



Clean Cars Last Longer

Car Care Tips

How often should you wash your car?

Wash frequency depends on how much you drive, where you live, is the vehicle garaged or parked under trees. If you wish to protect the finish of your vehicle so that you will enjoy it for many years to come, it is wise to wash it any time the surface does not feel smooth when gently touched, or immediately after it is rained on. We think a minimum is once per week.

Washing frequently helps to remove the sea salt our coastal air contains, which in turn will help eliminate premature corrosion. If you run the back of your hand over the painted finish of your vehicle and it does not feel smooth it is time to wash your vehicle. If your vehicle does not feel smooth and someone or thing brushes against the painted surface, it may become scratched very easily. By keeping your vehicle clean it is less likely to be scratched.

Acid rain causes millions of dollars in damages to vehicles each year. After each rain, wash your vehicle as soon as possible. The mild soaps used at our carwash will help neutralize the affects of acid rain and prolong the finish of your vehicle. By keeping your automobile clean you it will look great for many years to come as well as maintaining a higher resale value.

How often should you wax your car?

The Clear Coat Sealants, Polishes as well as the Foaming Waxes that we offer at our carwashes are safe for all vehicle surfaces. Applying one of these each time you wash your vehicle will help prolong the finish of your vehicle and reduce the frequency of hand "waxing" and or detailing. The "wash applied" waxes are especially helpful in preventing corrosion behind the trim on vehicles.

There are many products on the market to help protect the finish of your automobile but very few actually contain wax, or more specifically Carnauba Wax. Many products such as "Paint Sealants" that do not contain Carnauba Wax may work as well or maybe even better than those that do. It is important to decide what it is that you want to achieve when "waxing" your vehicle.

If your vehicle is still under warranty by the manufacture then it is wise to only use waxes or sealant products sold by the dealership where you bought the automobile. This way if you have any problems with the finish of your vehicle while it is under warranty it should still be covered by the manufacture.

If your cars finish still shines and you wish to add more shine and some protection then you may want to apply a wax or a sealant to the finish that does not contain any polishes or cleaners. This is very important when applying waxes or sealants to vehicles with modern paint finishes. **You should apply some form of protection to your vehicle at least once per year if your vehicle still shines.**

If your automobile's finish is fading you may want to consider employing the services of a professional Detailer. They are specially trained in reconditioning automobile finishes without damaging the delicate painted surfaces. If you elect to do it yourself, ask for help from the automotive store personnel as to which product will do the best job for the condition of your vehicle's finish. If your vehicle's finish is fading you should apply some type of protection at least twice each year. In very hot weather, oxidized paint on older vehicles may fade rapidly in a "Touchless" carwash so we recommend you use the self service locations.

Stick with name brands and to make sure it is safe for use clear coat paint. Just because it says it is expensive doesn't mean its better and use the ones with a high concentration of carnauba. For removing the wax, always use a soft cotton rag or microfiber towel. **By all means apply and remove the wax in the shade — a hot finish will bake the wax on and make it hard to remove.**