

Paint Protection Film (PPF)

Care & Maintenance Instructions

1. Initial Cure Period

After installation:

- Do not wash the vehicle for at least seven (7) days.
- Avoid touching, lifting, or disturbing film edges during this period.

This allows proper adhesion and full curing of the Paint Protection Film.

2. Washing Guidelines

- Hand wash using a mild, pH-neutral automotive shampoo.
- Use soft microfiber wash mitts or towels only.
- Thoroughly rinse the vehicle before washing to remove loose debris.
- Dry with clean microfiber towels to prevent water spotting.

Recommended: Two-bucket wash method (wash + rinse).

3. Contaminant Removal

Remove contaminants promptly to avoid staining, including bug splatter, bird droppings, tree sap, tar, and road grime.

If contaminants persist, use a PPF-safe cleaner approved for automotive films. Do not allow contaminants to bake into the film surface.

4. Pressure Washing

Pressure washing is permitted after curing, provided:

- The nozzle is kept at least 12–18 inches away from the surface
- Never spray directly at film edges, seams, or relief cuts
- Avoid excessive pressure near high-impact edges

Improper pressure washing may cause edge lifting and compromise coverage.

5. Sealants, Wax & Ceramic Coatings

Paint Protection Film is compatible with PPF-safe sealants and ceramic coatings.

Ceramic coating is highly recommended but not required.

Use products specifically labeled safe for paint protection film and avoid abrasive polishes or compounds.

6. Benefits of Ceramic Coating on PPF

Applying a ceramic coating over Paint Protection Film provides several advantages:

- Enhances gloss and visual clarity
- Increases hydrophobic behavior, allowing water, dirt, and grime to release more easily
- Reduces staining from contaminants such as bugs, bird droppings, and road grime
- Makes routine washing faster and safer
- Helps preserve the film's appearance over time

Ceramic coating does not replace Paint Protection Film and does not make the film impact-proof.

7. Self-Healing Properties

Paint Protection Film features self-healing characteristics.

- Light surface scratches in the film may self-heal within minutes to hours at normal temperatures.
- Gently heating the affected area with warm water (up to approximately 120 °F / 48 °C) can accelerate the self-healing process.
- Do not use heat guns, open flame, or excessive heat sources.

8. Avoid Harsh Chemicals

Do not use abrasive cleaners, scrubbing pads, solvents, petroleum-based products, acidic or alkaline cleaners, ammonia-based products, degreasers, or strong alcohols, as these may damage the film surface or edges.

9. Automatic Car Washes

Avoid automatic car washes with stiff or abrasive brushes.

Touchless washes may be used only after full curing, provided no high-pressure edge blasting occurs.

Hand washing is strongly recommended.

10. Routine Inspection

Periodically inspect film edges, seams, and high-impact areas.

If lifting or damage is observed, contact the installer promptly for evaluation.