# Car Wash and Wax

This step-by-step guide provides instructions on hand-washing and waxing your car. The guide is designed to help you maintain your car’s appearance and protect the paintwork.

### Step 1: Prep Work

Gather all necessary supplies including a bucket, car wash soap, sponge or wash mitt, microfiber towels, car wax, and wax applicator pads. Make sure you have access to water and a hose.

### Step 2: Rinse Car

Rinse your car thoroughly with water to remove loose dirt and debris that could scratch the paint during the washing process.

### Step 3: Mix Soap

Fill a bucket with water and add the appropriate amount of car wash soap as specified on the soap's instructions. Mix well.

### Step 4: Wash Car

Using the sponge or wash mitt, wash the car from the top down in sections, regularly rinsing the sponge or mitt in the soapy water to avoid dirt build-up. Use gentle linear motions to protect the paint.

### Step 5: Rinse Again

Rinse the car thoroughly with water to remove all soap. Make sure all suds are gone to avoid soap spots.

### Step 6: Dry Car

Dry your car with clean microfiber towels to prevent water spots. Use a blotting motion rather than dragging the towel across the paint.

### Step 7: Apply Wax

Apply car wax to a clean foam applicator pad. Spread the wax onto the car's paint in a thin, even layer while applying in a circular motion. Follow the manufacturer's specifications for how long to leave the wax before proceeding to the next step.

### Step 8: Buff Wax

After the wax has dried to a haze, use a clean, dry microfiber towel to buff the wax off using a circular motion. This will leave your car with a protective and glossy finish.

### Step 9: Final Inspection

Inspect your car for any missed spots or remaining residue. Touch up as necessary, ensuring the entire car is waxed evenly and looks satisfactory.

## General Notes

### Car Surface

Ensure the vehicle surface is cool to the touch and the car is in a shaded area before you begin washing or waxing to prevent premature drying or wax not setting properly.

### Soap and Wax

Use a car-specific wash soap as household cleaning agents can strip wax and damage the paint. Similarly, select a high-quality car wax designed for your vehicle's paint type.

### Wax Frequency

Waxing your car is recommended every three months or as needed depending on the climate and your car's exposure to the elements.