

CARING FOR YOUR WRAP

Satin black *care guide.*

Satin vinyl is gorgeous because its surface is textured — that's what kills the gloss. The catch: the wrong products fill that texture in with wax or polymers and it slowly turns shiny. Treat it right and you'll get years of deep, even matte. This guide tells you exactly how.

01 THE WASH WORKFLOW

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PRE-RINSE

Pressure wash from 30cm+ away. Knock off loose grit before anything touches the panels.

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SNOW FOAM

Apply a matte-safe pre-wash foam. Let it dwell 3–5 minutes. Rinse off before it dries.

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CONTACT WASH

Two buckets, grit guards, soft microfibre mitt. Top to bottom, straight lines, no circles.

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DRY

Plush microfibre towel or blower. No chamois, no synthetic shamies — they drag.

02 RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

STEP 2 · PRE-WASH

Bowden's Own Snow Job

pH neutral, no wax, no silicone. Bowden's officially pair this with their matte-specific products. Available at Supercheap & Repco.

STEP 3 · CONTACT WASH

Chemical Guys Meticulous Matte

Purpose-built for matte and satin finishes. Won't add gloss. Available at Just Car Care, Waxit, online.

OPTIONAL · PROTECTION

Gyeon Q²M MatteCoat

Spray-on sealant designed for matte/satin. Adds water beading and UV protection without adding shine.

03 DO & DON'T

● **SAFE FOR SATIN**

- pH neutral shampoos labelled **matte-safe**
- **Soft microfibre mitt** only — never sponges or brushes
- **Two-bucket method** with grit guards
- Hand wash within **1–2 weeks**, sooner if dirty
- **Touchless car washes** occasionally (skip hot wax cycle)
- Pressure washer kept **30cm+ from edges**
- Spot test any new product on a hidden panel first

● **WILL DAMAGE THE FINISH**

- Any **wax, polish, or carnauba** product
- Products labelled "**shine**", "**gloss enhancer**" or "**wash & wax**"
- **Automatic brush car washes** — destroys satin fast
- **Cutting compounds** or polishing pads
- Solvents, petrol, thinners, harsh degreasers
- Chamois and synthetic shamies — they scuff
- Letting **bird droppings, sap, or bugs** sit on the wrap

Quick test: *If the bottle promises shine, gloss, or "renewed lustre", it'll ruin your matte finish. When in doubt, pick the most boring-sounding pH-neutral shampoo on the shelf.*

04 IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THE WRAP

Bird droppings	Remove immediately. They're highly acidic and will etch into the vinyl within hours in direct sun. Soak with warm water for 30 seconds, then lift gently with a microfibre. Don't scrub.
Tree sap	Soak the spot with warm soapy water for a few minutes to soften, then wipe away. If stubborn, isopropyl alcohol (70%) on a microfibre will lift it — spot test first, then wash the area normally afterward.
Bug splatter	Pre-soak with warm soapy water, never scrub dry. The longer they sit the worse it gets. Avoid dedicated "bug & tar" removers unless they're specifically rated as vinyl-safe.
Fuel or oil spill	Wipe off as fast as possible with a clean microfibre, then wash the area with pH neutral shampoo. Petroleum products can soften the adhesive if left to sit — this is a "deal with it now" situation.
Scratch or scuff	Don't try to buff it out. Polishing satin vinyl creates a permanent shiny patch. Light surface scuffs sometimes lift with the heat-gun trick — but leave that to us. Send a photo and we'll have a look.
Edge lifting	Small lifts on edges (door jambs, bumpers) can usually be re-set with gentle heat. Don't try to push it back down cold — it'll crease. Get in touch and we'll sort it.
Stone chip / cut	Cover the exposed area with tape if it's deep enough to expose paint, especially before driving in the rain. Bring it in — small damage can usually be patched invisibly if caught early.

05 A FEW LAST THINGS

● THE FIRST WEEK

- Avoid washing for **72 hours** after install
- Avoid pressure washing for **7 days**
- Small bubbles or moisture under the film? **Normal.** They settle within 7–14 days
- Avoid extreme cold or heat where possible

● LONG TERM

- Park undercover or in shade where possible
- Avoid leaving the car uncleaned for weeks at a time
- UV is the wrap's main enemy — sealant helps
- Most quality wraps last **5–7 years** with proper care

QUESTIONS, DAMAGE, OR ANYTHING YOU'RE UNSURE ABOUT

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If you're unsure whether something is safe for your wrap, message us before you try it. A quick photo or DM beats a permanent shiny patch every time.