

# Motorcycle Washing & Detailing

This playbook describes a series of steps for properly washing and detailing a motorcycle. The goal is to maintain the bike's appearance and protect its finish, ensuring that it continues to look its best over time.

## Step 1: **Preparation**

Gather all necessary supplies including buckets, soap, microfiber towels, sponges, brushes, and detailing products. Make sure the motorcycle is cool to the touch and in a shaded area to prevent soap from drying too quickly.

## Step 2: **Pre-Wash**

Rinse the motorcycle with water to remove loose dirt and debris. Avoid high-pressure water on sensitive areas such as electronics, bearings, and the air intake.

## Step 3: **Washing**

Using a motorcycle-specific soap, wash the bike from top to bottom with a sponge or wash mitt. Use a separate bucket for rinsing to avoid swirling dirt back onto the motorcycle.

## Step 4: **Detailing**

Clean smaller, intricate areas with a soft brush or toothbrush. Apply cleaners and polishes to chrome and metal parts, and treat leather with a conditioner if applicable.

## Step 5: **Drying**

Use a clean microfiber towel to dry the motorcycle thoroughly to prevent water spots. Blow-drying can help remove water from crevices to prevent rust.

## Step 6: **Final Touches**

Apply a protective wax or sealant to the painted surfaces. Check and lubricate the chain if necessary and ensure that all cleaning residues are removed.

# **General Notes**

## **Safety**

Always make sure the motorcycle engine and exhaust are fully cooled before beginning the washing process to avoid burns and prevent soap from baking onto hot surfaces.

## **Product Choice**

Use only products designed for motorcycles to prevent damage. Automotive products can contain chemicals that are harsh on motorcycle finishes and materials.