

POLAR PRINTING



FLEET AUTO & TRUCK BRANDING

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Polar Printing Fleet Auto & Truck Branding Care Sheet

- Wash Regularly
- Wash whenever the car appears dirty. Contaminants allowed to remain on the graphic may be more difficult to remove during cleaning
- Rinse off as much dirt and grit as possible with a spray of water
- See "Difficult Contaminants" on page 1, for spot cleaning bird droppings, tar, etc
- Use a wet, non-abrasive detergent such as 3MTM Car Wash Soap 39000 or Meguiar's NXT Generation® Car Wash or Deep Crystal® Car
- Wash with a soft, clean cloth or sponge
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water
- To reduce water spotting, immediately use a silicone squeegee to remove water and finish with a clean microfiber cloth

IMPORTANT NOTE

3M does not recommend using wax or other similar coatings on vehicle graphics.

AUTOMATED CAR WASHES

Vinyl wraps may be run through car washes. Touch less car washes are the best for graphic care. Use of brush car washes (depending upon the frequency and quality of brush) may cause dulling/scratching/lifting edge of the graphics.

PRESSURE WASHING

Although hand washing is the preferred cleaning method, pressure washing may be used under these conditions;

- Ensure the water pressure is kept below 2000 psi (14 MPa)
- Keep water temperature below 180 °F (80 °C)
- Use a spray nozzle with a 40 degree wide angle spray pattern
- Keep the nozzle at least 1 foot (300 mm) away from and perpendicular (at 90 degrees) to the graphic

IMPORTANT NOTE

Holding the nozzle of a pressure washer at an angle to graphic may lift the edges of the film.

DIFFICULT CONTAMINANTS

Soften difficult contaminants such as bug splatter, bird droppings, tree sap and similar contaminants by soaking them for several minutes with very hot, soapy water.

Rinse thoroughly and dry. If further cleaning is needed, test one of these products in an inconspicuous area to ensure no damage to the graphics: Meguiar's Gold Class™ Bug and Tar Remover or 3M™ Citrus Base Cleaner. Isopropyl alcohol (IPA) (two parts IPA to 1 part water) or denatured alcohol may also help. Spot clean the contaminants.

Do not use rough scrubbing or abrasive tools, which will scratch the film. Wash and rinse off all residue immediately.

FULL SPILLS

Wipe off immediately to avoid degrading the vinyl and adhesive. Then wash, rinse and dry as in "Wash Regularly" on page 1 as soon as possible.