

VEHICLE WRAP CARE

How Often Should I Wash My Vehicle Wrap?

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

- Hand wash applied vinyl graphics with a blend of mild detergent and clean water. Pressure washing is not recommended as it can cause vinyl wrap to lift around the edges and degrade the face film. Once that happens, the graphics lose luster, fade, crack and can come away from the substrate.
- Test any cleaning solution on a small section of the vinyl graphic before using. Even with products designed for washing vehicles, it is still good practice to test on a small area. If possible, use products that are easy on the vehicle vinyl and the environment.
- Always read the warning labels on car care products for proper safety instructions.
- Wash the vehicle from the top down with a soapy water blend, rinse with clean water. This allows dirt and contaminants to run off the vinyl. A standard garden hose and nozzle, a clean, grit free bucket (to avoid scratching the vinyl), mild soap like Dove or Joy. Always use a nice automotive sponge or clean, soft cloth to wash your wrap.
- Let the vehicle air dry or dry off with a microfiber cloth. If time allows, let the vehicle air dry and touch up with soft cloth for spotting. If the vehicle wrap is dried by hand, be sure to use clean, microfiber towels and light pressure. Take care that not to lift edges or scratch vinyl.

Can I Take My Wrapped Vehicle Into A Drive-through Car Wash?

You can bring your wrapped vehicle to an automated brushless car wash, though 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.

What Should I Use For Spot Cleaning?

Use 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.

Can I Pressure Wash My Vehicle Wrap?

If you want to pressure wash your vehicle wrap, keep it below 2,000 psi. Use a spray nozzle with a 40 degree wide angle spray pattern and keep water temperature below 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Keep the spray nozzle at least 12 inches away from the car edges.

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 microfiber cloth. For stubborn contaminants, 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 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 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.

What Products Should I Avoid When Cleaning My Wrap?

NEVER use any of the following cleaning products on your wrap:

- Solvents
- Orange Oil
- Oil based cleaners
- Engine Degreaser
- Oven cleaner
- Kitchen & Bathroom Cleaners

