



Matthews Paint Finish Maintenance

The maintenance and care of a painted or clearcoated Matthews polyurethane surface should utilize commercially available non-abrasive cleaners and polishes/waxes recommended for finishes exposed to the environment.

For new finishes, it is recommended to wait at least 30 days after painting before any cleaning, polishing or waxing* is attempted to allow the finish to fully cure.

Fully cured finishes should be routinely cleaned to remove dirt, hard water spots/staining, or other forms of environmental or biological contamination.

***Caution:** Although polishes or waxes can be used to clean and protect gloss finishes, their use over low-gloss finishes may result in an increased gloss level.

General Maintenance Guidelines:

- Remove animal droppings or tree sap upon discovery, as they can do permanent damage to the finish.
- Use mild detergent water solution utilizing a soft wash mitt or cloth followed by a thorough clean water rinse.
- Dry with a damp chamois, microfiber towel, or soft cloth.
- **Full gloss finishes:** if polishing or waxing is desired, apply with a soft, damp, cloth-covered sponge and buff with a soft microfiber cloth. Procedure best performed in the cooler hours of the day, avoiding direct sunlight if possible.
- **Low-gloss finishes:** polishing or waxing is generally **NOT recommended**. If polishing or waxing is desired, be sure to use a product specifically designed for low-gloss finishes and follow all manufacturer's recommendations. Always test the product in an **inconspicuous** area before using on the entire surface.



Precautions:

- Do not wash*, polish or wax a finish that is less than 30 days old.
- Do not use abrasive detergents or harsh chemicals to clean surface.
- Exposure to water sprinklers on the painted surface can cause hard water stains.
- Use caution when cleaning painted surfaces with a pressure washer. **DO NOT** use pressure washers that exceed 1,200 psi.
- Do not use a mechanical polisher or buffer on low-gloss finishes.
- For low-gloss finishes, do not use any type of wax, polish, or any other product made for full gloss finishes.
- Once a low-gloss finish has become damaged or glossy, the original low-gloss appearance cannot be restored without refinishing.
- Do not use chemical cleaners on acrylic or polycarbonate.

*If necessary, gently wash a new finish with clean water and a soft wash mitt and dry immediately.

If you have any questions, call Matthews Paint toll-free 1-800-323-5693.

Important: Use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and observe all applicable precautions

See Safety Data Sheet and Labels for additional safety information and handling instructions.

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