washing

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finish

Clean machine – technique is important

glamorous chores that people do with pride. Car washers like to

show the whole ' how much work they put into their cars. Do these washers spend too much time trying to impress the .

neighbors and too little time thinking about the best washing technique?

You're probably thinking, "What's so important about the technique? Just throw some detergent in a bucket and slap it on the car." There's much more to it than that.

The key to proper car washing is getting the surface clean without drying it out or scratching the dirt into the finish. Highpressure washing removes the dirt but also causes the dirt particles to leave a scratch behind as they are blasted off. It is best to use a garden hose with a nozzle that releases a gentle spray instead of a jet stream.

It is important to consider what type of solvent you are using for the wash. Petroleum-or spirit-based solvents can literally strip off the paint on your car. The same holds true for household cleaners and detergents with ammonia bases. These will give the surface a chalky, driedout look. It is best to use a cleanser specifically designed for washing cars.

After getting the right cleanser, fill up a 5-gallon or larger bucket with water (warm or cold, not hot). Wash cars in

Washing the car is one of those light shade because bright sun causes the water to damage the paint. Never wipe a dirty car

with a chamois or neighborhood High pressure napless towel. We recommend using a towel with a deep nap to wash, dry and buff your car. Brushes and sponges can trap

dirt and scratch the finish.

The best strategy for washing your car is to do it one section at a time. If you do it all at once, soap will dry on the finish. This will trap the dirt

before you can wash it off. Wash in this order: 1) top, 2) nose, 3) tail, 4) sides, 5) rocker panels, 6)

grille and 7) wheels.

Start by soaking the area to be washed with the hose. Next wash the section with a soapy wet towel. Rinse the towel often. Using a large circular motion will help minimize scratching. Use your hose to rinse off the soapy water and move on to the next section. After cleaning all sections gently spray the whole car. Use a clean towel to dry the car, wringing it out as it gets wet.

We've given you some tips on the best techniques for washing your car without damaging the paint. Now you can

truly impress the neighbors with the special care you take when washing your pride and joy.



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