

Wraps Maintenance Sheet

Wiping down the vehicle after exposure to road grime, rotating the vehicle for even exposure to the sun and to minimize the effects of UV damage as well as adding a protective clear bra for areas more susceptible to rock chips are some easy ways to start taking care of your vehicle.

Keeping the vehicle clean is the No. 1 thing you can do right. Removing dirt build up and road grime will keep the protective laminate from getting stained and dull. The maintenance tips on our sheet all deal with the proper way to keep the wrap clean. While you are doing your cleaning & maintenance, should you see any bubbles or lifting edges, contact us immediately and we can see what we can do to fix the issue before it becomes a larger problem.

Q: Can I Take My Wrap Through the Car Wash?

A: Your vehicle is an investment and to protect that investment long-term hand washing is recommended at least every two weeks. Here's a few tips for making sure that your hand washing protects the vehicle wrap as well:

- Use a non-abrasive cleaner without strong solvents.
- Use plenty of water and wash the vehicle from the top down.
- Avoid brushes—both automatic and hand brushes—as they can cause scratches and dull the finish of the protective laminate. Brushes can also lift loose edges.
- Use a soft sponge or rag and avoid excessive scrubbing.
- Take extra care on matte or textured finishes.
- Rinse any residue thoroughly with clean water.
- Air dry or dry with a microfiber cloth.

Q: Can I Pressure Wash My Vehicle?

A: Especially in situations with a fleet of vehicles, pressure washing might be the most efficient method to keep vehicles clean. While it's advised to avoid pressure washing a wrapped vehicle, if you can't avoid it then be sure to follow these tips:

- Avoid excessive pressure which can damage the graphics. (Max. water pressure should be 800 psi to 2000 psi).
- Keep the water temperature at a maximum of 72 to 180 degrees.
- Do not spray damaged graphics as the water can get under the graphic, causing lifting and curling.
- Keep the nozzle at least 12 to 18 inches away from the graphics.
- Do not direct the spray at a sharp angle to the graphics. (Spray angle: 45 degrees)
- Avoid spraying directly on wrap seams.
- Trim back all lifted edges and seal with an edge sealer or replace sections of graphics if necessary.

- Never use a Turbo pressure nozzle.

Q: Can I Wax My Vehicle?

A: Vehicle wraps have a protective overlaminates that already enhances the finish of the graphics while providing protection against abrasion and UV damage so an extra polish is not required, but the right polish may help enhance the graphics over time. Here are some tips on what to avoid.

- Avoid Carnauba-based waxes, which require rigorous buffing to bring out a high shine. This buffing can damage the graphics.
- Carnauba-based waxes are also heat sensitive and can melt in the sun creating a greasy mess that attracts dirt and can cause black streaks.
- The heat also releases the stain in the wax which can in turn stain the graphics.
- Teflon or silicone-based polishes are fine but should be specifically designed for use on vehicle wraps.
- Scratches are more obvious and harder to repair on matte and textured finishes and waxes or polishes should be avoided all together.

Q: What Other Tips Will Help Protect My Wrap?

A: There are some simple on-going maintenance tips that will help your wrap last. If you should see any bubbles or lifting graphics be sure to bring the vehicle back in for a professional repair.

- Remove any residue or gunk build-up as soon as possible to avoid damage or staining.
- Test any cleaners you use in an inconspicuous place first.
- Gas spill—wash off residue with soapy water ASAP.
- Oil, tar or asphalt build-up—wipe down with isopropyl alcohol and a citrus-based cleaner.
- Follow any chemical cleanings with a regular washing with water and a mild cleanser.
- To protect against UV damage, try to park your wrapped vehicle in the shade, in a garage or under some kind of cover as much as possible.
- For boat wraps, clean the boat with fresh water after each use.