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EZ Clear

EZ Clear is distributed by Plastek LLC and is primarily a polymer-based cleaner (no alcohol) for aircraft windows, instruments, and LCD screens. Although the large manufacturers of glass-cockpit technology have not yet endorsed the cleaner, the ingredient that can damage glass-cockpit screens is alcohol. Plastek officials continue to talk with the manufacturers.

We tried it on the windows of a Piper Archer, both on the front and the side. After cleaning a small spot, the supplied microfiber cloth from Plastek slipped easily over the clean portion as though it had been waxed, while encountering stiff resistance outside the spot used for the test. The entire side window was cleaned, first spraying Detailer's All-Spray from an eight-ounce EZ Clear bottle, then using the EZ Clear microfiber cloth (actually a paper-fiber towel with small holes). Before using EZ Clear the window appeared clean, yet it was impossible to see into the cockpit from the outside in the bright sun. After cleaning, there were no micro particles of dirt and dust to reflect the light, and it was easy to see into the aircraft interior as though looking through a polarized window.



A Plastek official said the cleaner can fill scratches of one to two microns, and one of our observers said it appeared some of the scratches had been reduced.

Price: \$28.44 for the kit pictured, or \$2.95 for individual packs (shown as part of the kit)

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