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Clear Automotive Paint Protection Films

Care & Maintenance Instructions

Paint Defender Paint Protection Film is easy to care for – just treat it like your paint.

The film will stand up to cold, heat, and humidity. Your Paint Defender kits are very durable but they are not indestructible. Proper care is required to keep the film looking new.

Care Instructions:

- Within the next 24 hours, please check the seams of your film for any areas that may lift up from the painted surface. Simply place your finger over those areas and hold for about 30 seconds. If that does not work or if the area is very large, please call us.
- Please wait for 48 hours after installation to wash your vehicle
- Wax the film like you wax your car (see “Do not do these” below). Paint Defender recommends the following products:
 - XPEL Paint Protection Film Sealant (available through Paint Defender)
 - Turtle Wax Ice (only the clear liquid)
 - Meguier’s NXT Generation
 - Zymol Field Glaze
- Remove any wax build up along the film edges with a moist lint-free cloth
- Use liquid based “car wash” soaps with extra soft sponges to wash the film
- Dry with a lint-free cloth, micro fiber cloth, or dust free chamois
- When using high-pressure water hoses (such as at a car wash), keep the nozzle at least 36 inches from the film surface and edges.
- Bug acids and bird droppings wash off easily of film is waxed often. They may discolor the film if left on for long periods of time. Wash off as soon as possible. Most stains will bleach out from the sun in a few weeks.
- Some discolorations can be removed by applying a small amount of Wesley’s Bleach White (available at auto parts stores) to the area. Wipe away.

Do not do these:

- Do not use waxes that contain dye
- Do not use abrasive polishes and/or rubbing compounds
- Do not use waxes that are not recommend for urethane products
- Do not use clay products to clean the film surface
- Do not use high speed buffers or polishing equipment
- Do not pick at the edges of the film. Once the film is lifted, it will not adhere to the vehicle surface properly



Waxing the Film

Waxing the film will prolong the life of the film, and prevent discoloration. Just like on your car's paint job, wax fill in any open pores or scratches, improving its appearance and blocking contaminants. This is especially important in environments where pollution, pollen, or dust is prevalent. **However, waxes that contain dyes and other chemicals may discolor the film over time and should be avoided.**

Removing Scratches

Light scratches in the film can be removed using a clean microfiber towel and denatured alcohol. Begin by thoroughly cleaning the affected area with a clean towel and water. Then, thoroughly wet a two-inch by two-inch area of the microfiber towel with denatured alcohol. Lightly swipe the scratch with the wet towel transferring some of the denatured alcohol to the film.

Allow the denatured alcohol to evaporate completely before touching the film again.

DO NOT rub the film with the denatured alcohol soaked rag. Doing so will permanently haze the film and will require replacement of the kit

You can also try to heat the surface with a heat gun to restore some shine. Be careful not to melt the film surface.

Warranty

Paint Defender, LLC exclusively utilizes the industry leading Paint Protection Film manufactured by XPEL Technologies. XPEL Technologies Corp. warrants XPEL Protection Film to be free of any manufacturing or workmanship defects for seven (7) years from the date of purchase. Covered defects include: yellowing, cracking, blistering, and delaminating. The warranty does not extend coverage to damage caused by installation error or misapplication, accidents or collisions, intentional misuse or ordinary wear, nor damage, dents or chips to the protected surface or film caused by impact of rocks or any other debris.

XPEL (and Paint Defender) will replace any film that does not meet this warranty. The replacement of damaged film is the exclusive remedy: liability does not extend to any other damages, incidental, consequential or otherwise. Please visit www.xpel.com/warranty for additional warranty limitations and conditions.

Claims Process

To file a claim, contact Paint Defender at 877-273-3029 or email sales@paintdefender.com or contact XPEL Technologies at www.xpel.com or via the information on the warranty card provided to you.