

Car Wax to Make a Dad Proud

Waxing your car was an important step in the car washing process where I grew up out West. Car wax is not something people have in their garages at home here in New York where I now live. In California, cars are much more than just cars. People spend a lot more money on dressing up their cars than they do here. They add chrome wheels and custom door lock knobs. A car is a reflection of who you are. Here, a car is a mode of transportation. Even if you do not pimp out your car and just use it to get around in California, the sun can eat away at your car pretty quickly. Car wax is, therefore, a necessity there to protect your car. Regular waxing will keep your car looking as new as when you bought it.

So how often do you need to wax your car? The guys at the auto detailing shop will tell you it is dependent upon how perfect you want your car to look and what type of [car wax](#) you use (some of the synthetic waxes supposedly last for a year, for example.) I suppose with those guidelines, you might be destined to wax your car once a week. If you read the directions on the tub of car wax, it will tell you that when water does not bead on your car, it is time to wax.

You can get your car waxed one of two ways. You can do it yourself (or make one of your kids do it, in which case, there are three options for getting your car waxed) or take it to a detailer and have the professionals do it. It seems to me that when I have professionals wax my car, it lasts a lot longer than when I do it. It could be that they are using better car wax or that I just have bad technique. If you do it yourself, here is how. Start with a freshly washed car. You do not want to apply wax if your car is in the hot sun or if the temperature outside is too cold. You want the car surface to feel very smooth before you begin. Use a non abrasive car safe surface cleaner to remove bits of grit from the paint if there is still some present even after washing the car. Dip a damp cloth or sponge in the car wax and apply it to the car surface in small circles. Make sure you remember where you have applied it, as you cover the entire painted surface. Remove the wax (in the order in which it was applied) with a cloth or cloth diaper. To avoid streaking and build up, shake out your towel every so often. The last step is to assure there are no bits of wax left by polishing the entire surface with a different clean cloth such as a cheesecloth.

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