

SECTION VIII: HOW TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN RIM/WHEEL COMPONENTS



Thoroughly remove rust, dirt, and other foreign materials from all surfaces. Hand or electric wire brushes or sand blasting may be used.

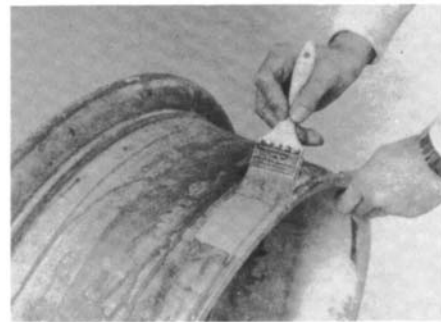
Gutter of rim base should be cleared of rust and other materials that could obstruct seating of rings.



Bead seat areas of rim should be free of rust and rubber deposits. This is especially important for drop-center tubeless rims, because the bead seat is the air-sealing element.



Rings should be cleaned with wire brushes. Pay particular attention to seating surfaces and bead seat areas.



Paint rim by brush or spray with a fast-drying metal primer. Surfaces should be clean and dry prior to painting. Ensure that bare metal areas on outside or tire side of rim are covered. This is especially important on drop-center tubeless rims, because warm and sometimes moist air is in constant contact with the metal surface on the tire side of the rim.



Wheel disc mating surfaces must be kept flat. Remove any metal projections, burrs at the stud hole chamfers and paint buildup.

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