

So —You Don't Have a Paint Gun!

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This article is for those folks who either don't have the space, or don't want to spend the money on an air compressor to use to put a nice finish on that model. There is a product on the market which will allow you to spray finish a model (this isn't a substitute for an airbrush) using just about any kind of dope or paint you may wish. Professional auto body shops use it for quick touch-ups. The thing is called a Preval Sprayer. It works just like a spray can. You can find them at just about any auto parts or paint store for less than \$5. Replacements for the aerosol section are about \$3. I keep mine filled with 50-50 clear nitrate, but if you use color dope on your models, the sprayer will do a much nicer job than a brush — scouts honor!! You'll use a lot less dope spraying than you will with a brush, which translates in to weight saved.

I've found the aerosol seems to last a long time. After each use, I unscrew the aerosol part, stick the pick-up tube into some cheap lacquer thinner and give it a couple of second blast to clean out the nozzle and then stick the tube back into the bottle which comes with the sprayer.

