

1.2 Tar, Bug & Adhesive Decontamination



Tar, tree sap and bug residue all bond as if 'Super-Glued' to the surfaces of vehicles. There are cleaners specifically designed to tackle this type of contamination, typically called 'bug and tar removers' or 'adhesive removers'. Some of these products will turn non-painted plastic trim and window rubbers milky white and cause pitting on metals used on grilles and badges, so it's advisable to protect these first with detailing tape.

Equipment:

- Tar & Bug Remover / Adhesive Remover in a bottle with trigger spray head
- Detailing tape (optional but recommended)
- Hosepipe connected to mains water
- Domestic Pressure Washer (optional)

Method:

- Step 1 – Spray the whole vehicle with cleaner, taking care to avoid non-painted plastic trim and window rubbers
- Step 2 – Allow to work (dwell) for a few minutes
- Step 3 – Rinse surface clean with fresh running water
- Step 4 – If contamination is particularly evident it may be necessary to repeat Steps 1-3