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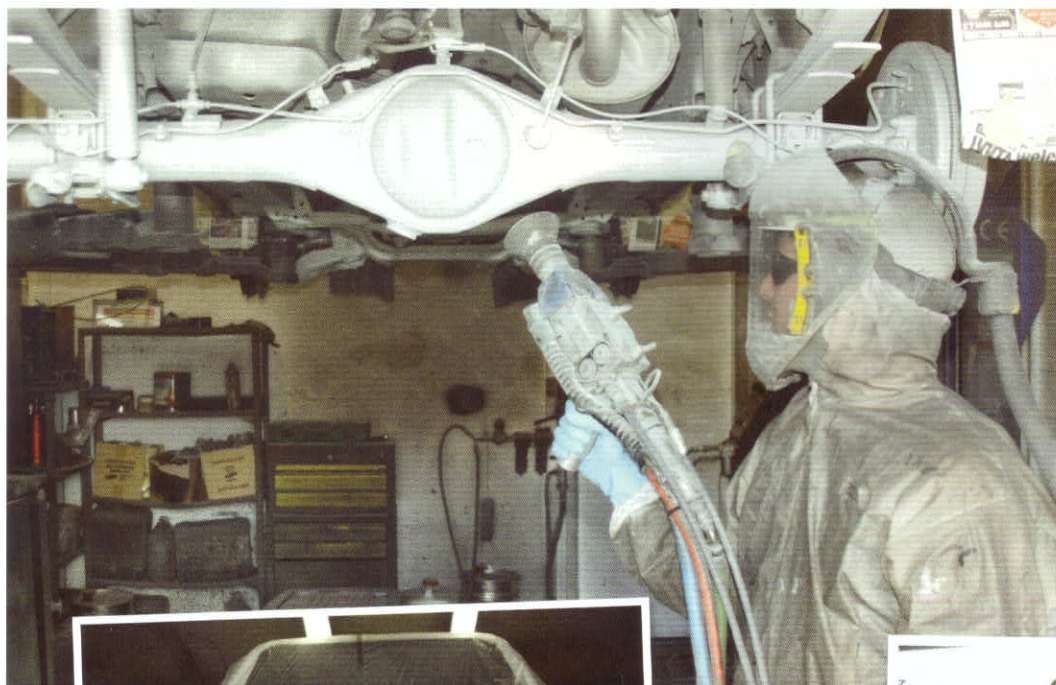
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◀ Travis Logue using the arc-spray galvanising gun.



◀ A Toyota Hilux ute wrapped in protective plastic while the underside is being media-blasted.

▶ Autoblast owner David Kirkham with staff members Brendon Pierce and Travis Logue.



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With no point in New Zealand being further than 119 km from the sea (a spot just north of Cromwell in Central Otago, according to Google) the corrosive effects of salt water on your 4x4 cannot be overestimated.

Even if we never back a boat down a ramp, or go for a fossick along a beach, the effects of windborne salt water can cut years off the life of your truck.

You only have to check the undersides of vehicles on Great Barrier or Stewart Island to see the damage it can do.

Some new cars have galvanised panels to reduce the damage. Most, however, don't. Which is where North Shore, Auckland, company Autoblast comes in.

As well as media-blasting and protecting whole (stripped) car bodies for enthusiasts Autoblast offers a drive-in/drive-out process which strips a vehicle's underbody of surface rust, cleans it then sprays on a pure zinc/aluminium

metal layer for future protection.

It's a ground-breaking process which provides outstanding sacrificial corrosion protection in the same way a hot dip galvanising process protects a boat trailer and dramatically extends the life of a treated vehicle.

The process involves stripping the area to be galvanised back to fresh white metal using media blasting, then spraying the molten zinc/aluminium coating onto the bare steel and sealing with a high quality marine grade 2K epoxy urethane.

This process typically costs around \$2,000 including GST for an average sized 4x4 vehicle and requires minimal stripping and reassemble.

Autoblast Ltd for the last 12 years has specialised in rust prevention coatings for new and used vehicle chassis. For more information contact owner David Kirkham on 0-9-443 6574 or check out the company website www.autoblast.co.nz