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exterior

- Wash your vehicle once a week or as needed to keep the painted surfaces free from environmental debris.
- Use PermaPlate® Wash Concentrate which is specially formulated for use with Paintguard® or a high-quality, mild soap designed for vehicles. Never use dishwashing detergent which can damage the Paintguard sealant.
- Always use soft, cotton cloths for washing. Wash in a straight motion, rinsing the cloth often. Circular strokes can cause swirls and scratches. Take special care to remove stubborn dirt, grime, or debris. Wash the vehicle in sections. Wet the surface to be washed, then rinse it with clean water before moving on to the next section. Always wash your vehicle in the shade, out of hot mid-day sun.
- Dry your vehicle in the shade with soft, absorbent cloths or a chamois, again in a straight motion. Standing water can cause water spots, so work quickly.
- If you use an automatic car wash, look for a “touchless” system, one that utilizes high-pressure water and cleaning solutions to clean your vehicle. Never subject your vehicle to an automatic system that uses brushes or soft-systems, sometimes called “brushless,” which can scratch your vehicle’s painted surfaces.
- Avoid parking under trees, near construction areas, and out of direct sunlight whenever possible. Heat and ultra-violet light can cause fading, discoloration and disintegration of painted surfaces, fabric, rubber and plastics. Tree sap, leaves, insect fluids, and bird-droppings can leave stains, water-insoluble spots, and even cause chemical etching on painted surfaces. Always remove environmental debris as soon as possible.
- Paintguard Renewer should be used on vehicles that have been initially treated with PermaPlate Paintguard by an authorized dealer.
- Application of Paintguard Renewer will maintain the integrity of the protective seal and deep-clean the surface, revitalizing your vehicle’s shine.
- Paintguard Renewer should be applied every six months or 7500 miles. For darker colors, it should be applied every three months, or as often as needed. Refer to product package for detailed application instructions.

- No need to use a wax in conjunction with PermaPlate Paintguard. In fact, most commercial waxes were designed for lead-based paints which are no longer used and they contain abrasives which can actually dull the finish.
- Do not apply Paintguard Renewer to rubber or black plastic molding which may cause discoloration.
- If a commercial tar or insect remover is needed, read the instructions carefully and test the product on an inconspicuous area first. Always reapply Paintguard Renewer to the treated area.

interior

- Vacuum carpet and upholstery frequently to prevent premature wear from abrasion caused by dirt build-up.
- Liquid spills should be blotted up as soon as possible using an absorbent towel or cloth. Dilute the stain with water if necessary. Continue blotting until fabric is dry. Brush lightly with a towel to blend fibers.
- For stubborn stains or for dried stains, use Fiberguard® Carpet and Upholstery Cleaner. Always blot the fabric firmly, never scrub which can cause permanent damage. Repeat if necessary.
- For oil-based stains, heat Fiberguard Carpet and Upholstery Cleaner in a microwave oven on high for approximately 5 seconds per ounce. Follow cleaning directions above using a soft-bristle brush if needed and extract with a wet-dry vacuum.
- Crayon stains can be removed by placing a paper bag or several layers of paper towels over stain. Then place a warm iron directly over the area and the heat will draw the crayon onto the paper. Repeat if necessary.
- Ink stains can be removed by spraying the area generously with aerosol hair spray then blotting up with a soft, absorbent towel. Rinse the area with water to remove any residue.
- Use a steam cleaning method for cleaning carpets and upholstery.
- Keep leather and vinyl surfaces free from surface debris by wiping with a damp, soft cloth. If necessary, use a mild solution of soap and water or saddle soap to remove dirt.
- Restore surfaces by applying Leatherguard® Renewer every three months or as often as needed. See package for complete directions.