

Cleaning and Vehicle Care

CLEANING THE EXTERIOR



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Caution: Some high pressure cleaning systems are sufficiently powerful to penetrate door/window seals and damage trim and door locks. Never aim the water jet directly at the engine air intake, heater air intakes, body seals (doors, sunroof, windows etc.) or at any component which may be damaged (lamps, mirrors, exterior trim etc.).

Do not use a power wash system in the engine bay area, as it may damage fragile components, electrical systems etc.

Ensure that you read and comply with all warnings and instructions supplied with any cleaning products. Never use cleaning products which are not approved for use on vehicles.

Washing the vehicle

Remove heavy deposits of mud and dirt with a hose, before washing the vehicle.

Wash your vehicle frequently, using a sponge and generous quantities of cold or lukewarm water containing a suitable car shampoo. Rinse thoroughly and dry with a chamois leather, or synthetic substitute.

When washing the vehicle:-

- Do not use hot water.
- Only use cleaning products approved for use on vehicles.
- During hot weather, do not wash the vehicle in direct sunlight.

Caution: Substances which are corrosive, such as bird droppings, tree resin, dead insects, tar spots, road salt and industrial fall-out, can damage the vehicle's paintwork. Any such deposits should be removed as soon as possible, to prevent damage to the vehicle's paintwork.

Removing tar spots

Use white spirit to remove tar spots and stubborn grease stains from paintwork. Ensure that after using white spirit, the area is washed immediately with soapy water to remove all traces of spirit.

Underbody maintenance

Corrosive materials used on highways to control snow and ice, as well as accumulations from off-road driving or wading in salt water, can collect on the vehicle's underbody. If these materials are not removed, accelerated corrosion can occur. Regularly flush the underbody with plain water and pay particular attention to areas where mud and debris collect.

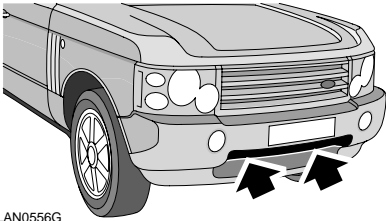
If damage or corrosion is detected, have the vehicle checked by a Land Rover Dealer/ Authorised Repairer as soon as possible.

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Cleaning after driving off-road

Caution: After driving off-road, ensure that areas around air intakes and the front grille are clean and clear of debris. Failure to do so may cause the engine to overheat.

Ensure that the vehicle and underside is cleaned soon after off-road driving, taking particular care to clean areas where mud and debris has compacted.



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This should include using a low pressure hose to flush water through the lower grille area (arrowed in illustration), to clean the cooling system components.

Repairing minor paint damage

Regularly inspect the paintwork for damage. and any stone chips, fractures or deep scratches in the paint/bodywork should be repaired promptly. Bare metal will corrode quickly and, if left untreated, can result in expensive repairs.

Minor chips and scratches can be touched-up using materials available from a Land Rover Dealer/Authorised Repairer. Larger areas of damage will require professional repair and you should consult a Land Rover Dealer/Authorised Repairer.

Plastic and cloth

Clean plastic or cloth faced surfaces with warm

Polishing

Occasionally treat the paint surface with an approved polish containing the following properties:

- Very mild abrasives to remove surface contamination without removing or damaging the paint.
- Filling compounds that will fill scratches and reduce their visibility.
- Wax to provide a protective coating between the paint and the elements.

Note: Do not apply car polish to the unpainted areas of the bumper mouldings - polish will become ingrained in the textured finished.

Glass and mirrors

The rear screen and mirror glass should only be cleaned using soapy water and a soft cloth. This will avoid damaging the reflective surface of the mirror and the heating elements and antenna in the rear screen.

Never use abrasive cleaning products or metal ice scrapers on the mirrors or the front/rear screens.

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water and non-detergent soap, then wipe clean with a soft cloth.

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Do not polish the instrument panel. Polished surfaces are reflective and may interfere with the driver's view.

Leather

Caution: Only use cleaning products specifically designed for use on leather. Do not use chemical, alcohol or abrasive materials, as they will cause rapid deterioration of the leather. The use of products which are not approved, will invalidate your warranty.

If you are in any doubt as to which products to use, consult your Land Rover Dealer/ Authorised Repairer.

It is recommended that leather is cleaned and protected at least every six months.

Land Rover recommend the use of later cleaning kit BAC500490. Use only in accordance with the instructions.

Note: Some materials/fabrics are prone to dye transfer, which can cause unsightly discolouration to lighter coloured leathers. Affected areas should be cleaned and re-protected as soon as possible.

Carpets and fabrics

Only clean with a dilute solution of an approved upholstery cleaner. It is advisable to test all cleaners on a concealed area before use.

Instrument pack, clock and audio equipment

Only use a soft, dry cloth to clean the instrument pack, clock and audio equipment. Do not use cleaning fluids or sprays.

Seat belts

Extend the seat belts fully, then use warm water and a non-detergent soap to clean. Allow the seat belts to dry naturally while fully extended.

WARNING

Do not allow any water, cleaners or fabric from cloths, to enter the seat belt mechanism. Any substance which enters the mechanism may affect the performance of the seat belt in an impact.

Note: When cleaning the seat belt, take the opportunity to examine the webbing for damage/wear. Any wear or damage should be reported to, and rectified by, a Land Rover Dealer/Authorised Repairer.

Airbag module covers

WARNING

Airbag covers should only be cleaned using a slightly dampened cloth and a small amount of upholstery cleaner.

Do not allow the airbag covers or surrounding areas, to become contaminated with liquids. Any substance which enters the mechanism, can prevent correct deployment of an airbag during an impact.
