# Vehicle cleaning

### THE EXTERIOR

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Following cleaning of the vehicle's exterior (particularly with a pressure washer), it is recommended that the vehicle is taken for a short drive to dry out the brakes.

- Remove any heavy deposits of mud and dirt with a hose, before washing the vehicle.
- Some high pressure cleaning systems (are sufficiently powerful enough to penetrate suspension joints. door/window seals and damage trim and door locks. Never aim the water iet directly at any cameras, the engine air intakes, heater air intakes, body seals (doors, sunroof, windows etc.), or at any components which may be damaged (lights, mirrors, exterior trim, suspension seals and gaiters, etc.). Make sure the pressure washer nozzle is always at a distance of more than 300 mm (12 ins) from any component of the vehicle.
- When lifting the wiper blades for cleaning, use the Winter park position to avoid damage to the vehicle. See 66, WINTER PARK POSITION.
- Do not use a power wash system in the engine bay area.
- Following cleaning of the vehicle's exterior (particularly with a pressure washer), it is recommended that the vehicle is taken for a short drive to dry out the brakes.
- Substances which are corrosive, such as bird droppings, can damage the vehicle's paintwork and should be removed as soon as possible.
- Use only cleaning products approved for use on vehicles.

Do not apply polish to any unpainted areas of bumper mouldings. It will become ingrained in the textured finish.

## **SENSORS AND CAMERAS**



When washing the vehicle, do not aim high pressure water jets directly at any of the sensors and cameras. Do not use abrasive materials or hard/sharp objects to clean the sensors and cameras. Only use approved vehicle shampoo.

Park assist and Parking aid sensors should be kept clean to maintain accuracy and performance.

If required, the cameras should be cleaned using a cloth moistened with a small amount of glass-cleaning product.

## **UNDER BODY MAINTENANCE**

Regularly flush the under body with plain water, and pay particular attention to areas where mud and debris collect.

If damage or corrosion are detected, have the vehicle checked by your Dealer/Authorised Repairer as soon as possible.

## AFTER OFF-ROAD DRIVING

Make sure the vehicle's underside is cleaned as soon as possible after driving off-road.

