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Please wait at least 2 weeks before washing newly applied graphics and avoid high pressure hand held washers.

Cleaning Applied Vinyl Vehicle Graphics

The following practices will help maintain the life and quality of the vinyl film.

- Wash applied vinyl graphics with a blend of clean water and mild detergent.
- Test any cleaning solution on a small section of the vinyl graphic before using.
- Always read the warning labels on the care products for proper safety instructions.
- Once you have washed the vehicle rinse with clean water.
- Either let the vehicle air dry or dry with a microfibre cloth.

Indications of vinyl failure can include loss of gloss level, fading, brittling, cracking, chipping or peeling around graphic edges.

The following practices will result in deterioration of the vinyl film.

- Do not allow fuels to stay in contact with the vinyl for extended periods of time. Clean all spills as soon as possible.
- Do not use automated car washes, truck washes using caustic cleaners or pressure washers to clean your vehicle.
- Do not apply carnauba based wax over the vinyl graphics.
- Do not apply any type of wax or polish to matte or carbon fibre finish vinyls.
- Do not use mechanical brush washing.

Care for Perforated Window Graphics

It is relatively inexpensive to replace window graphics. Never compromise safety. Always ensure maximum visibility.

- Avoid using the rear windshield wiper and only use when necessary, as it will scratch the vinyl.
- Avoid using your rear defroster, use only when necessary.
- Do not use an Ice scraper on any window that is covered with vinyl.

In matters of safety, common sense should always prevail to ensure maximum visibility at all times.

Concerns Regarding Pressure Washing Vinyl Vehicle Graphics

Pressure washing should only be used when no other cleaning methods are available.

Keep the following in mind while performing this type of cleaning.

- Repeated pressure washing can cause the vinyl graphics to lift around the edges and peel away from the vehicle, especially if the spray is at a sharp angle to the vinyl edge.
- Overtime, pressure washing can degrade the face film, causing the graphic to lose its lustre, fade, crack and even chip away from the substrate.

To prolong the life of the applied vehicle graphic when choosing to pressure wash, consider the following.

- Water temperature: 19°C Max
- Spray nozzle opening: 40° wide pattern
- Spray angle: 45°
- Angle of graphic: 90° (vertical)
- Distance from graphic: 15"
- Water pressure: ≤ 800 PSI
- Length of time: 30 seconds

Aim the spray pattern at a slight angle to the edge of the vinyl graphic. Do not use any turbo pressure settings or nozzles.

Do not use an automated car wash.

This information is a guide only, please test all cleaning methods out on a small area first.