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08-05-2006, 07:41 PM #1

The Blood of Anglo-Saxons  
Flows through my veins.

 **TinderBox (UK)**   
 Flashaholic\*

And sometimes...  
their beer.

Join Date: Jan 2006  
 Location: south shields, england, united kingdom  
 Posts: 1,060

 **REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

I am trying to remove scratches from an LEXAN lens.

I have been told to use toothpaste, but it is taking forever by hand with an cotton bud on a stick.

their must be an easier way.

regards.

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08-05-2006, 07:52 PM

#2



**Long John**  
Flashaholic

Join Date: Mar 2006  
Location: Spain, near Cadiz  
Posts: 485

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

Hello TinderBox 😊

Try to get a polish for the visier? of helmets in a bike store.  
At thin scratches it works very well, but not at deep ones.

Best regards

Tom



08-05-2006, 08:13 PM

#3



**Planterz**  
Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Dec 2005  
Location: Tucson, AZ  
Posts: 1,130

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

Maybe try whatever is used in those CD/DVD repair kits.



08-05-2006, 08:14 PM

#4

dizzy   
Flashaholic

Join Date: Dec 2004  
Location: pennsylvania  
Posts: 390

 **Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

You could try this <http://www.meguiars.com/?clear-plas...-Cleaner-Polish> It works great for polishing headlight and tail light lens' on cars.

The beatings will continue until morale improves!!!!



 08-05-2006, 10:13 PM

#5 

quokked   
Flashaholic

Join Date: Sep 2005  
Posts: 102

 **Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

Quote:

Originally Posted by **TinderBox (UK)**  
*I am trying to remove scratches from an LEXAN lens.*  
  
*I have been told to use toothpaste, but it is taking forever by hand with an cotton bud on a stick.*  
  
*their must be an easier way.*  
  
*regards.*

Tried using a Toothbrush with toothpaste? 😊 If you have a one of those electric one's even better. 😊  
Or get one of those CD/DVD repair kits like mentioned above, they're basically very high grit sanding fluid.

Semper Paratus



 08-05-2006, 10:17 PM

#6 



**carrot**  
Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Dec 2005  
Location: New York City  
Posts: 2,623



**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Planterz**  
*Maybe try whatever is used in those CD/DVD repair kits.*

Those Disc-Doctor repair things use an abrasive spinning disc and an alcohol-water cleaning solution. I don't know of any others.

Collector and distributor of (mis)information.  
The Surefire A2 Aviator. You know you want one.

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08-06-2006, 01:15 AM

#7



**greenLED**  
\*Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Mar 2004  
Location: getting there  
Posts: 9,584

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

Quote:

Originally Posted by **quokked**  
*Tried using a Toothbrush with toothpaste? 😊*

No! Don't use a toothbrush, you'll scratch the window even more. Lightly rub toothpaste in circular motions with your finger - keep going until you get bored, then rub some more, and then some more. I've polished optics that way.

I recently discovered Flitz works just as well with optics and LED acrylic domes. My hunch is it'd work with the Lexan as well, but I haven't tried it myself.

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#8

**nzgunnie**

Flashaholic

Join Date: Nov 2005  
Location: New Zealand  
Posts: 223

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

You need a set of Micromesh polishing cloths or pads and liquid polish.

[http://www.sisweb.com/micromesh/acr...c\\_hand\\_kits.htm](http://www.sisweb.com/micromesh/acr...c_hand_kits.htm)

I have a couple fo these sets, they are designed for polishing scratches out of plastic.

I'd suggest for what you need, get 4000 to 12000 grit pads and the liquid polish to finish.

SF 9P, SF A2-BK, SF 6P, SF KT Turbo head, KL-3, L1P, Minimag+TLE5, 4D Mag, Arc AAA-P



08-06-2006, 04:51 AM

#9



**Trashman**

Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Mar 2005  
Location: Covina, California  
Posts: 2,644

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

Bart once linked Displex. I tried it. It worked. Now I recommend it!

<http://cgi.ebay.com/DISPLEX-Screen-...1QQcmdZViewItem>



08-06-2006, 05:31 AM

#10



**TinderBox (UK)**  
Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Jan 2006  
Location: south shields, england, united kingdom  
Posts: 1,060

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

round and round and round and round.

god i`m bored.

their must be a easier way.

regards.

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08-06-2006, 06:08 AM

#11

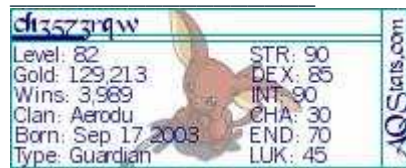


**chesterqw**  
Flashaholic\*

Join Date: May 2005  
Location: singapore,jurong  
Posts: 954

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

how about buying a buffing machine 😊



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08-06-2006, 06:59 AM

#12



**TinderBox (UK)**  
Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Jan 2006  
Location: south shields, england, united kingdom  
Posts: 1,060

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

I wonder if a small battery shoe polisher would work.

theirs lots on ebay.

example.

