



Update 9.04.2020

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 3 – The Contact Wash & 'two-bucket' method

The two-bucket method is a safe way of shampooing your vehicle, in one bucket you will have your soapy water and in the other, clean rinsing water, ideally in each bucket you should use a grit guard. By shampooing this way, you are removing the loose particles from both the vehicle and your mitt and keeping them safely away from your paint.

For the two-bucket method, you'll obviously need two buckets, 5-gallon buckets are the optimum size to go for, you'll also need a wash mitt and here you can choose from either microfibre or wool. Either way you want a soft mitt that will hold lots of water and wash solution. A thicker plush will trap the dirt and keep it away from the cars surface.

A good shampoo is next on the list, just looking at our washing and shampoo section might seem a bit bamboozling as there is so much choice, so where do you start? You want one that produces lots of suds as it's the suds that help lubricate the surface of the car and stop dirt dragging across the paint. A mild shampoo that doesn't strip wax is important, you don't want to strip all the protection off your car's surface. This is why domestic washing up liquids aren't suitable as they're designed to cut through grease and so will strip the car's surface of any waxes and sealants. Dilution ratios vary from shampoo to shampoo so it's important to check yours prior to diluting it. A good PH neutral shampoo is a fair place to start



Load your wash mitt in the soapy bucket and apply the suds to the surface using a light pressure passing the mitt back and forth in a straight motion. Here, we've used the lambswool wash mitt, it's a soft, natural material that holds lots of soapy solution. We've also opted for the fingerless so that you can easily swap the mitt around.



Start at the top of the car and work down and out of direct sunlight which can cause the shampoo to dry. You might come across stubborn areas that the mitt alone won't shift, resist the temptation to scrub and instead you might want to clay or use a tar remover. Wash a little, rinse a little is a great tip working your way from top to bottom and remember to keep rinsing your wash mitt in the bucket that you have cleverly labelled 'rinse'

Watch out for step four tomorrow, drying the car off...

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

