

VEHICLE CARE

Care for your vehicle graphics like you would any fine paint finish. Using high quality products designed specifically for car care and these cleaning and maintenance procedures will help keep your vehicle wraps looking their best.

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WASH REGULARLY

Wash whenever the car appears dirty. Contaminants allowed to remain on the vehicle wrap may be more difficult to remove during cleaning.

Rinse off as much dirt and grit as possible with a spray of water.

Use a wet, non-abrasive detergent such as 3M™ Car Wash Soap 39000 or Meguiar's NXTGeneration® Car Wash or Deep Crystal® Car Wash and a soft, clean cloth or sponge.

Rinse thoroughly with clean water. To reduce water spotting, immediately use a silicone squeegee to remove water and finish with a clean microfiber cloth.

Brush-type car washes are not recommended as they can abrade the film and cause edges to lift or chip, as well as dulling the film's appearance. Brush-less car washes are acceptable.

PRESSURE WASHING

Although hand washing is the preferred cleaning method, pressure washing may be used under these conditions.

Ensure the water pressure is kept below 2000 psi (14 MPa).

Keep water temperature below 80°C (180°F).

Use a spray nozzle with a 40 degree wide angle spray pattern. Keep the nozzle at least 1 foot (300 mm) away from and perpendicular (at 90 degrees) to the graphic. Holding the nozzle of a pressure washer at an angle to the graphic may lift the edges of the film.

DIFFICULT CONTAMINANTS

Soften difficult contaminants such as bug splatter, bird droppings, tree sap and similar contaminants by soaking them for several minutes with very hot, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. If further cleaning is needed, test one of these products in an inconspicuous area to ensure no damage to the wrap film: Meguiar's Gold Class™ Bug and Tar Remover or 3M™ Citrus Base Cleaner. Isopropyl alcohol (IPA) (two parts IPA to 1 part water) or denatured alcohol may also help. Spot clean the contaminants. Do not use rough scrubbing or abrasive tools, which will scratch the film. Wash and rinse off all residue immediately.

FUEL SPILLS

Wipe off immediately to avoid degrading the vinyl and adhesive. Then wash, rinse and dry as in Item 1 as soon as possible.

STORE INDOORS OR UNDER COVER

Wrap films (just like paint) are degraded by prolonged exposure to sun and atmospheric pollutants, particularly on the horizontal surfaces such as hood, trunk lid and roof. Whenever possible, store your vehicle in a garage or at least in a shaded area during the day. At night, protect the car from dew or rain, which may contain acidic pollutants (a common problem in many large metropolitan areas). When a garage is not available, consider using a cloth car cover at night. If your wrap film starts to discolor or turn brown (which is caused by acidic pollution), immediately have a professional remove the wrap film from the vehicle to avoid staining the underlying paint.

WINDOW GRAPHICS

Never use an ice scraper on or near your window graphic as it can cause the material to scratch, stretch, or tear. If a scraper must be used, pay close attention to the edges of the window graphic to keep the scraper from affecting the material. Scrapers may be used on glass surfaces only.

*Please note, while the manufacturer's warranty is 12 months for window films, most window graphics will last the life of the rest of the graphics.

*NOTE

Watch out for small imperfections that can occur over time due to weather changes and/or installation obstacles. Things such as lifting and bubbling need to be brought to our attention right away so that we can determine the best remedy.