

## How to Use Car Wax

Do you feel that your paint job looks duller than it should? Perhaps you just purchased a new car and would like to protect the exterior paint. If either of these statements pertain to you, then you should be in the market to purchase car wax.

There are a few things to know about car wax before you make your purchase and get going. Although there are quite a few good brands of wax to use, the best kinds are made of carnauba wax. Carnauba wax is better at keeping out moisture and it is easier to buff than typical car wax, and therefore it is a bit more costly.

Another tip is that it is best to avoid waxes containing granules or anything abrasive unless you are a professional. These kinds of waxes can scratch your paint job if used on the wrong colors and finishes. If you are in doubt, go with smooth car wax.

A good car wax typically shows stiffness and is difficult to wax on and off the car. If you are getting a good arm work out, it is typically a sign that the car wax is high quality! Soft waxes are easier to put on and remove, but they usually do not protect as well.

Spray on and rub on waxes are two sorts which are widely available. In the case of someone who has arthritis or hand sensitivity, spray wax can be wonderful. However, since these kind of waxes are softer, you will have to apply more often for maximum effect. Car waxes which come in round tubs are harder to apply and remove, but you do not have to apply them as often and the paint protection is typically better.

Since you know which car wax to pick for your needs, we can get to the waxing process. First, you will need to wash your car well, making sure that you dry it completely afterward. Next, park your car in the shade or in a cool spot. Picking a cool day is optimal so that the wax does not dry too quickly for you to remove it effectively.

If you are waxing from a tub you will need a damp sponge, as well as a soft terry cloth rag. An old towel will work well as long as it does not have any residue. You will have to dip your sponge into the wax, and get a dollop the size of a half dollar coin on it.

Beginning on one side of the car, rub on the car wax with small circular motions. If you start on one side, work all the way around your car using the same motions, reapplying wax to the sponge when needed. Take care to avoid the cracks between the hood, doors and trunk. If you get some wax in these seams, you can use a soft bristle toothbrush to gently remove it.

Wax will be dry where you began once you have worked around the entire car. Remove it starting where you began, using the same circular motions and the terry cloth towel. Once you are finished, look for any spots you missed. Remember to get all of the car wax off within a couple of hours at most, because it can damage your paint job if left on.

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