

6.3 Cleaning Tyres & Removing Old Dressings



Many tyre dressings contain silicones that leave a build-up of residue which turns tyres brown. In order to restore tyres to their natural satin black, it is necessary to strip off the old remnants of tyre dressing to reveal the original rubber surface.

There are specific tyre cleaners available for cleaning tyres, however an effective (but preferably not too astringent) All Purpose Cleaner will work just as effectively.

Inevitably tyre cleaner is going to be transferred onto the wheel during cleaning, so it's important both tyre and wheel are cool to the touch in order to prevent any etching from a chemical/heat reaction.

Equipment:

- Tyre or rubber cleaner, or
- All Purpose Cleaner diluted as per manufacturer's instructions
- Stiff bristle brush
- Hosepipe connected to running water
- Drying towel for tyres
- Drying towel for wheels

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Method:

- Step 1 – Ensure tyre and wheel are cool to the touch
- Step 2 – Spray tyre cleaner on to the tyre
- Step 3 – Using a stiff bristle brush, scrub the tyre. It's likely the foam will turn brown as you're scrubbing – this is the old dressing remnants coming off
- Step 4 – Rinse tyre (and wheel) free from suds
- Step 5 – Pat tyre dry with designated drying towel
- Step 6 – Pat wheel dry with designation drying towel to ensure no water spot marks are left behind