

GTECHNIQ

AFTERCARE GUIDE

Avoid washing your vehicle for the first 24 hours after application to allow the coating to fully cure.

PREPARATION

Washing a car with a Gtechniq ceramic coating requires careful attention to preserve the coating's hydrophobic and protective properties. Here's a detailed step-by-step guide for safely washing and maintaining your ceramic-coated car.

Before we walk you through the step by step process you need to first ensure you are prepared with the appropriate equipment and products:

- + Glass cleaner
- + Microfibre wash mitt
- + Microfibre drying towels
- + Snow foam and foam cannon
- + Wheel cleaner (ceramic-safe, non-acidic)
- + Soft wheel brushes and detailing brushes
- + Pressure washer or hose with a soft spray nozzle
- + Gtechniq GWash or equivalent pH-neutral shampoo
- + Two buckets with grit guards (for the two-bucket method)
- + Gtechniq C2 Liquid Crystal or equivalent quick detailer

Step 01

PRE-WASH

A pre-wash is crucial to remove loose dirt and contaminants before touching the car.

Rinse the car thoroughly:

- Use a pressure washer or hose to rinse off loose dirt, mud, and debris.
- Start from the roof and work downwards.

Apply a Tar and Glue remover like Gtechniq W7 (if necessary):

- Spray product onto tar and or glue spots and allow to dwell for 5-10 minutes.
- Rinse and repeat if necessary.
- Do not spray product onto black plastic trim, rubber, vinyl or other trim parts.
- If you accidentally spray onto these parts, remove immediately with your wash solution.

Apply snow foam:

- Use a ceramic-safe snow foam like Gtechniq W4 Citrus Foam in a foam cannon.
- Cover the car evenly and let it dwell for 5–10 minutes to break down grime.
- Do not let the foam dry on the surface.
- Rinse thoroughly.

Step 02

WHEELS

Clean the wheels before touching the paintwork to avoid cross-contamination.

Apply wheel cleaner:

- Use a ceramic-friendly, pH-neutral wheel cleaner like Gtechniq W6 Iron Fallout Remover.
- Let the cleaner dwell for a few minutes to dissolve brake dust and iron particles.

Scrub the wheels:

- Use soft wheel brushes to clean the barrels, spokes, and lug nut areas.
- Use smaller detailing brushes for intricate areas.

Rinse thoroughly:

- Ensure all cleaning products are removed before proceeding.

Step 03

CONTACT WASH

The contact wash must be done carefully to protect the ceramic coating.

Prepare two buckets:

- Fill one bucket with water and pH-neutral car shampoo (like Gtechniq GWash).
- Fill the second bucket with plain water for rinsing the wash mitt.

Using the two-bucket method ensures grit is not passed from the dirty water back to the car's surface.

Wash the car:

- Use a microfiber wash mitt and wash in straight-line motions (no circular scrubbing).
- Start from the top (roof) and work your way down to the dirtiest areas (lower panels and bumpers).
- After each panel, rinse the wash mitt in the plain water bucket before reloading it with soapy water.

Rinse each section:

- After washing each section, rinse it with a hose or pressure washer to prevent soap from drying.

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Step 04

RINSE & DRY

Proper rinsing and drying are essential to prevent water spots on the coating.

Final rinse:

- Use a hose or pressure washer with deionised water if possible, as it reduces water spots.

Dry the car:

- Use a large, clean microfibre drying towel (e.g., Gtechniq MF4 Diamond Towel) or a car-specific drying aid.
- Dab or gently drag the towel across the surface to avoid marring.
- Use an blower for hard-to-reach areas (e.g., mirrors, grilles, and panel gaps).

Step 05

GLASS & TRIM

Cleaning glass and trim improves visibility, aesthetics, and protects against damage.

Clean the windows:

- Use a streak-free glass cleaner (e.g., Gtechniq G6 Perfect Glass) and a microfibre cloth.
- Wipe in straight-line motions to avoid streaks.

Detail the trim:

- Use a ceramic-friendly trim restorer if needed to refresh faded plastic or rubber trim.

Step 06

CERAMIC COATING

Regular maintenance with a ceramic coating booster is essential to replenish hydrophobic properties and enhance gloss.

Apply a ceramic detailer or booster:

- Use a product like Gtechniq C2 Liquid Crystal every 4–6 weeks to top up the coating.
- Spray it onto a clean microfibre cloth and lightly apply it to the paintwork.
- Buff off with a second microfibre cloth for a streak-free finish.

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Step 07

INSPECTION

Final inspection ensures quality, catches missed details, and guarantees a flawless, polished finish.

Check for water spots:

- If any water spots remain, gently remove them with a ceramic-safe water spot remover.

Inspect the finish:

- Ensure the paint is glossy, hydrophobic, and free of streaks or smudges.

TIPS FOR MAINTAINING CERAMIC COATING

1. Avoid harsh chemicals: Only use pH-neutral, ceramic-safe products.
2. Wash regularly: Wash the car every 1–2 weeks to prevent dirt from bonding with the coating.
3. Don't skip pre-washes: A proper pre-wash minimises scratches and swirl marks.
4. Avoid automatic car washes: They can strip or damage the coating.
5. Decontaminate periodically: Use Gtechniq W6 Iron Fallout Remover or clay bar every 4–6 months to remove embedded contaminants.
6. Reapply boosters: Ceramic boosters like Gtechniq C2 Liquid Crystal can extend the life of the coating.

By following these steps, you'll ensure the longevity and performance of your Gtechniq ceramic coating while keeping your car looking immaculate.



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Water Spotting

Spray Gtechniq W9 Water Spot Remover on the affected area according to the instructions on the label. Lightly wipe away with an edgeless microfibre, never use force to wipe away. If marks persist, paint correction or reapplication may be required.



Bird lime, tree sap, and insect debris removal

Use either Gtechniq G6 Quick Detailer or W8 Bug Remover onto the area to saturate the contaminant. Lightly wipe away using an edgeless microfibre cloth. If marks persist, try a heat gun to remove staining.



Tar removal

We recommend the use Gtechniq W7 Tar and Glue Remover or similar Sodium Mercaptoacetate based product to remove fallout. Apply product according to label and rinse. Do not agitate as this may scratch or mar coating.



Fallout

Tar spots can often be removed by washing. Residual spots can be removed with a mild aliphatic or alcohol based solvent such as W6 Iron & General Fallout Remover. Ensure surface is cool and apply product to spot and allow to soften. Lightly dab with a soft microfibre cloth to remove.



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INTERIOR CARE - STAINS AND SPILLAGES



Soak up any spills immediately using a dry cloth or towel. Pat the area and avoid rubbing as this can spread the stain.



If staining is visible, clean the surface using interior automotive cleaning products, remove the stain and allow drying before re-applying Smart Fabric.



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