

# VEHICLE GRAPHICS & DECALS



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## **i** Cleaning DO's

- Wash with a sponge and a mixture of mild car wash detergent/clean water
- Test cleaning solutions on a small section of the vinyl graphic before using them
- Read the warning labels on car care products to determine if they may be harmful to the vinyl
- Once you've washed the vehicle, rinse it with clean water
- Let the vehicle air dry or use a microfiber cloth to dry it
- For added protection once the vehicle is dry, apply a silicone or teflon based polish designed for vinyl vehicle graphics

## **!** Cleaning DON'Ts

- Do not allow fuels to contact the vinyl for extended periods of time. Clean up fuel spills up as soon as possible
- Do not apply carnauba-based wax to vinyl graphics
- Do not wash with mechanical brushes (typically found in automatic car washes), they can cause graphics to chip or peel around the edges or scratch the surface of the vinyl. They can also cause the graphic to fade or become dull

## **!** Pressure Washing

- Only use as a last resort as it can often cause graphics to lift at the edges and peel away from the vehicle's surface
- Constant pressure washing can degrade the face of the film causing the graphic to fade, crack, and even chip away from the surface
- Use extreme care when aiming the water spray from the nozzle of the pressure washer. Sharp spray angles can cause vinyl graphics to lift from the vehicle



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