

# FINISH CARE RECOMMENDATIONS

**PPG** recommends the following precautions be followed to insure proper care of the finish on your new vehicle. If these recommendations are not followed, your paint warranty may be null and void.

# <u>The first 30 days...</u>

- Avoid parking under trees sap and bird dropping may damage the new finish. (Rinse them off as soon as possible)
- Avoid driving on gravel roads as rock chips may cause damage.
- Never let gasoline, antifreeze and transmission fluid or windshield solvent stand on painted surface. (Rinse them off as soon as possible)

## The first 90 days...

- Do not wax or polish the vehicle this will allow the finish to dry and cure completely.(Do not use any silicone-containing waxes or polishes)
- After 90 days, the vehicle should be polished with a premium quality product.
  - Consult the following manufacturer for their recommendations.
    - 3M or Meguiars

#### Long term care ....

- Never use ice scraper to remove ice or snow this will cause scratches.
- Never use abrasive cleaner, chemicals, steel wool or scuff pads directly on the finish this will cause damage to the finish.
- Wash vehicle to remove Road Salt, Magnesium Chloride or Calcium Chloride on a regularly scheduled basis.
- Remove road tar by washing with nail polish remover or lighter fluid and a clean cotton cloth. Wipe off excess cleaner ASAP.

## Proper washing recommendations...

- If using commercial washer, do not use worn-out plastic brushes as they can mar the finish and damage the painted surface.
- Washing vehicle guides:
  - Wash vehicle in shade never in direct sun.
    - By hand using a clean sponge or with a soft brush with cold water and a very mild dish wash soap and/or an automotive premium grade car wash soap recommended by 3M or Meguiars.
  - Allow to air dry or wipe dry using clean chamois or cotton cloth/rags.
- If using high-pressure power washer, maintain a minimum distance of 4 feet from vehicle surface to wand sprayer. Any closer may cause damage to paint & decals.
- Do not "dry wipe" the vehicle dry wiping may scratch the finish.
- o If vehicle is washed indoors, dry thoroughly using clean cotton rags.

#### Proper add-ons recommendations...

- If any mounting of additional equipment (light, handles, etc.) are needed use the following steps.
  - When drilling is required, mark holes to be drilled using a marker. Drill holes using a sharp drill bit. After drilling remove *ALL* metal shavings. Prior to mounting equipment, apply a compound ECK® Electrolysis Corrosion Control into hole, between part and on screw treads. This will help prevent corrosion blistering from dissimilar metal electrolysis. Refer to "ECK Applications" for proper application details.
- Due to DOT requirements, we cannot ship touch-up paint with the unit. If you need some touch-up color, go to <u>www.ppgrefinish.com</u> and click on Refinish Locator, enter in your zip code to find your local PPG Refinish distributor. Supply the distributor the PPG paint code (located on the unit) and they will be able to mix your color.