



Ok, let's get started, here is some key information you'll need to know:

1. Always use a skilled carbon painter who is familiar with working on high performance carbon framesets, for the execution of your idea.
2. This product is coated in a polyurethan clear coat (PU).
3. The BMC branding stickers can easily be removed before surface treatment, they are vinyl stickers above the clear coat.
4. Artwork files for reproducing the current BMC branding elements by yourself are available on our retailer facing website, please reach out to your local BMC bike shop. Already produced BMC branding sticker sets are available through [slikgraphics.com](https://www.slikgraphics.com).
5. Remember, you are only wanting to lightly scuff the paint surface. Lightly scuff the clear coat with pads, strictly avoid sanding down to the carbon surface.

6. Clean and degrease the frame surfaces adequately before painting.
7. Carefully mask all surfaces that don't come with the clear coat. These surfaces have tight tolerances required for the assembly of your frameset.
8. We strongly recommend that you do not paint over any product information and legal stickers, looking at you, UCI label/serial number!
9. Make sure the curing temperatures are not too high for carbon products. (<70°C)

Lastly and most importantly, be sure to share pictures of your new BMC VAR0 bike, use the #MyBMC on all social media channels!

Now get out and ride.

Your BMC team  
@Ride\_BMC

# Your New VAR0 Product

## Custom Paint Recommendations

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Dear BMC Rider,

Welcome to your new BMC VAR0 frameset, we're as excited as you to begin your lightweight custom build project. First things first, colourway.

But before we get carried away, what is VAR0?

- VAR0 is our 01 level frameset stripped back to it's bare essential clear coat.
- This minimal surface coat preserves the natural texture of the carbon material, which may result in visible surface irregularities.
- This allows us to offer the lightest cosmetic finish, but also allows you to begin your custom paint project.
- This essential coat, protects the carbon and doesn't require much preparation work before applying your custom paint ideas.
- Rest assured, your BMC VAR0 still comes with all the required information and legal markings.

It's ready to ride – as is!

Choose not to paint?

Your VAR0 is ready to ride out of the box, once you've put some wheels on it of course.

Ready to unleash your inner artist?

Your BMC VAR0 is the perfect blank canvas for your creativity. But a few things to note:

**Custom paint is not part of any warranty coverage.**

**The already applied clear coat layer on your VAR01 is ready to paint with minimal surface preparation.**

**Heavy sanding and unsuitable chemicals used to strip off clear coat, can damage the frame and void the warranty. Adhere to the recommendations below with a trusted professional carbon painter.**

**Refrain from any other modifications, such as removing material or drilling holes, obviously.**

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