



# **Xpel Fusion Plus Ceramic Coating Wash & Care**

## **Materials Needed**

- 1. **pH-Neutral Car Shampoo**: Ensure it's free from wax or sealant additives.
- 2. Two Buckets: One for soapy water and one for rinsing.
- 3. Wash Mitts: Microfiber or lambswool for a gentle wash.
- 4. Microfiber Towels: For drying and buffing.
- 5. Wheel Cleaner: Safe for ceramic coatings.
- 6. **Soft Brush**: For cleaning wheels and tires.
- 7. Detailing Spray: Compatible with ceramic coatings for added protection.
- 8. Pressure Washer (optional): For foam cannon and rinsing off dirt more effectively.

Products safe for ceramic coatings may be found anywhere automotive detailing products are sold. E.g. Walmart, Autozone, Amazon or visit the links at the bottom of the page

# **Washing Instructions**

#### Step 1: Pre-Wash

- **Rinse**: Start with a thorough rinse of the vehicle using water to remove loose dirt and debris. A pressure washer works well here but be careful not to use too much pressure near sensitive areas.
- Foam Cannon (optional): If you have one, apply a layer of foam to the car. Let it sit for a few minutes to break down dirt.

#### Step 2: Two-Bucket Wash Method

- **Set Up Buckets**: Fill one bucket with a pH-neutral car shampoo and warm water. Fill the second bucket with clean water for rinsing your wash mitt.
- **Wash Mitt**: Dip the wash mitt into the soapy water and start washing the car from the top down, working in sections. This prevents dirt from being dragged over the paint.
- **Rinse Mitt**: After washing a section, rinse the mitt in the clean water bucket before dipping it back into the soapy water. Repeat this process.

#### Step 3: Wheels and Tires

- Wheel Cleaner: Use a dedicated wheel cleaner that's safe for ceramic coatings. Spray it onto the wheels and let it sit for a minute.
- Brush: Use a soft brush to scrub the wheels and tires, then rinse thoroughly.

#### Step 4: Rinse

• **Final Rinse**: Once the entire car is washed, give it a thorough rinse from top to bottom to remove all soap.

# Drying

- **Use a Blower**: After rinsing, use a leaf blower or vehicle blower/dryer to remove most of the water from the vehicle's surface. This is especially effective for areas where water tends to collect, like door handles, mirrors, and trim. Hold the blower a few inches away from the surface to avoid any potential damage.
- **Microfiber Towels**: Use clean, dry microfiber towels to dry the car. Start from the top and work your way down to avoid water spots. Blotting is better than wiping to prevent scratching.

# **Maintenance After Washing**

#### Step 1: Inspect

• After drying, inspect the vehicle for any missed spots or imperfections. If you notice any, use a detailing spray and microfiber towel to correct them.

#### Step 2: Check for Water Spotting

• If you notice any water spots after drying, use a detailing spray or a specific water spot remover compatible with ceramic coatings.

## Step 3: Apply Detailing Spray

• **Detailing Spray**: Do not use in direct sunlight. Use on clean and dry surfaces only. Make sure surface is cool to the touch. Mist detailing spray onto one section at a time. Quickly spread the product using one section of a clean high-quality microfiber towel. Using a

new section of the clean microfiber towel or a second towel, immediately wipe the area clean removing any additional residue.

• DO NOT ALLOW DETAILING SPRAY TO DRY ON THE SURFACE.

# Additional Tips for Maintenance

- **Regular Washing**: Aim to wash your car every 2-4 weeks, depending on exposure to dirt and weather conditions.
- Avoid Harsh Chemicals: Stay away from abrasive cleaners, acidic products, or those containing waxes and sealants.
- Avoid Automatic Car Washes: Especially those with brushes, as they can damage the ceramic coating.
- **Park Wisely**: Whenever possible, park in the shade or use a car cover to minimize exposure to UV rays and contaminants.

# For additional information and recommended products please visit the links below or give us a call at 508-644-7009

- Detailing 101 How To Do A Maintenance Wash On A Ceramic Coated Car!
- <u>https://www.xpel.com/shop/car-care</u>
- Detailed Image
- Ph Neutral Shampoo
- <u>Ceramic Boosting Shampoo</u>
- Wash Mitt
- <u>Microfiber Towels</u>
- Drying Towels
- Wheel Cleaner
- Wheel Brush
- Detailing Brush
- Foam Cannon
- Ceramic Detailing Spray
- <u>Matte Finish Detailing Spray</u>