



Prolan rust maintenance and protection

We then looked at a common creeping problem in any vehicle – rust. We don't have a rust problem thus far, but RnR is a 2005 model so at 15 years of age a bit of under-carriage work at this point could save us a lot of money in the future – prevention is cheaper than trying to fix it later. For this the Rock contacted long-time advertiser Prolan in Tauranga. We are all about sustainability and natural products, and the Prolan lanolin-based industrial lubricant and corrosion inhibitor made here in NZ has always intrigued Bruce, so

down to Tauranga we went.

The product is safe to use, environmentally friendly and biodegradable. We could have done it ourselves by buying the product from them, and applying it using a trigger sprayer, garden sprayer or airless spray gun. A pretty interesting product derived from sheep wool, Prolan can be directly sprayed over existing rust and will stop it in its track. But of course it's better to do a bit of work first, checking the chassis to remove any flaky rust with a wire brush prior to an application of Prolan. Once coated, if the Prolan is left to

dry as long as possible before returning the vehicle to the road it will attract less dirt and leave a cleaner finish. The coating will last anywhere from one to five years longer depending on the situation, and blasting does not strip it off. The beauty of the Prolan lanolin coating is that it sticks to chassis long-term, stopping corrosion by preventing air and moisture attack. For fleet owners, fertiliser and truck companies as well as marine industry people are using the product in some pretty harsh industrial environments, so using it on the motorhome seemed quite tame in comparison, but if it works for them we reckoned it would be brilliant for our motorhome.

We decided to try the Prolan system to protect our asset and increase its value long-term, and help save time on maintenance. It ticks all the boxes for being environmentally friendly, with multiple uses for motorhomes and caravans as well as industry. They export Prolan to Scandinavia and the



3. Before Prolan lanolin rust treatment
4. After the Prolan treatment underneath
5. Once the underneath is ready, applying the Prolan is quite easy really
6. Dropped off at Rhino Coatings in Hamilton