

Follow these instructions to ensure the 3M™ Protection Wrap Film performs for as long as possible.

**Cleanliness is Key** - Immediately wipe off any fuel spills to prevent degradation of the film and adhesive. Next, hand wash and dry the film as soon as possible.

**Give Your Car a Loving Home** - Store your wrapped vehicle indoors, in a shaded area, or under a cover when possible. Such storage helps preserve and protect the film from heat and UV exposure.

**Spot Treat Stains** - Clean bird droppings, tar, and bugs off of the film as soon as possible to avoid staining or damage. Soften difficult contaminants, like tree sap, by soaking them in hot, soapy water. Then rinse and dry the film thoroughly. Do NOT use rough scrubbing or abrasive tools, as these will scratch the film.

**Hand Washing is Best** - Do NOT wash the vehicle until at least 72 hours after installation. Hand wash the vehicle whenever possible. If the vehicle must go through a car wash, choose a touchless option since brush car washes may dull and scratch the film and/or lift the edge of the film.

Giving a vehicle proactive love and attention will keep the film looking its best for years to come, ensuring the vehicle is always ready for the spotlight.

## Cleaning and Maintenance

### How do I remove fingerprints from 3M™ Protection Wrap Film?

Matte finish films may show fingerprints more prominently, but these can be cleaned off by wiping the film surface with a clean lint-free towel saturated with a mixture of 70% isopropyl alcohol (IPA) and 30% water. Wipe the film surface dry afterwards.

### What cleaning solutions are recommended for 3M™ Protection Wrap Film?

Wash the vehicle with a neutral shampoo.

- Cleaning with strongly alkaline, acidic, or alcoholic cleaning agents should be avoided, as they may permanently damage the film.
- Do NOT use abrasive cleaning pads, brushes, and similar products as doing so will permanently damage the film.

### What auto car wax or coating products can I apply to the 3M™ Protection Wrap Film?

After film installation, wait one week before waxing your vehicle to help ensure the film has built the proper level of adhesion. No special maintenance is required, but 3M recommends the following products for users who wish to wax their 3M™ Protection Wrap Film:

- 3M™ Perfect-It™ Show Car Paste Wax (PN39526) can be applied after film installation. Users should then regularly wash and recoat the surface going forward.
- Alternatively, 3M™ Ceramic Coating or 3M™ Ceramic Boost can be applied for additional hydrophobicity, stain resistance, and easy clean features.
- Do NOT use waxes containing dyes, abrasive polishes, and/or rubbing compounds. The abrasive particles will damage the film surface and result in a loss of surface quality.

Users can remove any wax build-up along film edges with a lint-free cloth. Visit [www.3M.com/automotive](http://www.3M.com/automotive) to order 3M's car wash soap, waxes, polishes and high-performance detailing cloths.

### Can the car be run through a car wash after 3M™ Protection Wrap Film is applied?

Do NOT wash the vehicle until 72 hours after installation.

Hand wash the vehicle whenever possible. If it must go through a car wash, choose a touchless option as brush car washes may dull and scratch the film as well as lift the edge of the film. Loose film could tear away from a moving vehicle. After washing, check the entire film installation carefully for edge lifting. Return to the installer to repair, remove, or replace damaged film.

## Can I pressure wash the film?

Yes, but 3M recommends hand washing whenever possible.

If a pressure washer is to be used, there are strict guidelines that need to be followed. Aggressive washing can damage the film, with excessive pressure forcing water underneath the film, weakening the adhesive's bond to the paint surface, causing the film to lift or curl. These problems are magnified by wind.

To avoid edge lifting or other damage to the film:

- Use a spray nozzle with a minimum 40 degree or wider spray pattern.
- Ensure the spray nozzle includes a nozzle protector (tip guard).
- Use a maximum pressure of 1,200 psi (80 bar).
- If the system is heated, limit the water temperature to 140°F (60°C) or less.
- Hold the nozzle at least 12 in. (30 cm) away from and perpendicular (90 degrees +/- 10) to the film, or a minimum of 39 in. (1 m) away from the film at a 60° angle, or higher.
- Do NOT direct the water stream at between 0° to 60° relative to the edge of the film

## How do I avoid hard water spots on 3M™ Protection Wrap Film?

Wash and dry the vehicle in a shaded and/or protected area. Dry the car quickly after cleaning to help prevent hard water spots/chlorine stains. Applying a coating of liquid wax after cleaning also helps prevent hard water spot/chlorine stains.

## Removing the Film

### How should 3M™ Protection Wrap Film be properly removed?

3M recommends hiring an installation professional for the removal process. Use a heat gun or steamer to aid removal. Remove the film at a 30 to 60 degree angle relative to the surface of the paint.

## Health and Safety

### Tools and Equipment Usage

When using any equipment, always follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.

### Chemicals

When handling any chemical products, read the manufacturers' container labels and the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for important health, safety, and environmental information.

[Follow this link to obtain SDS sheets for 3M products.](#)

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