

Car Care Tips...

We've put together Car Care Tips to keep your car looking and running great. They cover prevention and maintenance for your car, inside and out. Some of them you may know and some may be good additions to your current car care program. Make your finish last longer:

1. Avoid washing your car in the sun.
2. Rinse off as much dirt as possible before washing.
3. Clean tires first.
4. Clean wheels to eliminate brake dust and road salt corrosion.
5. Never use household soaps or detergents.
6. Don't place grocery bags, luggage or other objects on the car top or trunk.
7. After driving in salty conditions, wash your car to prevent corrosion, fading and rust.
8. Get a complete detail once a year.
9. Do not "dry wipe" your car as it may cause scratching.
10. Avoid extreme heat and cold by keeping your car parked in the shade or a
11. garage.
12. Avoid gravel roads which can cause chipping in the first 30 days.
13. Do not park under trees which drip sap.
14. Immediately rinse gasoline, oil, anti-freeze, transmission fluid and windshield solvent spills off your finish but do not wipe.

Cleaning Your Car Inside:

1. Apply protectant with a rag and avoid spraying directly on the dash.
2. Use a vinyl protectant regularly to prevent fading and cracking.
3. Once vinyl protectant is applied, it will need to be re-applied regularly to prevent drying and cracking.
4. Vinyl dashes can also be cleaned using Lemon Pledge, which leaves a nice smell too.
5. Vacuum regularly to remove dirt, salt, leaves and other items that can damage carpets and mats.
6. Leather interiors should be cleaned with leather products that are designed to penetrate the pores.
7. For leather, avoid high-alkaline content which can bleach the color.
8. Use only upholstery cleaners designed for cars, not household cleaners.