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This guide will walk you through what to avoid and how to care for your car's ceramic or graphene coating in the first 24 hours after applying the coating, during the first 2 weeks as it cures, and throughout the year so that you maximize the coatings performance and durability for years-to-come.

Having a ceramic coating means easy maintenance, never waxing again, extremely durable & long lasting protection, intense shines and more color depth. To keep these properties active, aftercare is essential. Without proper care and maintenance, a ceramic or graphene coating will degrade faster and its benefits will eventually no longer be present. Follow this guide to maintain your coatings performance for many years to come.

DURING THE CERAMIC COATING CURING PROCESS

THE FIRST 24 HOURS

The first 24 hours after coating your vehicle is the most critical time during the curing process. Your vehicle is safe to drive, but the new coating is still hardening. It's important to avoid any of the following :

- Abrasives or washing - *No wash mitts, soaps, bug removers should touch your vehicle during the curing process.*
- Hard mineral water - *No hose water should touch the surface of the paint*
- Automatic car washes - Stay out of the car washes!
- Avoid parking under trees or other locations where bird droppings/tree sap may fall on to your new coating

If your coating comes in contact with bugs, bird poop, tree sap, gently lubricate the coated surface with a sealant such as "Ceramic Detail Spray" and wipe the surface with a clean microfiber towel.

THE NEXT 14 DAYS

For the next 14 days, your ceramic coating will be actively curing to reach its full hardness potential. It's recommended that you attempt to continue avoiding the same items listed above during this time period.

FULLY CURED CERAMIC COATING | CARE & MAINTENANCE

EVERY 2-4 WEEKS - Ceramic Coating Maintenance Washes

Do not allow dirt or debris to build up on the vehicles surface, this may clog and decrease the effectiveness of your coating. It's recommended to perform a maintenance wash by hand every 2 to 4 weeks depending on your driving habits and conditions. This will maintain your ceramic coatings' deep shine and hydrophobic properties. One of the great benefits of a ceramic or graphene coated vehicle is the ease of maintenance. Below you will see some basic washing instructions.

COATING | BASIC WASH METHOD:

- Use only pH-neutral soaps. Using a soap that isn't pH-balanced exposes your coating to harsh detergents that can break it down and decrease its lifespan.
- Never wash in direct sunlight to prevent water-spotting and streaking effects
- If you don't have the time to wash the car yourself, avoid automated high-volume brush washes. Stick to hand wash or touchless car washes only.
- When drying, avoid using drying towels that may cause abrasion. Buy a specific towel for drying your vehicle. Depending on the size of your vehicle, you may want two of these.

EVERY 3-4 MONTHS - Seasonal Ceramic Coating Maintenance

Giving your coating seasonal maintenance every 3-4 months will help ensure long-term maximum performance & durability. After a maintenance wash, apply a spray sealant such as a "Ceramic Boost" to enhance and rejuvenate the protection, appearance, and performance benefits of your graphene or ceramic coating.

3-4 MONTHS - Paint Decontamination May Be Needed

If you feel that your coating seems to be losing its hydrophobic properties on one or more panels, don't worry your coating is still there! This usually means the coating is just clogged with contaminants. You can use "Gtechniq W9 water spot remover". Even though this product is safe for our ceramic coating, be careful as this product is not to be applied to any other surface aside from the vehicles painted surfaces.

This process is *always* best left to a professional to avoid permanent damage to your coating and other areas of your vehicle.

Remember, DON'T :

- Wash in direct sunlight.
- Use harsh cleaners, such as degreasers, acids or any questionable chemical on a ceramic coated vehicle.
- Take your car through a touch car wash.

GOOD LUCK!

Understanding the process of washing and maintaining a ceramic coating can be overwhelming. Our goal with this guide is to provide you with the information you need to maximize the benefits and keep your vehicle shining for years to come.

For any questions, visit wolfedetail.com – And if life's busy, let our team handle the maintenance for you.