<http://cgi.ebay.co.uk/Powered-Shoe-...1QQcmdZViewItem>

regards.

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*Last edited by TinderBox (UK) : 08-06-2006 at 07:02 AM.*



08-06-2006, 07:16 AM

#13



**abvidledUK**  
Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Aug 2005  
Location: UK  
Posts: 832

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

Duraglit ?

Jewellers rouge ?

Car scratch remover ?

T-cut ?

**A torch without a battery is like .....**



08-06-2006, 07:27 AM

#14



**TinderBox (UK)**  
Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Jan 2006  
Location: south shields, england, united kingdom  
Posts: 1,060

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

I have tried t-cut, to rough

I have tried CD-scratch remover, to fine.

I have tried gel toothpaste, about right but it`s going to take ages.

regards.

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08-06-2006, 09:51 AM

#15

**dizzy**  
Flashaholic

Join Date: Dec 2004  
Location: pennsylvania  
Posts: 390

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

Just buy a new LEXAN lens. It is probably cheaper than all these chemicals and toothbrushes. Or get a UCL lens,they are much more resistant to scratching.



What light is it for? 😊

The beatings will continue until morale improves!!!!



08-06-2006, 10:11 AM

#16



**TinderBox (UK)**  
Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Jan 2006  
Location: south shields, england, united kingdom  
Posts: 1,060

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

I bought an UCL lens.

It`s got a scratch on it, and I had only had it about two days,

flashlightlens.com is going to send me a replacement.

but I don't know how the scratch got on the lens.



regards.

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08-06-2006, 12:57 PM

#17 

## Ray of Light

Flashaholic\*

Join Date: May 2003  
Location: Rome, Italy  
Posts: 866

### Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.

Tinderbox,

I use the paste that is sold to remove scratches from cell phone displays, and a soft rotating brush for the Dremel. It is much faster than toothpaste and cotton bud. If the scratch is very severe, you can use sodium bicarbonate powder -instead of the phone display cleaner.

Anthony

VENI, COLLUXI, VICI.



08-06-2006, 01:37 PM

#18 

## robk

Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Mar 2003  
Location: Near Daytona Beach, FL  
Posts: 738

### Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.

Tinderbox,

Be aware that polishing the surface of a polycarbonate (Lexan) lens will remove the scratch resistant coating. As an ex-owner of an optical lab, when we ground polycarbonate blanks, right after polishing, the lenses would go to the coating room where a spin-coater would apply a hard anti-scratch coating on the new surface (the fronts come coated from the factory). In the un-coated state, if you even touch the polycarb, you will leave scratches. We would only rinse and blow dry with clean compressed air until they were coated. You're better off replacing the lens! I seem to remember flashlightlens(dot)com got some single side coated poly lenses by accident - and he recommended installing uncoated side towards the reflector, as it wouldn't hold up to normal wear if it faced out.

Rob

Edit: How about polishing it, then flip it around so the coated side faces out?



08-06-2006, 02:04 PM

#19 



**TinderBox (UK)**  
Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Jan 2006

Location: south shields, england, united kingdom

Posts: 1,060

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

hello robk.

I believe the LEXAN lens from my ARC4+ is not coated on either side.

It`s just going to take a while to polish it, with toothpaste.

As I only have one lens to polish, it looks like I am going to have to use some good old fashioned elbow grease.

thanks.

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08-06-2006, 02:24 PM

#20

**robk**  
Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Mar 2003

Location: Near Daytona Beach, FL

Posts: 738

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

Well, the lens should have been coated (hard-coat or scratch-resistant - not anti-reflection), as polycarb may be very impact resistant, but has a terribly soft surface. I'm surprised the ARC lens wasn't coated. You may be able to see slight "pooling" of the coating on the edges under magnification, and generally if they are molded then coated, the edges are shiny, not hazy.

Rob



08-06-2006, 03:10 PM

#21



**TinderBox (UK)**

Flashaholic\*

Join Date: Jan 2006

Location: south shields, england, united kingdom

Posts: 1,060

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

rub,rub,rub.

I am sick.

were can I buy an LEXAN lens from, 22.8mm x 2.0-2.4mm thick.

I sent an email to arcflashlight.com to see if they know where I can buy one from.

I dont think arcflashlight.com sell them.

are their any other places to try.?

thankyou.

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#22

**photonhoer**

Enlightened

Join Date: Jan 2006

Posts: 43

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

There is a three step product made expressly for this kind of polishing scratches out: Made by Novus, Minneapolis, MN USA.

Google "NOVUS" and you may find a supplier in the UK.

Used on aircraft windshields, plexiglass, and RV windows among other places. I ahve used it for more than 20 years with GREAT success.

John



08-07-2006, 06:15 AM

#23 



**chesterqw**  
Flashaholic\*


Join Date: May 2005  
Location: singapore,jurong  
Posts: 954

**Re: REMOVING SCRACHES FROM PLASTIC LENS.**

get a UCL from [www.flashlightlens.com](http://www.flashlightlens.com).

the one for the longbow will fit the arc 😊

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