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Taking Care Of Your New Vehicle Wrap

A. Gentle cleaning is best

- Soften difficult contaminants such as bug splatter, bird dropping, tree sap and similar contaminants by soaking them for several minutes with very hot, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. If further cleaning is needed, test one of these products in an inconspicuous area to ensure no damage to the graphics: Meguiar's Gold Class Bug and Tar Remover or 3M™ Citrus Base Cleaner. Isopropyl alcohol (IPA) (two parts IPA to one part water) or denatured alcohol may also help. Spot clean the contaminants. Do not use rough scrubbing or abrasive tools which will scratch the film. Wash and rinse off all residue immediately.
- For the best results use hand washing and a wet, non-abrasive detergent such as 3M Car Wash Soap 39000 or Meguiar's NXT Generation® Car Wash or Deep Crystal® Car Wash and a soft, clean cloth or sponge.
- Always rinse thoroughly with clean water. To reduce water spotting, immediately use a silicone squeegee to remove water and finish with a clean microfiber cloth.

B. Power Washing is an option

- You can take the vehicle through a brushless car wash.
- Pressure washing may be used under these conditions
 - Ø Ensure the water pressure is kept below 2000psi (14 Mpa).
 - Ø Keep water temperature below 80oc
 - Ø Use a spray nozzle with a 40o wide-angle spray pattern.
 - Ø Keep the nozzle at least 300mm away from and perpendicular (at least 90 degrees) to the graphic

NOTE: Holding the nozzle of a pressure washer at an angle to the graphic may lift the edges of the film.

- Ø For the best result, hand dry

C. Polish or wax

For the carbon fiber and brushed metal films in Scotchprint Wrap Film Series 1080, a polishing product such as 3M Tire Restorer or Meguiars Natural Shine Protectant may be used.

No polish is recommended for matte or textured films, and no wax-based product is recommended for any of film series 1080. In these instances, the product tends to fill in the inherent texture of the films surface and can cause the film to develop a haze.

D. Store the car indoors when possible

Vinyl graphics (just like paint) are degraded by prolonged exposure to the sun and atmospheric pollutants, particularly on the horizontal surfaces such as bonnet, boot lid and roof. Whenever possible, store in a garage or at least in a shaded area during the day. At night protect the car from dew or rain, which may contain acidic pollutants (a common problem in many large city areas). When a garage is not available, consider using a cloth car cover at night. If your graphics start to discolour or turn brown (which is caused by acidic pollution), immediately remove the graphics from the vehicle to avoid staining the underlying paint.