



# ***FIREHOUSE MOBILE DETAIL***

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## *safe washing methods for your paint*

Here are a few tips for a squeaky-clean wash job while avoiding inducing scratches, swirl marks and marring into your paint.

- Use a CLEAN, automotive specific wash mitt. I have them available for sale if needed. Wash thoroughly after use and keep in a plastic bag after air dried to keep clean and dust free. If you must use a brush, use a boar's hair or other high-quality fiber. The softer, the better! Soak in soapy water for 10-15 minutes to soften even more.
- Use quality automotive wash soap. Do NOT use laundry, dish or anything other than car wash soap / shampoo. They will strip any and all wax or sealants off your paint. Any wash from Meguiar's, Turtle Wax, Zymol, or other name brand is safe for your paint. I personally use Meguiar's Was & Wax (Costco during spring / summer) on my vehicles as well as customers cars. It's inexpensive and does a wonderful job. The wax adds a bit of shine at the same time!
- ideally you will need TWO 5-Gallon buckets. One with soapy water, one with clean water. The clean water bucket is to rinse out the brush or mitt before dunking back into the soapy bucket. This will help in removing anything off the brush that may scratch your paint. This is very common in the detailing world and is simply the two-bucket method. You can also use one bucket with a "Grit Guard" placed in the bottom. They allow dirt to settle to the bottom and not get picked up by the mitt or brush. Available on Amazon or I have them available for sale as well.
- Rinse your vehicle off being sure to get the lower parts of fenders and door well. This is where most road grime and grit will accumulate.
- Start washing the still wet car from the top down. On warm days, out of direct sun, if possible, wash one section at a time, not letting the soap dry, as this will leave streaks. Be sure to flush out wheel wells and under fenders with a strong stream of water.
- Use a separate soft brush or microfiber towel to wash wheels and tires very last.
- Dry with a quality microfiber drying towel. I have them available for sale if needed.

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## *Caring for your leather surfaces*

Your leather surfaces were cleaned with automotive-specific leather cleaner. This cleaner removes body oils, sweat, allergens, ground in dirt and dye transfer from jeans, etc.... This cleaner also removes any previously applied leather conditioners or past cleaning residues. Often inexpensive brands of leather conditioners contain gloss agents containing petroleum distillates, silicone or silicone oils, which cling to the surface and then are wiped onto clothing. They leave a greasy finish that can transfer to clothing.

A long-term professional leather coating is available if desired. See [FirehouseDetail.com](http://FirehouseDetail.com).... under the Protective Coatings tab

A professional automotive leather conditioner and UV protectant has been applied to your leather surfaces. Depending on how dry your leather was, it may appear blotchy and uneven. **This is normal.** Your leather is absorbing the oils and moisturizers in the pores. After several hours you can apply a leather conditioner to even out the look.....and you *should* apply it every few months to preserve the look and feel of it. I recommend anything from Meguiar's, Mothers, Lexol, or Griot's Garage (Griot's is what was used on your car and I have available for sale.) Any of these will be safe and do a good job to protect and maintain your leather surfaces! Don't forget your shift knob, steering wheel, dash and door panels. Many of these are leather or leather surfaces on them.

**\*\*\* Do NOT use cleaners & conditioners on suede leather, Alcantara synthetic leather or any other uncoated leather (i.e. early Ford King Ranch trucks). Read your owner's manual and use ONLY what is recommended for them\*\*\***

*Feel free and please ask if you have ANY questions!*

\*Leather care products from these brands can be found at most auto parts and department stores.



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