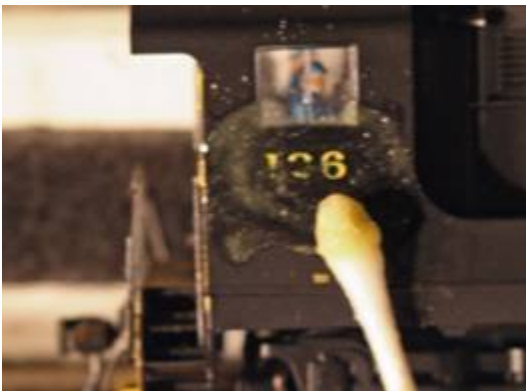


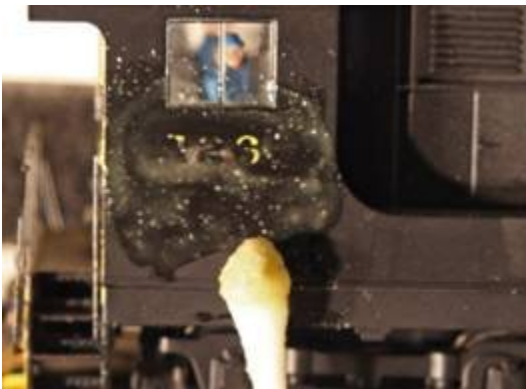
Using GoJo Pumice Hand Cleaner to Remove Lettering By Mat Thompson



This engine was lettered and numbered for Nickel Plate. I wanted to save the paint job but remove the road name and engine number so I could re-letter and renumber the engine for my own Oregon Coast Railroad.



I used GoJo Natural Orange Pumice Hand Cleaner. Put a dab of soap on the engine. Then use a wetted Q-tip to gently – repeat – gently scrub the old lettering. Here you can see the number is starting to dissolve but the underlying paint is untouched.



Continuing to use a gentle scrubbing motion, the old number is almost gone. Dip the Q-tip in water from time to time so avoid scratching the plastic engine shell. The key is keeping the work area wet and patience, gentle, rubbing. If you press too hard or the work area dries out, the paint under the lettering will be scratched or removed.



Here the number is gone and the engine is ready for a new decal.

GoJo is a mechanic's hand soap available in Auto Parts Store and places like Lowe's. Be sure and get GoJo Natural Pumice Hand Cleaner. Pumice is the grit in the soap that removes the lettering. I have tried other GoJo soaps with no success.