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# Wrap Maintenance Tips

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### **How often should I wash my vehicle wrap?**

Wash your wrap at least once a week or more often if your vehicle is exposed to a lot of dirt or pollutants.

### **Can I take my wrapped vehicle into a drive-through car wash?**

Answer is **NO** Hand wash is recommended for color wraps

Hand washing is safer and more thorough. Brush car washes may be too rough on the film, degrading it and causing peeling and lifted edges. If a car wash uses water spray and no brushes, it should be safe for most wraps. Make sure to inform your local car wash that your car is wrapped so they are aware to be more careful and not use harmful products.

### **How do I properly wash my vehicle?**

You can use auto wash soaps as shown above – any good brand will work. Always use a nice automotive sponge or mitt to wash your wrap. First Rinse vehicle frequently with clear water too cool and rinse vehicle (especially when its hot) to rid of any initial large dirt particles. Properly soak & soap the car and rinse before ever taking a sponge to the wrap to make sure all big dirt particle are cleaned off. Repeat soak & soap process then use dip your hand mitt in soap bucket and clean vehicle. Frequently clean your mitt after each section and keep section and mitt soaped and wet. It is recommended to use a dirt stand in your wash bucket to prevent your sponge from picking up dirt at the bottom of the bucket . Rinse vehicle with water thoroughly then Blow off water with a blower and dry with a clean micro fiber cloth, use the blower to get all water out of crevices, Drying from top to bottom to avoid grabbing any dirt from the bottom of the car.

### **Can I Pressure Wash my Vehicle Wrap?**

We Do not Recommended using a pressure washer especially if its cold out . if you wish to use the pressure washer then keep a safe distance away approx 2 feet and stay away from edge. Make sure wrap is not cold or too warm.

### **What should I use for spot cleaning?**

Use Spot cleaners above or other products like Simple Green or isopropyl rubbing alcohol to spot clean isolated stains. Rinse area with cool water after cleaning. Don't use tire dressing to spot clean as it may splash on the wrap and cause stains. Avoid wiping the wrap when it's hot; this can distort the material and cause wrinkling.

Spot cleaning is super important and should be as soon as you see a concerned area, like bird dropping, tree sap, dirt rust water, tar, etc. Its a good idea to keep cleaning supplies in your vehicle, keep your spot cleaning supplies and a spray bottle with some soap and water in the car. If you see spot, first use the most mild method of cleaning then go stronger if needed, soak area with soap and water and soak your micro fiber cloth and gently wipe area then if it doesn't come off graduate to your citrus All clean cleaner, isopropyl alcohol, etc then always make sure to rinse and neutralize with water in the end. If you have a rough spot like specks or exhaust grime , you can use the Clay Sponge & Lube . Soap area first then Spray the lube on vehicle area and spray on clay sponge gently wipe the area in circular motions, make sure to minimize friction with lube then rinse.

### **How Do I Clean Bird Droppings, Insects, Tree Sap or Other Difficult Stains?**

Clean bird droppings and difficult stains immediately. Letting them sit for too long will make them harder to remove and may permanently damage the wrap. Soak the affected area for a few minutes with warm, soapy water to loosen the contaminants. Rinse completely and dry with a micro fiber cloth. For stubborn contaminants you can try the product names above or use denatured alcohol, 3M® Citrus Base Cleaner, Meguiar's Gold Class™ Bug and Stain Remover or two parts isopropyl alcohol to one part water. Always test these solutions on a small area that's not easily noticeable to ensure the cleaner will not harm the wrap. Do not use solvents, thinners or oil based cleaning products!

### **What Should I Do about Gas or Fuel Spills?**

Wipe off fuel spills immediately, then hand wash the affected area. Letting the spill stay the wrap too long will degrade the vinyl. A quick Soak with water & wipe with a wet paper towel at a gas station will clean the fuel affected area decently enough until you can get home to do a more thorough job.

### **Can I Park my Vehicle Outdoors for Long Periods?**

Excessive amounts of time under the sun or other outdoor elements (rain, smog, debris and road pollutants from passing cars) can degrade the wrap on the roof, trunk lid and hood. These horizontal areas are a magnet for pollutants, which are intensified by UV ray exposure. Try your best to park your car in a garage or under a canopy or shelter. If you must park it outside for prolonged periods, look for shady parking areas.

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### **My vehicle wrap is turning brown or rust colored. What should I do?**

Wrap fading or turns brown due to prolonged exposure to acid from pollutants in the air or UV Rays. This is typically a result of neglect and failure to follow the above mentioned procedures. If you notice brown, discolored or rust colored areas on your wrap, it is best to remove the film from your vehicle to prevent damage to the paint beneath it and reapply fresh wrap. Often times it is only necessary to replace the affected panel.

### **What products should I avoid when cleaning my wrap?**

Never, EVER use any of the following cleaning products on your wrap:

Solvents, Oil based cleaners, Kitchen & Bathroom Cleaners, Oven cleaner, Orange Oil, Engine Degreaser, Thinners, abrasive sponges or sandpapers etc.

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