

If you've recently had your vehicle repaired by our team of collision repair experts, then we congratulate you! You have added new shine, life and beauty to your vehicle and have made an investment you should be proud of.

It's important that you take care of your vehicle after a recent collision repair. Fortunately, doing so is easy and will maximize the durability of the repairs your vehicle has just received.

- Your vehicle may need some special attention in the weeks after a collision repair, while its new paint job cures completely. To keep it looking like new, wash the vehicle by hand at least twice a month using a soft sponge and dry the vehicle using a terry cloth or cheese cloth towel.
- Make sure to rinse off any kind of oil or petroleum residue (i.e, gasoline) from your vehicle's finish with water.
- Try to avoid running your vehicle through an automated car wash or waxing it at least for the first couple of months after a repair.

WASHING YOUR VEHICLE

- Wash your vehicle when the weather is cool and in a shady place.
- Wet the vehicle thoroughly, so that the dust does not scratch the finish when you rub the surface with your sponge.
- Wash your car from the top down.
- Don't use dish soap or household cleaners as these can strip down the top coat.
- Remember to wash behind your vehicle's mudguards.
- Before drying, open all doors and the back hatch so that all crevices air out and to prevent humidity build-up inside the car.

ABOUT AUTOMATED CAR WASHES

- Avoid car washes with rotating brushes – these can scratch the dirt into the vehicle's surface.
- Avoid automated car washes using recycled water conditioned with ammonia.
- Save some money and select the most economical wash. These usually cycle the vehicle once through the wash and are less harsh on the its exterior.

WAXING YOUR VEHICLE

- Use a high-quality wax and stay away from products promising to eliminate scratches, stains or rust.
- Never wax your car directly under direct sunlight since the heat may adversely affect the wax and ruin your vehicle's top coat.
- Wax a small area at a time and use a circular motion to remove the wax. Use care to apply a clean piece of cloth to the remove the wax each time.

PROTECTING YOUR VEHICLE'S TOP COAT

- If at all possible, avoid exposing your vehicle to gravel roads. Gravel creates small cracks in your vehicle's top coat which deteriorate over time.
- Use a bug remover to eliminate bug remnants from your finish. Some insects possess acidic qualities to their exoskeletons which can deteriorate your vehicle's finish.
- Clean bird droppings as soon as possible. Bird droppings contain phosphates that convert into phosphoric acid and cause damage to your finish.