

WRAPMATE

POST-INSTALL GUIDE

Caring For Your Wrap.

A professionally installed wrap can look great for years. The difference? Consistent care. Here's everything you need to know to protect your investment.



THE BASICS

What Our Pros Recommend

Follow these habits to keep your wrap looking sharp and your warranty intact.

01

Hand wash with a pH-neutral automotive soap. Avoid automatic washes and high-pressure spray near edges.

02

Skip wax, sealants, steam cleaning, and abrasive brushes — these can damage the film and void your warranty.

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Clean bird droppings, tree sap, and road grime as soon as possible — the longer they sit, the harder to remove safely.

04

Park indoors when you can, and avoid parking under trees for extended periods to reduce sap and debris exposure.

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After installation, keep your wrap dry for 48 hours while the adhesive fully cures. Avoid washing during this window.

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Small bubbles or a slight hazy appearance can be normal during the first 30 days and usually disappear on their own.

WASHING YOUR VEHICLE

Do's and Don'ts

When it's time to clean, keep it simple and gentle.

✓ DO

- Hand wash with a soft cloth or sponge
- Use pH-neutral automotive soap (Dawn or equivalent)
- Rinse with low-pressure water
- Dry with a clean microfiber towel
- Spot-clean contaminants immediately
- Wash in the shade when possible

✗ DON'T

- Use automated or brush car washes — these **void warranty**
- Apply wax, sealants, or ceramic coatings without consulting us first
- Use abrasive cleaners, solvents, or scrubbing pads
- Use high-pressure spray directly on seams or edges
- Let bird droppings or tree sap sit for extended periods
- Wash in direct sunlight on a hot day

⚠ **Automated car washes void your warranty.** Even touchless washes carry risk — the spray pressure and chemicals can lift edges and damage film over time. Hand washing is always the safest option.

AFTERCARE PRODUCTS

3M Recommended Products

These products are referenced and recommended by 3M for use on vinyl wrap film. Always test in a small area before applying across the full wrap.



**3M™ Car Wash Soap
39000**

Gentle, non-abrasive formula safe for vinyl film. Ideal for regular hand washing.



**Meguiar's Heavy Duty Bug
& Tar Remover**

Recommended by 3M for removing bug splatter, bird droppings, and tree sap without damaging the film.



3M™ Citrus Base Cleaner

For stubborn contaminants. Test in an inconspicuous spot before applying to graphics.



**Meguiar's Quik Detailer
Spray**

Safe for vinyl film. Great for light cleaning and surface protection between washes.

AFTER INSTALLATION

What's normal — and what's not.

✓ NORMAL

Small air bubbles in the first 2–4 weeks. These typically self-resolve as the adhesive cures. No action needed.

Slight silvering or hazy appearance on dark colors, especially black. Typically resolves within 2–30 days.

! LET US KNOW

Lifted edges or peeling corners. A quick repair can prevent a much bigger issue. Don't wait.

Large or persistent bubbles that haven't resolved after 30 days, or bubbles that appear after a wash.

When in doubt, reach out. There is a timeline for how and when certain issues can be corrected. The sooner you let us know — even if it seems small — the more options we have to make it right. Contact the Wrapmate Scheduling & Customer Success team at wrapmate.scheduling@wrapmate.com

ADDITIONAL PROTECTION

Ceramic coatings & your wrap.

A ceramic coating applied over your wrap can extend its life — but there are important things to know before you proceed.

BENEFITS

- UV protection to slow fading
- Hydrophobic surface — water beads off easily
- Easier to clean day-to-day
- Added layer of protection from contaminants

WHAT TO KNOW FIRST

- Applying a coating **may void your warranty**
- Once coated, **no corrections can be made** to the wrap
- Any bubbles or edge issues must be resolved **before** coating
- Please reach out to us **before** applying any coating

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We're here if you need us.

If anything looks off — or if you have questions
about your wrap — reach out directly.

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