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Rudy Schmid Body and Frame makes "green" moves

SYRACUSE — Rudy Schmid Body and Frame Shop announced that it has recently completed or started a number of "green" initiatives.

According to Diane Schmid-McCall, vice president, Rudy Schmid switched to waterborne basecoat paints in August 2009, reducing its volatile emissions by up to 80 percent, as well as cutting hazardous waste and improving air quality for workers.

"Waterborne paints align with newer technologies used by auto manufacturers ... We are ahead of the EPA green-conversion mandates which take effect in 2011," PJ Schmid, company president, said in a news release.

In addition to waterborne paints, Rudy Schmid Body and Frame Shop continues to follow EPA guidelines for proper waste management and uses a computerized paint mixing system to reduce paint waste. The company says it has also begun the process to become an OCRRA-certified "Blue Ribbon Recycler."

Rudy Schmid Body and Frame Shop, located on E. Hiawatha Blvd. in Syracuse, is an 80-year-old, family-owned business.