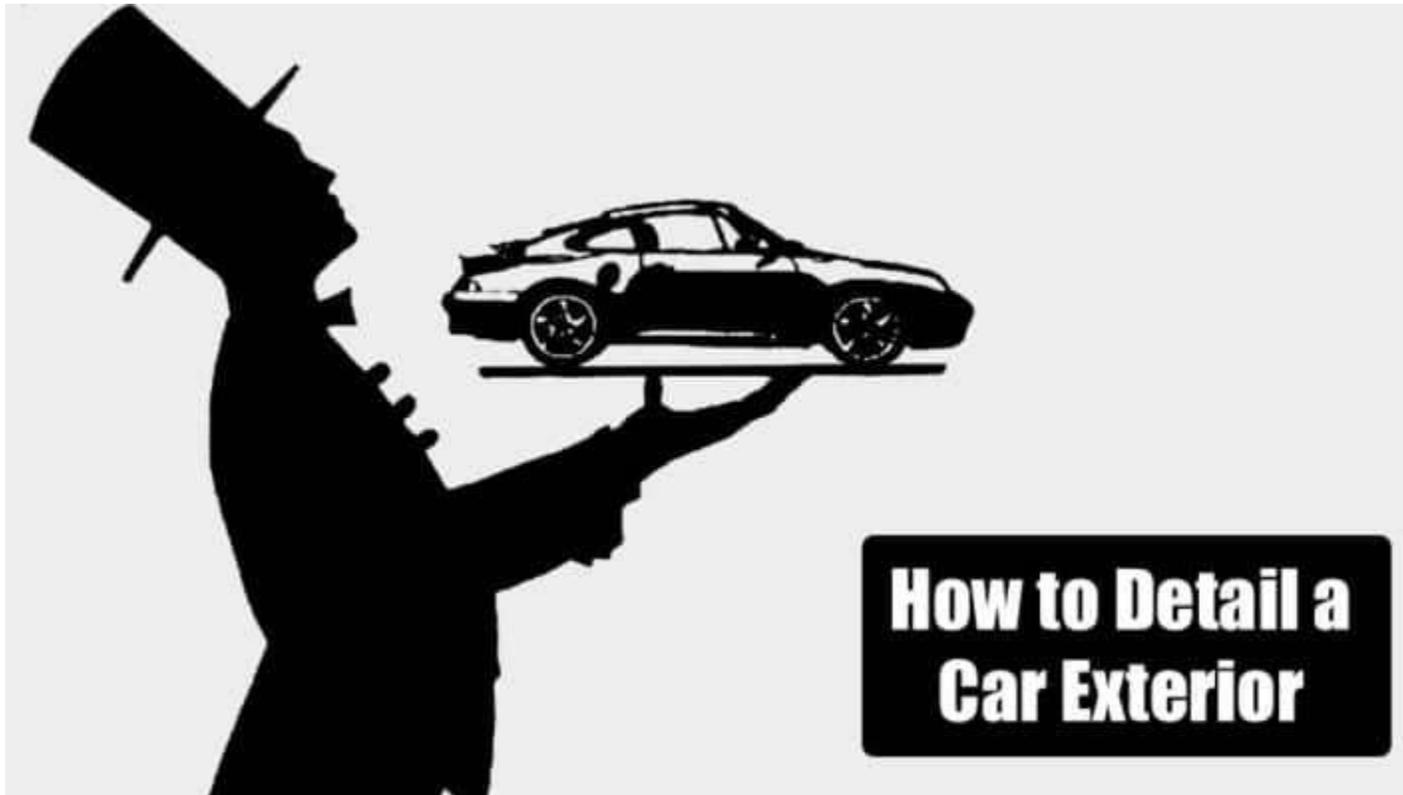


How to Detail a Car Exterior Properly – Easy Steps



How about making your car new again?

Well, the process your car needs to go through is detailing.

So, what's Detailing? And then, which actions are included in it?

Detailing means, cleaning each and every part of the car individually. So that, it looks the same as it did from the factory. Cleaning and reinstating the condition of windows, trim, wheels and surface of the car are included in Exterior Detailing.



Why Detailing?

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The reasons are pretty simple;

- To keep your vehicle in excellent condition.
- To make your car look like new.
- To get almost the same speed, efficiency after a few years.

Materials You Need for Detailing



Wait, there's a ton of things on this list that you may require to detail a car exterior properly. Not necessarily, all of these are must, but usually, these are the materials people everyday use in detailing chores.

- Air Compressor
- Car washing Soap
- Glass cleaner
- Polish
- Razor
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Wheel Brush
- Metal Polish
- High-Pressure Water Sprayer
- Clay Bar
- Chamois

- Wood Cleaner
- Trim Cleaner
- Microfiber Towels
- Foaming Carpet Cleaner
- Bucket
- Bug
- Spray Bottles
- Tire Dressing
- Water Source
- Wash Mitt
- Wheel Cleaning Brush
- Car Wash Soap

How to Detail Your Car Exterior



There are some steps you must to follow in order to detail your car exterior. Easy steps! Following the below-stated steps accordingly will help you to finish the job smoothly.

