



CARING FOR YOUR VEHICLE GRAPHICS/WRAPPS

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

DO NOT WASH OR WAX GRAPHICS UNTIL THREE (3) WEEKS AFTER INSTALLATION.

Thank you for purchasing your vehicle decals, graphics, and/or vehicle wrap from GOTSHADEonline, Inc. The more you care for your vehicle graphics, the better they will look and the longer they will last. To avoid edge to edge lifting or other damage to the vinyl, we always install panels from the back to the front, and we overlap each panel by no less than .5". This installation procedure helps prevent the vinyl from peeling back when driving or if your vehicle brushes against branches, etc. The warranty is prorated, so we recommend you review the following instructions for caring and maintaining your vehicle graphics.

- 1. Wash Regularly:** **We highly recommend hand washing your vehicles with decals, window perf, or vinyl wraps. Additionally sticking to an every two weeks to once per month wash schedule.**
 - Wash whenever the car appears dirty. Contaminants allowed to remain on the vehicle graphics/wrap may be more difficult to remove during cleaning.
 - Rinse off as much dirt and grit as possible with a spray of water.
 - See item 4, Difficult Contaminants, for spot cleaning bird droppings, tar, etc.
 - Use a wet, non-abrasive detergent such as Meguiar's NXT Generation® Car Wash or Deep Crystal® Car Wash and 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.
- 2. Automated Car Washes:**

Any type car washes (brush and brushless) are not recommended as they can abrade the film and cause edges to lift or chip, as well as dulling of the film's appearance. The brushes may hold dirt and debris particles that may scratch the finish on your wrap. If you choose to use automatic car washing methods, utilize the light spray **TOUCH-LESS** without wax.
- 3. Pressure Washing:** **Pressure washing is not recommended as it can abrade the film and cause edges to lift or chip.**

If you choose to pressure wash your vehicle with a vinyl wrap/graphics here are some tips:

 - Pressure wash your vehicle from front to back only.
 - Keep the wand at an angle to the vehicle. Do not point the wand directly at the graphics. The vinyl has pressure sensitive adhesive. You want to avoid getting water under the graphics or wrap. This will cause the adhesive to lessen and cause peeling, bubbling, curling, or lifting.
 - Never get closer than 20" from the vehicle or graphics with the pressure washer wand.
 - Never use a pressure washer in excess of 2,000 PSI, and water warmer than 180 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - Never use less than a 40 degree tip guard. For tough stains and dirt, please use a soft brush.

DO NOT PRESSURE WASH WINDOW PERF OR DECALS.
- 4. 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 vehicle graphics or wrap film: Meguiar's Gold Class™ Bug and Tar Remover. Isopropyl alcohol (IPA) (two parts IPA to 1 part water) or denatured alcohol. Spot clean the contaminants. **Do not use rough scrubbing or abrasive tools**, which will scratch the film. Wash and rinse off all residue immediately.
- 5. Fuel Spills:**

Wipe off immediately to avoid degrading the vinyl and adhesive.

Wash, rinse, and dry as listed in item #1 as soon as possible.
- 6. Polish and Wax:**

We recommend that you wash / wax your vehicle at least once per year, preferably every 3 months.

Most standard graphic and wrap films and over-laminates can be polished or waxed with a high quality liquid car wax for ease of application. Before use, test and approve in an inconspicuous area. Do not use any abrasive polishes or cutting compounds. **DO NOT WAX WINDOW PERF.**

For the carbon fiber and brushed metal varieties in 3M Scotchprint® Wrap Films and Avery Supreme Wrapping Films, a polishing product such as Meguiar's® Natural Shine Protectant may be used.

We do not recommend any polishing or wax product for the matte or textured films.

7. Store Indoors or Under a Cover When Possible:

Wrap films and vinyl graphics (just like paint) are degraded by prolonged exposure to sun and atmospheric pollutants, particularly on the horizontal surfaces such as hood, trunk lid and roof. Whenever possible, store in a garage or at least in a shaded area during the day. At night, protect the car from dew or rain, which may contain acidic pollutants (*a common problem in many large metropolitan areas*). When a garage is not available, consider using a cloth car cover at night. If your wrap film or graphics starts to discolor or turn brown (*which is caused by acidic pollution*), immediately have a professional remove the wrap film or graphics from the vehicle to avoid staining the underlying paint.

8. Snow Removal

Only use a soft brush, never use a scraper as this can damage the vinyl. If you wax the vinyl (**DO NOT WAX WINDOW PERF**), the snow should come off with very little effort.

9. Insurance:

Most insurance companies offer a special policy to cover vehicle graphics. Please contact your insurance provider for more details.

10. High Heat:

If your vehicle is out in the sun, it can get very hot. The vehicle graphics will not fall off or peel, on the contrary, the vehicle graphics love heat. However, it is strongly recommended that you park your vehicle in the shade to avoid premature fading and/or discoloring.

11. Peeling or Lifting:

If you see part of your vehicle graphics lifting or peeling back, you must contact us **IMMEDIATELY** so we can address the problem. If you leave such issues unattended, you will void the warranty on your wrap.

12. Film Restoration:

The following restoration recommendations will help keep your vehicle wraps looking their best:

- Do not use any abrasive polishes or cutting compounds.
- Do not use any polishing or wax products on matte or textured wraps.
- If there is wax or residue on the surface, remove with an all-purpose cleaner.

RECOMMENDED CLEANING AGENTS:

Before using any of the following products, always test and approve in an inconspicuous area.

Smooth Gloss

Textured Films: Meguiar's Gold Class™ Carnuba Plus Premium Liquid Wax

Matte or

Satin Textured Films: Isopropyl alcohol and water (ratio: 2:1)

Matte White or

Carbon Fiber White Films: Based on type/degree of contamination, use one or more of these solutions, in the order shown, to remove any build-up:

1. Hot, soapy water solution
2. Isopropyl alcohol (IPA) and water (ratio 2:1)
3. Simple Green® All-Purpose Cleaner
4. Household chlorine bleach, followed by IPA/water (#2)
5. Mineral spirits, followed by IPA/water (#2)

Carbon Fiber or

Brushed Metal Texture: Meguiar's Natural Shine Protectant

Carbon Fiber Black:

Meguiar's Ultimate Black Plastic Restorer