

Moss Bros. Community Car Wash Do's and Don'ts of Washing a Car

DO:

Rinse all surfaces thoroughly with water before you begin washing to remove loose dirt and debris that could cause scratching. Start at the top, and then work your way around the car to remove dirt.

Apply the suds with a large, soft natural sponge or lamb's-wool mitt provided by Moss Bros. Use a separate sponge to clean the wheels and tires, which may be coated with sand, brake dust, and other debris that could mar the car's finish.

Use a separate bucket to rinse the sponge. This keeps dirt from getting mixed into the sudsy wash water.

When rinsing, use a hose without a nozzle and let the water flow over the car from top to bottom. This creates a sheeting action that helps minimize pooling of water.

Use a clean chamois to dry the vehicle. Continue to rinse the chamois from excess dirt and ring the chamois out continually. It's best to blot the water up instead of dragging chamois over the paint.

Use a separate chamois to clean the wheels and tires, which may be coated with sand, brake dust, and other debris that could mar the car's finish.

DON'T:

Don't move the sponge in circles. This can create light, but noticeable scratches called swirl marks. Instead, move the sponge lengthwise across the hood and other body panel.

