

Steps to Applying Car Wax

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. Car owners accessorize their cars much more there than they do here. They put on shiny rims and lighted license plate holders. It is a way to express yourself. It is 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. As my dad would say, waxing your car will help it depreciate less because it keeps the exterior looking fantastic.

So how often do you need to wax your car? Most car experts say it depends on what kind of car wax you use and how flawless you want your car to look. If you are a perfectionist, you could be waxing your car all the time under those rules. According to the description on car wax containers, it is time to wax again if rain water does not bead up on the paint.

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. Whenever I wax my car, it does not seem to stay shiny as long as when I have a car detailing place do it. I am guessing that I just do not have the same skill as them, regardless of the kind of car wax I would use. 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. Make sure you do not feel any grit when you run your hand over the paint. If you do, you can apply a non abrasive cleaner meant for car surfaces to smooth it up. Use a damp sponge and douse it in the car wax. Rub it on your car in small circles. Cover all the paint in a pattern, remembering the path you followed. Then, starting where you began, use a cloth to remove the wax you applied. To avoid streaking and build up, shake out your towel every so often. Use a new clean cloth to polish the entire surface and make sure there are no spots of wax left.

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