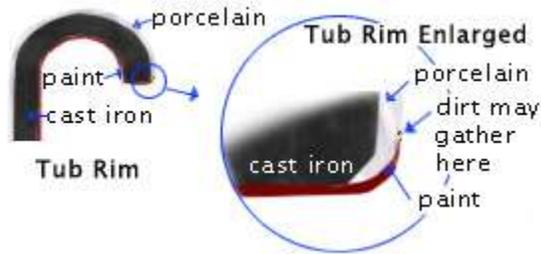
- After the paint has had enough time to dry (usually 24-48 hours), check to see if you need to remove any excess paint. If the paint repair is too far above the rest of the paint along the rim of the clawfoot tub, you can use a razor or very fine (1500 to 2000 grit) sandpaper to shave off the excess paint.



Paint Looks Dirty at the Rim Edge

Sometimes dust and dirt build up on the rim of the tub where the exterior paint meets the porcelain.

To clean this dirt:



- Use a rag to wipe the dirt off with warm soapy water.



- If that does not solve the problem, use rubbing compound on a wet rag. Use small circular motions and only apply enough force to remove the dirt.



- If the dirt still remains, use very fine (1500 or more) grit sandpaper, soaked in water. Using the smallest strokes possible, rub **LIGHTLY** and **ONLY** on the scuffed area. This will smooth the surface between the paint and the porcelain where the dirt was getting trapped.

Scuffs on the Exterior of the Tub

These marks can occur in a variety of ways including bumping the tub against something while moving it (like the sole of a shoe when moving the tub up a flight of steps).

To clean these scuffs:



- Use a rag to wipe down the scuff with warm soapy water.



- If that does not solve the problem, use rubbing compound on a wet rag. Remember to use only a small amount of compound and apply with a light, circular motion.



- Use a rag to wipe down the scuff with warm soapy water.

Paint Chips in the Exterior Paint

Here is how you can easily repair minor paint scratches and chips in your clawfoot tub paint.

To repair paint chips:

- Clean the affected area with a rag to remove any dust or paint fragments.



- Next, carefully apply the touch-up paint. For best results, apply the paint in multiple, thin layers and avoid getting the paint outside of the damaged area. Taking your time here will reduce or eliminate the need to remove excess paint later.



- After the paint has had enough time to dry (usually 24-48 hours), check to see if you need to remove any excess paint. If this is the case, you can either carefully sand the excess paint off with 1500 grit sandpaper or VERY CAREFULLY use a single blade razor to scrape off the excess paint. When using a razor, try to get it parallel to the tub and use a gentle touch.

