



# BODY Work

*Damaged fiberglass can be refinished  
by most do-it-yourselfers.*

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**F**iberglass used in the construction of RV exterior side-walls comes in two varieties: painted and gel coat. Painted fiberglass is self-explanatory, but gel-coat fiberglass is special in that it has a pigmented layer applied as the fiberglass panels are manufactured. The gel coat is available in a multitude of colors and, when applied properly, it creates a glossy surface over the fiberglass. Even though a fiberglass surface may be manufactured with a gel-coat layer, it can still be painted if a color change is desired or if damage necessitates repainting.