



BOAT WRAP
CARE & CLEANING

WASHING

Care for your boat graphics like you would any fine paint finish. By using high quality products designed specifically for vehicle care and following the recommended cleaning and maintenance procedures, you will help keep your boat graphics looking their best.

Wash regularly and whenever the boat appears dirty. Contaminants allowed to remain on the boat wrap may be more difficult to remove during cleaning. Pre-rinse off as much dirt and grit as possible with a spray of water. Use a wet, non-abrasive detergent that contains NO solvents and NO alcohol and has a pH value between 3 and 11 (neither strongly acidic nor strongly alkaline.) and a soft, clean cloth or sponge. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Use a wet, non-abrasive detergent and a soft, clean cloth or sponge. Avoid abrading the graphic by unnecessary scrubbing. Rinse thoroughly with clean water. To reduce water spotting, immediately use a silicone squeegee to remove water and finish with a clean microfiber cloth.

Vinyl wraps may be run through car washes. Touchless and brushless car washes are the best for graphic care. Use of brush car washes (depending upon the frequency & quality of brush) may cause dulling/scratching/lifting edge of the graphics.

PRESSURE WASHING

Power washing, or pressure washing may be used. Regular washing is highly recommended to avoid the necessity of deep cleaning and to prevent accumulating dirt. Excessive or aggressive washing can damage your graphic by forcing water underneath the graphic, lessening the adhesion and allowing the graphic to lift or curl. These problems are magnified by wind and water. To avoid edge lifting or other damage to the graphics, follow these important steps:

- Ensure the water pressure is kept below 1300 psi and water temperature below 140°F.
- Use a spray nozzle with a 40 degree wide angle spray pattern.
- Keep the nozzle at least 5 feet away from the graphic. Angle of water spray should be no shallower than 60° from perpendicular. Keep the nozzle spray pattern perpendicular to the overlapping direction.
- Do not direct the water stream at a sharp angle to the edge of the graphic.

DIFFICULT CONTAMINANTS

Soften difficult contaminants such as bug splatter, bird droppings, tree sap and similar contaminants by soaking for several minutes with 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 wrap film: Meguiar's Gold Class™ Bug and Tar Remover or 3M™ Citrus Base Cleaner. Isopropyl alcohol 70% 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.

FUEL SPILLS

Wipe off fuel spills **immediately** to avoid degrading the vinyl and adhesive. Then wash, rinse and dry as soon as possible.

STORAGE

Wrap films (just like paint) are degraded by prolonged exposure to sun & atmospheric pollutants, particularly on horizontal surfaces (the parts that look up at the sun). Whenever possible, store your boat in a garage or in a shaded area. At night, protect the boat from dew or rain, which may contain pollutants. When a garage is not available, consider using a cloth boat cover at night. If your wrap film starts to discolor or turn brown (which is caused by acidic pollution), immediately have a professional remove the wrap from the boat to avoid staining the underlying paint.

BOAT COVERS

A boat cover is a great way to keep any environmental pollutants and extra sun off of your wrap. However, cinching down or tightening the boat cover can abrade and damage the wrap where the cover straps grind against the wrap with large amounts of pressure. Towing your boat with the cover on can damage the wrap due to the cover vibrating with high pressure and down force. It is highly recommended that you tow without a cover.