

From Malcolm Norman :

Alloy 'Engine Turned' Dashboards

Last weekend at Stoneleigh, a lot of people commented on the 'engine turned' dashboard on my JZR. Having built a Lomax, and engine turned the dash the 'hard' way, I was disappointed that over a period of four to five years the alloy gradually oxidized leaving the engine turning less and less effective. Polishing only made matters worse.

The solution, as per my JZR, is to polish the alloy and then clean any grease or polish off with methylated spirits. You then go to your local hardware shop and buy the Fablon material that they use to turn clear glass into opaque glass, such as is used in bathroom windows (i.e. small spiral pattern). It's inexpensive and self-adhesive. Simply stick it straight on to your clean alloy and Hey Presto !

Hopefully, as the surface is now sealed, oxidation won't be a problem either. The 'engine turned' effect is superb, and it is less likely to 'glare' the driver in strong sunlight. Finally, this was not my idea, but that of Peter Warner of CSC South Area. I'm just the one who tried the idea out !