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expert on hand to share tips. Rick and Jim, who is Southeast Regional Technical Manager for Spies Hecker, explained and demonstrated proper refinish prep and paint techniques. Then each student had an opportunity to do each step: taping and masking a car body, then donning a paint suit and mask, and actually spraying paint and clear coat in the Tech Center's ULTRA spray booth.

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For further information about the Team Blowtherm Technical Training Center, or about bringing your group for a tour, please call Rick Farnan at 1-800-300-1546.





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