

1.4 Transportation Wax (New Car Decontamination)



In an attempt to protect new cars from rusting and contamination build-up during transit from the factory to the dealership, a thick, protective wax is applied. When removed it leaves behind a tacky residue which is hard to remove. Left on the car this sticky residue attracts more contaminants which bond extremely well with the layer and the whole surface becomes extremely difficult to decontaminate. Using a strong adhesive remover will remove the remnants of sticky wax before build up occurs. Strong adhesive removers will typically leave milky white staining on non-painted plastic trim and cause pitting on metal details, so it is strongly advised to protect these areas with detailing tape prior to application.

Equipment:

- Degreaser in bottle with trigger spray head
- Detailing tape (highly recommended!)
- Hosepipe connected to mains water

Method:

- Step 1 – Protect unpainted plastic trim, window rubbers and metal details with detailing tape. A strong adhesive remover is likely to cause discolouration and pitting on these substrates
- Step 2 – Spray the adhesive remover all over the vehicle paying particular attention to edges of doors, grooves and other shallow recesses
- Step 3 – Rinse well with plenty of clean running water
- Step 4 – Begin decontamination process from 1.1 Safe Removal of Metal Particles