

Car Wax from Coast to Coast

I grew up in the Southwest and I always remember my dad waxing the car. I now live on the East Coast and most people do not even own car wax. Here cars are not the big deal they are to people in California. 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. A car is a way to get around on the East Coast. 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.

How do you know when it is time 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. I suppose with those guidelines, you might be destined to wax your car once a week. 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 have a professional do it, or do it yourself. Whenever I wax my car, it does not seem to stay shiny as long as when I have a car detailing place 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. Make sure you do not feel any grit when you run your hand over the paint. 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. Then, starting where you began, use a cloth to remove the wax you applied. Make sure to shake out the towel frequently, so the wax does not build up. 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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