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### Looking after your car's paintwork...

We thought it would be nice to share some of our experience here at Fleetline and maybe give the guys, or gals something to have fun with (and do at home) as the weather steadily improves...

## Washing the car Step 2

If your usual car wash is the £15 in and out, then probably best to do *both* pre-wash stages we would do on every car, at least every now and then. A great tip is never to wash your car in bright sunshine as many car cleaning products do not react well to extremes of temperature, and it won't dry too quickly leaving water spots on your shiny clean paintwork

#### What do I need?

- 1. A jet Washer with a soap bottle these are readily available form most stores, a good idea is to try the Karcher outlet where they do factory refurbished machines at particularly good prices. A hose with powerful pressure will do, but a jet wash is much better
- 2. A Citrus pre wash We like Auto Finesse Citrus Power 1ltr available online from most online retailers for around  $\pm 9$
- 3. Snow foam this stuff is magic and de contaminates paintwork removing all sorts of dirt and grime missed in a standard wash, available online in a host of different guises, the original is our favourite. And guess what, it is fun to do...

#### Pre-washing the car

The idea of a pre-wash is to remove stubborn dirt and grime before contacting your car's paintwork, minimising the swirls and light scratches that build up over time

**Pre wash Stage 1** - A citrus pre wash spray is infused with citrus cleaning properties to safely but effectively lessen road grime with the benefit of being gentle to wax or sealant layers, something that will come in to its own on washes later down the line. Spray this on the lower areas of the car, as well as any areas that have become bug splattered. Leave for a few minutes (but not letting it dry) then thoroughly jet wash or hose off

**Pre wash Stage 2 – Snow foam.** Fill your soap bottle with a diluted mix of snow foam and water and attach to your jet washer lance. Then liberally spray the snow foam all over the car until its completely covered. Leave on for 5 or so minutes making sure it does not dry, remove the soap bottle and thoroughly jet was wash or hose off. Now the car is ready for a contact wash

Watch out for step three tomorrow, the all-important contact wash...

This is a difficult time for everybody, and as we're open supporting critical services to stay on the road. We are here for everyone, Stay Safe

## The Fleetline Team