1. Empty Your Car

Take everything out of your car. Nothing should remain covered. As for some fixed compartments, leave them. But make sure you take out everything that is detachable. It will help you to clean the parts easily.

2. Clean Interior Dust with Vacuum

You must clean the car interior first. Herein, clean everything with a vacuum. Start from a certain point and then roam along the whole interior parts.

You can use an air compressor for this purpose. But go through every crack, every hole. No dust should remain.

Resources:

- [Step By Step Car Interior cleaning guide.](#)
- [How to Clean Car Carpet Spontaneously: The Right Things to Do](#)
- [Best Way to Clean and Protect Your Car Tires](#)

3. Use Cleaner for Stains

Generally, the stains in the interior are not likely to be removed after vacuum cleaning. You need to use cleaners to remove them. To be exact, it should be foam cleaner. Just apply the cleaner and rub a bit. It will help. After cleaning use a towel to wipe it around. That will help you to dry things up.

4. Wash the Removed Parts Outside

What about the parts you just removed from the car?

Those should be cleaned somewhere outside of your car. You may use a high-pressure hose attachment to clean them properly. After that, the carpet cleaner and foam cleaner can be used to remove stains from the parts.

5. Hose Down the Outer Part

It is a rule of thumb to make the outer part of your car totally free of dust before you start the detailing process. You can use hose attachments for this purpose. Hose down your vehicle with enough pressure.

Start from the top of your car and then go through every place.

There are different types of hose. It's better to use the ones with small funnels. If the dirt is not removed, hose for some period.

The dirt will eventually soften up and get free.

6. Clean the Remaining Dust

For this process, a bucket of water and car wash soap is needed.

Take a bucket full of water and mix car wash soap in it. You should follow the instructions on the label of the soap. Then, soak the wash mitt into the mixture.

You should let it soak for at least 15 minutes. After that, it will be ready for the cleaning to do.

7. Make your Wheels Sparkling

You can spray on your wheels and use clothes to rub them. The stains in the wheels are hoped to be cleaned after rubbing. If you don't have a spray, you can use a mixture of soap and water also.

The part that receives most of the mud and other dirty things is tire. You need to clean them up too. You can use detergent or soap to clean them up. That really helps to make your tire free of mud.

8. Use Clay Bar after Washing the Surface

Sometimes the outer part of the car gets sandy.

Especially after the wash. It's very irritating. You can use the clay bar to get rid of this trouble. But you must wait for 20 minutes to apply clay bar. Otherwise, it will not be as effective as expected.

9. Freshen up the Engine

The most important part of your car is the engine. Though it is not open to the dust, it should also be cleaned. You need to spray some grimy components with degreaser.

Wait for two minutes. After the cleaner soaks in, blast the grease off. While cleaning, put rubber protector on rubber parts. It will help to clean them soft and flexible.

10. Rinse Your Car's Exterior

The outer part of your car needs to be rinsed. And it includes the tire also. Start from the top. It will help your car to get rid of the soap, and dust.

As for wheels, rinse between the spook. Don't overlook the braking parts also.

11. Dry It Properly

After rinsing your car, you have to dry it. But before that, you have to wipe your car off. Use a damp microfiber cloth for that purpose. It will easily absorb water from the exterior.

Use a dry microfiber cloth after that. It will absorb the remaining water.

12. Polish Your Car

Polishing your car requires some materials;

- Polishing Pad
- Power Polisher
- Clean Cloth
- Polishing Compound

You need to perform the following tasks in order to [polish your car](#). And, remember, you need to complete them sequentially.

- Prepare the polishing compound and apply them on your car.
- Start polishing them with polishing pads. Try to do it at a medium-low pressure. Always maintain side to side motion and low pressure.
- Notice the stains and spots. If they are gone, stop polishing. Some parts will still have blemishes and spots. Polish those parts again.
- Now, use a clean and dry cloth to wipe off the polished area.

13. **Clean the Metallic Parts**

You have to clean the metallic parts separately. Some different materials are needed for that. Such as:

- Metal cleaner
- Microfiber cloth

Here are the steps you need to follow;

- Apply the metal cleaner on a microfiber cloth.
- Rub your car with the cloth. What happens is, the metal cleaner gets spread. Spread it all over your car.
- Leave it for some time. It will get dry.
- Again use a microfiber cloth. Use it to wipe the metal trim off your car.

14. **Wax Your Car**

Apply a protective wax coating on your car. The materials used for waxing are;

- Car Wax
- Foam Applicator.

For waxing the car entirely, you have to:

- Apply wax directly to the applicator. The wax has to be liquid.
- Start spreading the wax all over your car. Use light pressure while spreading. Don't rub it. Remember, you are applying a coating only.
- Let the wax dry for some time. Let's say 5 minutes. The air will help you dry it.
- Wipe the wax off. Use a microfiber cloth.

Bingo! Detailing is done and dusted. Now your car will be shiny, glittering, and fast. Probably, you will get back the car you bought some years back.

This was all for today. Hope it proved helpful. Stay happy. Stay blessed.

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