

# **PAINT PROTECTION FILM POST-INSTALLATION GUIDELINES & MAINTENANCE**

- **Do not wash your vehicle for a minimum of 24 hours.** During the 24 hours period immediately after installation it is necessary to let the film adhere and begin the curing process. Cleaning the vehicle during this time is the number one cause for adhesive failure. A minimum of 72 hours is recommended.
- **Do not power-spray your vehicle for 72 hours.**
- **Do not use high pressure washing nozzles within 36 inches of edges.**
- **Complete dry-out time, including trapped moisture, water bubbles and cloudy-look take as long as 30 to 60 days after installation to dissipate.**
- **Do not use anything abrasive when cleaning the film.** Lint-free microfiber or soft terry cloths are fine but do not use any type of scouring pad.
- **Do not wipe or scrub the film in direct sunlight or when the film is hot.**
- **Do not use abrasive cleaners on the film.**
- **Do not use dyed or coloured car waxes on the film.**
- **Do not use solvent based digressers.**
- **Remove any wax build-up along the film edges with a lint-free cloth.**
- **Remember, the film needs time to dry and adhere to the paint therefore it may have some slight distortion and cloudiness which will eventually disappear once the film has completely cured.**

## **OVERVIEW**

Paint Protection Film should be cared for in the same way you would care for the paint on your vehicle. The product can be washed and waxed along with the rest of the vehicle. If any wax residue remains at the edge of the film it can be removed with a lint-free cloth. If you use a high pressure wash to clean your vehicle, you should keep the high pressure nozzle at least 36 inches from the edge of the film to prevent lifting of the edge.

## **POST-INSTALLATION CLOUDINESS**

Due to the superior quality and scratch resistance of our paint protection films, some of the water used in our application process gets trapped between the film and the painted surface and does not evaporate through the film as easily as other films. This causes the film to have a “cloudy” or “milky” appearance. Do not be alarmed! It will disappear but it can take up to a couple of weeks, especially in colder climates. Gradually it will form small cloudy spots and eventually these will go away. If after a couple of weeks you have not seen this cloudiness start to disappear let us know.

## **POST-INSTALLATION WATER BUBBLES**

While we make every effort to squeegee out as much water as possible you may see some small water bubbles. This can last up to a few weeks, especially in colder climates. Don't worry, in most cases these will go away. Do not press on the area with the trapped solution. As the moisture evaporates the film will lay flat and continue to adhere to the surface. If after a couple of weeks they have not please contact us and return the vehicle and we will take the bubbles out.

## **WAXING THE FILM**

Contamination from road oils, diesel smoke, pollen, and pollution can cause discoloration and de-glossing of the film. Traditional automotive waxes can provide a small level of protection against contamination. Waxes that contain dyes and other chemicals such as naphtha or kerosene may discolor or de-gloss the film over time and should be avoided. When waxing/polishing the film, it is recommended to overlap the film edge with ¼ inch painter's masking tape. This will prevent any wax build-up along the film edge. If tape is not available use a soft cloth dipped in isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol to clean the edge.