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VEHICLE GRAPHICS CARE INSTRUCTIONS

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AUTOMATIC BRUSH WASHING

Automatic brush washing may be used, but keep these two points in mind:

- Brushes can catch a loose edge of the graphic and cause further damage to the graphic.
- Brushes can dull the finish of the graphic.

HAND WASHING EXTERIOR GRAPHICS

1. Flush the graphic with clean water to remove loose dirt particles, A trigger-type hose nozzle is convenient for this purpose.
2. Use a mild liquid detergent and water solution and wash the graphic with a soft brush, rag or sponge
 - Wash thoroughly from the top down.
 - Avoid abrading the graphic by unnecessary scrubbing.
 - After applying the cleaning solution, keep a steady stream of water flowing on the graphic to wash away dirt particles.
3. Rinse the entire graphic thoroughly with clean water. Allow to dry naturally.

REMOVING DIFFICULT CONTAMINANTS

Some contaminants may remain after following the normal cleaning procedures. Most contaminants can be removed using one of these methods. Other cleaning products and methods should be used only on a customer test and approve basis.

1. To remove tar, oil, diesel smut or bituminous material:
 - Wipe with a rag dampened with kerosene, mineral spirits, heptane, or VM&P naphtha. Do not use other solvent (only applicable for over laminated solutions).
 - Wash immediately with detergent and water, and then rinse with clean water.
2. To remove pollen and fungus:
 - Wash the graphic with a 3 to 5% sodium hypochlorite (full-strength household bleach) solution or mild liquid detergent and water.
 - Rinse with clean water immediately.
3. To remove crayon, lipstick or similar materials:

Select an appropriate solvent and test it in an inconspicuous area to ensure it removes the contaminant without damaging the graphic. This must be done on a customer test and approve basis.

 - Wash immediately with mild liquid detergent and water, and then rinse with clean water.
4. Use all graffiti removal products as per the manufacturers instructions, especially with regard to rinsing off the product at the end of cleaning.
5. Avoid prolonged exposure of any graffiti remover to edge of film where there is exposed adhesive.
6. When using Graffiti-Enz Heavy Duty and Super Strength Graffiti removers on films, it is imperative that the product is rinsed off completely as per the manufacturers instructions, otherwise degradation of the film will occur.

VISIBLE AFFECTS OF LONG TERM EXPOSURE TO GRAFFITI-ENZ CHEMICALS.

1. Discoloration of the film
2. Physical Breakdown of the film
3. Changes in abrasion resistance
4. Changes in film appearance
5. Breakdown of adhesive at the edge of the film

The above will only happen when Graffiti-Enz Chemicals are not rinsed off thoroughly.

MAINTENANCE

Caution: Before handling any chemical products, always read the container label and the MSDS.

For Cleaning Graphics with an Overlaminated Film

Use the cleaner designed for high-quality painted surfaces. The cleaner must be wet, non-abrasive, without strong solvents, and have a pH value between 3 and 11 (neither strongly acidic nor strongly alkaline).

For Cleaning Graphics with an Overprint Clear

Use a wet, non-abrasive that contains NO solvents and NO alcohol and has a pH value between 3 and 11 (neither strongly acidic nor strongly alkaline).

Power Washing Exterior Graphics

Power washing, or pressure washing, may be used. However, aggressive washing can damage the graphic. Two common types of damage are:

Excessive pressure during power washing can damage the graphics by allowing water to get underneath the graphic. Water lessens the adhesion of the graphic to the substrate allowing the graphic to lift or curl. These problems are magnified by wind. This is a critical problem for perforated window graphic film.

Caution: Loose Graphics could tear away from a moving vehicle and cause an obstruction to motorists and pedestrians. After washing, check all the graphics carefully for edge lifting and repair, remove or replace damaged graphics.

If manufacturers instructions are not followed warranty may be void.