

FIREHOUSE MOBILE DETAIL

Accredited Master Installer for Ceramic Coatings

Recommended maintenance for your new Ceramic coated vehicle.

Parking the vehicle in direct sunlight or a warm garage within the first 12-24 hours will help accelerate cure time and assist in hardening the coating.

Maintenance visits every 6 months is highly recommended for maximum durability and performance of your coating investment. These are \$75 and the first is free with a 2-3-year coating and first 2 free with 5-year coating.

- Keep the *surface dry for the first 12 hours* after coating application.
 - If water is allowed on surface between the first 12 hours, it will not harm the coating durability. However, gently dry off any water with a ***clean, soft microfiber drying towel*** (provided to you) before it dries to avoid possible water spots during the hardening process of those first 4 hours.
 - Same goes for tree sap, bug splatter and bird droppings. These need to be removed quickly in the first 24 hours. If you can't get them off or have ANY questions...Please contact me ASAP! They can be removed with a clean microfiber towel and a spray detailer type product (one is provided to you) and can be found at most big-box and auto parts stores. Griot's Speed Shine, Best of Show Detailer or any name brand spray detailer or wax is recommended for this.
- Avoid washing for the *first 14 days*, coating is still curing during this time.
- ***Never*** use a drive thru car wash. It has been proven that drive through car washes ***will damage your coating and paint surface and cause premature wear and reduces gloss and performance. If you must, use a touchless type wash. They work well with coating and no damage!***
- ***DO NOT ALLOW ANY CAR DEALER OR SERVICE CENTER TO WASH YOUR VEHICLE***, even by hand!
- It is best to wash the vehicle with a quality car wash soap, a perfectly clean microfiber or chenille mitt and to dry with a microfiber drying towel. I will have these available with me for purchase. ***Leaving hose water sitting on the paint can cause water-spotting!! Coatings do not prevent this!!***
- I also highly recommend the rinse-less wash method, which examples of can be found on YouTube and the Firehouse Detail website.
- ***Review Safe Wash Methods*** found on my website at www.FirehouseDetail.com under the "FAQ's and Links" tab. Also, ***on the backside of this sheet....***

Maintaining your vehicle using safe wash methods will help you preserve a flawless finish and extend the useful life of your ceramic coating for years of enjoyment. Feel free to wax over your coating too! It's not necessary but more protection and gloss is always a good thing!

Please call or text me at 360-239-1359 or visit FirehouseDetail.com (Paint Coatings page) for more information or ANY questions you may have.

The Safe Way to Wash Your Car

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, either microfiber, chenille, or lambswool-type. Wash thoroughly after use and keep in a plastic bag after 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 brush for a few minutes before use to soften the bristles.
- Use quality automotive wash soap. Do NOT use laundry, dish, or anything other than car wash soap. They will strip all wax or sealants off your paint. Any wash from Griot's Garage, Meguiar's, Turtle Wax, Zymol, or other name brand is safe for your paint. I personally use Meguiar's Wash & Wax (available at Costco) on my vehicles as well as customers cars. It's inexpensive and does a wonderful job. The wash & wax adds a bit of shine at the same time!
- ***There are several SiO₂ (Ceramic) infused shampoos on the market now and are recommended for your ceramic coated vehicles. Available at most auto parts stores or online.***
- Ideally you will need two buckets or one 3- or 5-gallon size with a "Grit Guard" (I have them available for purchase, also online or at WESCO Autobody Supply on Cherry and 7th downtown Oly.). 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 that may scratch your paint.
- 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 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 well.
- Use a separate soft brush or microfiber towel to wash wheels and tires very last.
- Dry with a **quality** microfiber-drying towel (available for purchase) or an air blower. Try not to use a rubber squeegee or "water blade" these can easily mar or even scratch paint. They do well on glass though! Terry cloth or common bath towels and leather chamois may also mar paint surfaces.

I do offer a Basic Wash as a maintenance visit for \$50. Includes wash, vacuum, dash, and front door panel dress / UV protect, glass, tires and wheels.