



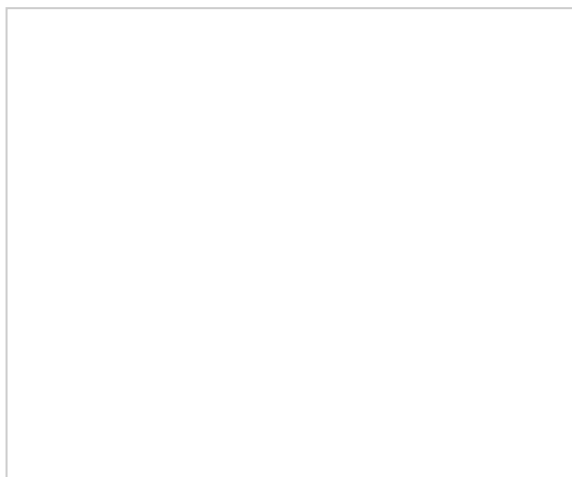
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 > by [August-Wilhelm Jaga](#) » Wed, 08 Apr 1998 04:00:00


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 > by [Robin Baldwin Futrel](#) » Wed, 08 Apr 1998 04:00:00

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» by Jan Flodi » Wed, 08 Apr 1998 04:00:00

Ok, it is my risk: what wax brand did you use? I am willing to try anything now.
Jan F

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Jan Flodin
WWW: <http://mail.tel.fmv.se/~den/home.html>

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» by Robin Baldwin Futrel » Wed, 08 Apr 1998 04:00:00

I used raindance, because that's what was in the closet. I "inherited" it from somewhere, so I obviously didn't choose it for any particular qualities. One note: it's a liquid wax, which *may* (note that I haven't tried anything else, and am making this up as I go) be easier to work with than the solid ones.

I just put a dab on a soft cloth and polished it with that. Think of it as a very small car, sans engine, wheels, etc.

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» by **Claire Pieter** » Wed, 08 Apr 1998 04:00:00

>1) Has anyone, who uses Graffiti extensively, made similar observations?

Yes, on my original 5000, when I didn't know about screen protectors.

Quote:

>2) Do the screen protectors really protect the glass surface?

Yes, but there is no perfect product. Some are good but expensive (WriteRights), some are good and cheap but just cover the Graffiti area (Scotch #811 removable tape), some are cheap and not good (overhead transparencies--they scratch too easily)... You just have to choose what works best for you.

Quote:

>3) Will the precision with which Graffiti recognizes written input
> remain unchanged?

Nope--I noticed that my Graffiti recognition decreased as the Graffiti area got scratched. Pressing harder helped recognition, but scratched the screen further.

Quote:

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The best solution I've found yet is almost like wearing a belt and suspenders--use WriteRights and put a strip of Scotch #811 removable tape on top of the WriteRight over the Graffiti area. I've been using the same WriteRight for over 4 months now... Also, get a different stylus--the 3rd party (PDA Panache, E&B, Cross) styli are much kinder on the screen/screen protector than the stylus that Palm supplies with the Pilot.

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To reply, change the 7th letter to "i"

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> by **j mastr** » Wed, 08 Apr 1998 04:00:00

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> sense, as I write letters much more often than numbers.
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on my
> sleeve every now and again. Good luck!

All i did, was take a piece of the original plastic screen cover (you know, the clear thing that was on the screen when you just got and opened your palm pilot) and cut a piece of it to cover the graffiti area.. Works great.. and it was free... :)

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> by **Jonathan Ez** » Thu, 09 Apr 1998 04:00:00

On Tue, 07 Apr 1998 20:29:31 +0200, August-Wilhelm Jagau

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Augie,

I had this problem about 14 months ago (soon after getting my Pilot 1000), and bought WriteRights. They immediately solved the problem

for me, and I haven't had any more scratching (either on the original glass or the replacement which 3Com put on when they fixed the case crack), no matter the stylus (or finger) I was using. By the way, to extend the life of the WriteRights, which can develop cloudy areas from repeated use, I clean my screen regularly with eyeglass cleaner which I got free from LensCrafters (standard non-scratch cloth included), which takes off the accumulated oils and gunk. {Jonathan}
Jonathan Ezor

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» by **Stan Pete** » Thu, 09 Apr 1998 04:00:00

I just trimmed a Post-It note to fit the graffiti area. They come in several colors. Some people really like the extra "drag" on the stylus.

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» by **A.H. van Ha** » Thu, 09 Apr 1998 04:00:00

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Robin Baldwin Futrell heeft geschreven in bericht

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➤ by Robin Baldwin Futrel » Fri, 10 Apr 1998 04:00:00

Quote:

> Come on, those are great tips!

Aw, shucks...well, flattery will get you everywhere!

Quote:

> Tell us more about it. Did you wax it after the screen became scratched?

Yes. When I first got my pilot, I was obsessed with screen protectors. Being a college student, I can't *afford* screen protectors, so I went the "make your own from transparencies" route. Hated them. The commercial ones may be better, but my homemade ones scratched *very*

easily. I tried a few other things, got sick of it, and figured I'd deal with it when and if the time came.

Time passes and I noticed my graffiti area was getting little fine scratches in it. Along with a section of the screen that I use in solitaire. Oops!

I read the newsgroup, got a couple of ideas (jeweler's cloths, gun cleaning stuff) but never got around to trying any of it.

I bought some CD cleaner/scratch remover, which didn't do jack. The cleaner was rubbing *, and the scratch remover did about as much as water. I know, I know, I was using it on a different surface than it was intended for, it's my own fault. The cloths came in pretty useful, I use them now for waxing =)

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» by [Craig Patchet](#) » Sat, 11 Apr 1998 04:00:00

Quote:

>>2) Do the screen protectors really protect the glass surface?

The surface is not glass...glass does not get scratched by a plastic stylus.
Craig

1. [Scratched Palm Vx Graffiti Area \(UK\)](#)

The writing area on my Palm Vx has become rather scratched - I think some poor quality (not low price, though) styli may have made things worse. Now my stylus does not write very smoothly - I can feel the scratches. Any ideas how I might rectify this, at not too high expense (in the UK)?

Rowel

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