

Ceramic Coating Maintenance Checklist

Keep your ceramic-coated car looking flawless with this simple, actionable maintenance guide. Proper care ensures your coating lasts its full lifespan and keeps protecting your car like a champ.

1. Washing Your Car

- **How Often:** Wash your car every 2 weeks (or as needed, depending on dirt buildup).
 - **Tools to Use:**
 1. pH-neutral car shampoo (avoid harsh detergents).
 2. Microfiber wash mitt (to prevent scratches).
 3. Two-bucket method (one bucket for soap, one for rinsing).
 - **Steps:**
 1. Rinse the car thoroughly to remove loose dirt and debris.
 2. Wash gently using a microfiber mitt and pH-neutral shampoo.
 3. Rinse again with clean water.
 4. Dry with a microfiber towel (avoid air drying to prevent water spots).
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2. Drying Your Car

- **Why It Matters:** Air drying can leave mineral deposits and water spots.
 - **What to Use:** Soft microfiber drying towels or a car blower.
 - **Pro Tip:** Pat dry instead of rubbing to avoid micro-scratches.
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3. Avoid Automatic Car Washes

- **Why:** Automatic car washes use abrasive brushes and harsh chemicals that can wear down your ceramic coating.
 - **Solution:** Always opt for hand washing or touchless car washes.
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4. Use the Right Cleaning Products

- **Recommended Products:**
 - pH-neutral shampoo for regular washing.
 - Ceramic coating-friendly detail spray for quick touch-ups.

- Avoid products with wax or silicone (these can interfere with the coating).
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5. Maintain Hydrophobic Properties

- **Why:** Over time, contaminants like road grime or bird droppings can weaken the hydrophobic effect.
 - **Solution:**
 - Use a ceramic boost spray every 3–6 months to restore slickness and water beading.
 - Follow your installer's advice for product recommendations.
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6. Address Contaminants Immediately

- **What to Watch For:**
 1. Bird droppings
 2. Tree sap
 3. Bug splatter
 - **Steps:**
 1. Gently remove contaminants with water and a microfiber cloth as soon as possible.
 2. Avoid letting contaminants sit—they can break down the coating over time.
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7. Avoid Harsh Chemicals and Abrasive Tools

- **Don'ts:**
 - Avoid products containing abrasives, acids, or degreasers.
 - Never use rough sponges or brushes.
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8. Schedule Annual Inspections

- **Why It Matters:** Annual inspections ensure your ceramic coating is performing as expected.
 - **What to Expect:**
 - A professional check for weak spots or contaminants that need to be addressed.
 - Reapplication of booster products, if needed.
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Quick Checklist Summary

- ☐ Wash every 2 weeks with pH-neutral shampoo.
- ☐ Dry using microfiber towels—no air drying!
- ☐ Avoid automatic car washes—stick to hand or touchless washes.
- ☐ Use ceramic-safe products (no waxes or harsh chemicals).
- ☐ Apply ceramic boost spray every 3–6 months.
- ☐ Remove contaminants like bird droppings immediately.
- ☐ Schedule annual inspections with Elite Pro Detailings.

Bonus Tip: Keep a small spray bottle of ceramic-safe quick detailer and a microfiber cloth in your trunk for quick cleanups on the go.