

# Paint Protection Film After Care



## Do the following:

1. Use 99% isopropyl alcohol or lacquer thinner for extra tough spots
2. Always apply car wash soap with a clean microfiber mitt.
3. Try soaking hard-to-clean spots with soap for a few minutes.
4. Dry the coating with a microfiber towel.
5. Never use brushes, paper products, or terry cloth to clean your coated vehicle. These products can dull the surface or even damage it in some cases.
6. Dirt tends to build up in the film's edges, so pay special attention to it.
7. Do not use any abrasive materials at all.

## Don't do the following:

- 1. Don't press any bubbles formed under the film.**
  - After getting PPF installed from Bravo Protection, we use a setting solution that may create watery bubbles underneath the film. Remember, you should not press the bubbles as this is part of the curing process, and they'll dissipate within 2-3 weeks after installation.
- 2. Don't wax or wash your car for the first seven days after the PPF installation.**
  - Why? Because the moisture between the paint surface and the paint protection film is not yet settled and is still evaporating. Plus, the film has not yet adhered to the surface well, and keep in mind that any disturbance might interfere with the curing process.
- 3. Don't drive your car the 1st week after installation (if possible).**
  - It reduces any chance of messing up the healing process. After the first week after installation, you can carry out more film maintenance practices discussed later.
- 4. Don't wash your car within 7 days of application.**
  - Don't wash your car when the film is still settling & curing. It would be best to give Paint Protection Film time to cure your vehicle thoroughly. If you wash or agitate the surface right after installation, it can inhibit the curing process.
  - Experts suggest that you shouldn't even drive in it within 7 days of application. However, if driving is necessary for you in this period, be careful about putting pressure on the coating to help prevent problems with the curing process.

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## 1. Initial Care Right After Application

- **Avoid Washing:** Do not wash the vehicle or expose the film to water for at least 48 hours after application. This allows the adhesive to fully cure.
- **Avoid Direct Sunlight:** Keep the vehicle out of direct sunlight and extreme temperatures during the curing period to prevent potential issues with the adhesive.

## 2. Regular Washing

- **Use pH-Balanced Soap:** Wash the vehicle with a mild, pH-balanced car soap to avoid damaging the film. Avoid harsh detergents or chemicals.
- **Soft Wash Mitts:** Use a soft wash mitt or sponge to gently clean the surface. Avoid abrasive materials that can scratch the film.
- **Avoid High Pressure:** Refrain from using high-pressure washers directly on the film, as it can potentially loosen edges or damage the film.

## 3. Drying the Vehicle

- **Microfiber Towels:** Use clean, soft microfiber towels to dry the vehicle. This prevents water spots and reduces the risk of scratching.
- **Pat Dry:** Gently pat the surface dry rather than rubbing it to avoid damaging the film.

## 4. Avoiding Certain Products

- **No Wax or Sealants:** Avoid using waxes, sealants, or polishes on the film, as they can damage the film's surface or affect its performance.
- **No Solvents:** Do not use strong solvents, alcohol, or petroleum-based products on the PPF.

## 5. Spot Cleaning and Maintenance

- **Address Contaminants Promptly:** Remove bird droppings, tree sap, or other contaminants as soon as possible to prevent staining or damage.
- **Use Safe Cleaners:** For stubborn stains, use a cleaner specifically designed for PPF. Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations for cleaning products.

## 6. Inspecting the Film

- **Regular Checks:** Periodically inspect the film for any signs of peeling, bubbling, or damage. Early detection can prevent more significant issues.
- **Professional Help:** If you notice any issues or if the film starts to lift, seek professional assistance to address the problem.

## 7. Avoiding Harsh Conditions

- **Extreme Temperatures:** Try to avoid exposing the film to extreme temperatures for prolonged periods, such as leaving the vehicle in direct sunlight for too long or in freezing conditions.
- **Road Debris:** Be cautious of road debris and abrasive materials that could potentially damage the film, especially in off-road conditions.

## 8. Reapplying or Replacing

- **Evaluate Wear:** Depending on usage and environmental conditions, the film may need to be replaced or reapplied after several years. Evaluate the film's condition and consult with a professional if necessary.

## 9. Additional Tips

- **Avoid Automatic Car Washes:** Automatic car washes with brushes can potentially damage the film. Hand washing or using touchless car washes are preferable.
- **Use a Cover:** If possible, use a car cover to protect the vehicle from environmental contaminants and UV exposure when it's not in use.

## Summary

Proper aftercare is crucial to maintaining the longevity and appearance of Paint Protection Film. By following these guidelines, you can ensure that the PPF continues to provide effective protection and keeps your vehicle looking its best. Regular maintenance and timely attention to any issues will help you get the most value out of your investment.