

## DOS AND DONT'S OF CLEANING APPLIED VINYL VEHICLE GRAPHICS

### THE DOS

The following practices will help maintain the life and quality of the vinyl film:

- Wait 5-7 days after graphics installation before hand washing.
- Hand wash applied vinyl graphics with a blend of clean water and a mild car wash.
- Test any cleaning solution on a small section of the vinyl graphic before using.
- Always read the warning labels on car care products for proper safety instructions.
- Once you've hand washed the vehicle with a soapy water blend, rinse with clean water.
- Either let the vehicle air dry or dry with a micro fiber cloth.

### THE DONT'S

Indications of vinyl failure can include loss of gloss level, fading, cracking, chipping or peeling around graphic edges.

The following practices will result in deterioration of the vinyl film:

- Do not allow fuels to stay in contact with the vinyl for extended periods of time. Clean all spills as soon as possible.
- Do not use automated car/truck washes, caustic cleaners or pressure washers to clean your vehicle.
- Do not apply carnauba-based wax over vinyl graphics.
- Do not apply any type of wax or polish to matte or carbon fiber-finished vinyl's.
- Do not use mechanical brush washing.
- Do not use terrycloth towels/rags to wash/dry the graphics.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PERFORATED WINDOW GRAPHICS (STOREFRONT/VEHICLES)

It is relatively inexpensive to replace window graphics. Never compromise safety. Always ensure maximum visibility.

- Wash graphics with a blend of clean water and a mild car wash.
- Test any cleaning solution on a small section of the vinyl graphic before using.
- Always read the warning labels on care products for proper safety instructions.
- Once you've washed the with a soapy water blend, rinse with clean water.
- For rear windshield film, avoid using the rear windshield wiper and only use when absolutely necessary, as it will scratch the laminate over time and reduce visibility. It is best to clean any grime and sediment from your rear window with a wet squeegee to avoid scratching.
- For rear windshield film, avoid using your rear defroster, use only when absolutely necessary as it can potentially reduce the lifespan of the see through perforated window film.

- Avoid frequent rolling of windows with graphics in order to avoid scratching.
- Do not use an ice scraper on any window that is covered with vinyl specially perforated window film as it could scratch and damage the graphics

Keep in mind that these are simple guidelines for extending the life of your window graphics. In matters of safety, common sense should always prevail to ensure maximum visibility at all times.

## HOW TO HAND-WASH VINYL GRAPHICS

Supplies:

- Garden Hose
- Clean Bucket
- Mild car wash
- Soft Cotton or Micro Fiber Sponge (Never terry cloth or textured cotton)
- Dry Micro Fiber Clothes

Steps:

1. Rinse the graphic with water to wash away any loose sediments, dust or dirt using your garden hose.
2. Mix together water and mild detergent into clean bucket.
3. Soak sponge in water and soap mixture.
4. Clean the graphics starting from the top working down to the bottom.
5. Rinse the graphic with clean water use the garden hose.
6. Allow the graphic to air dry or use micro fiber clothes to dry.

Pressure washing nullifies any warranty with Finishing Touch.