

How to clean your Car & Vehicles the Teepol way with our very own Queen of clean Lynsey



Everyone wants to have a clean vehicle for their family and friends. And now you can learn how to clean a vehicle in a few easy steps with me, Lynsey Crombie and the right Teepol products.

Be Prepared

First you will need cleaning cloths, sponges, a bucket, hard & soft brush, tooth brush and a water supply along with the following Teepol products: Traffic Film Remover, Wash & Wax Car Shampoo, Wheel Cleaner, Dashboard Renovator, Leather Upholstery Cleaner, BGS Universal Cleaner, Glass & Window Cleaner and Screenwash. You might also need some Cream Cleaner.

Body work

- Wet the outside of the vehicle with clean water. Always wear suitable gloves as cleaning products can cause your hand to become dry.
- The next step will depend on how dirty the vehicle is. If the vehicle is dirty from a lot of motorway travel it will have a build up of what is called traffic film which is a layer of dirt and grease picked up from the road. If your vehicle has this then start the cleaning with Teepol Traffic Film Remover. This can be used with a pressure washer or in a bucket with warm water. Whichever you choose always start at the top of the vehicle. Most vehicles are less dirty at the top which means the cleaning fluid can be used twice. As you put it on it will run down to the lower parts giving the dirtier parts some extra time to soak. This whole procedure should be done fairly quickly, making sure you get around the wheels and if using a pressure washer under the vehicle as well. If however your vehicle is cleaned regularly then you could skip this part and go to the next step.
- This step can be done using a pressure washer or just a bucket and sponge. I also like to have a soft clean brush at this stage too. If you are using a pressure washer add some Teepol Wash & Wax into the dosing chamber and use as normal, once again starting at the top of the vehicle. If you use the bucket add some Teepol Wash & Wax liquid to a full bucket of warm water, again starting at the top and working your way down the vehicle. The whole vehicle should be soaped up, paying attention to any joint areas where dirt can build up. Now for that soft brush - dip that into the bucket and use it on and around the wheels. When the vehicle is fully soaped up, rinse it down with clean water which is easiest done with a hose. This is where the magic happens because not only have you washed the car but at the same time the Teepol Wash & Wax has waxed it for you, meaning the water will bead off the vehicle, leaving you time for a nice cup of tea. If it's a hot day and you do get a few water marks just buff these up with a soft cloth.
- Before you throw the soapy water away remember to open the doors and boot and wipe around the seal areas.
- If you prefer to wax the vehicle after you have washed it then use Teepol Car Shampoo instead of Teepol Wash & Wax.

Lynsey's Top Tip: *If you have stubborn marks like tar or paint marks from other vehicles Teepol Cream Cleaner will work as a cutting product to remove these. Put a very small amount on a soft cloth and work over the area until the mark is removed.*

Inside

- Now the outside is clean we can pay as much attention to the inside. This can be far more dirty than the outside! Let's take a few minutes to think about what goes on inside our vehicles... mmm, yes, it's not nice sometimes. I will just name a few of the common ones and you can add your own in your mind: we eat, drink, cough, sneeze, sweat, kids have little accidents and so do pets, we get in with dirty hands touching the buttons, the wheel, windows etc it really doesn't bear thinking about the amount of dirt and germs in our vehicles!
- First thing to do is remove any rubbish from the vehicle, then vacuum the floor and seats, remembering to do the boot area.
- Next start by cleaning all the windows using Teepol Glass & Window Cleaner - don't forget to do the rear view mirror and the vanity mirror.
- Moving onto the dashboard, clean with Teepol Dashboard Cleaner. I find this better if you spray directly onto the soft cloth as this will stop any over spray on any parts of the vehicle. This is a spray on wipe off product making it very easy to use and with great results on almost all surfaces. For leather dashboards use Teepol Leather Cleaner.
- If you have any stains on seats, carpets, on head linings etc these can be removed by using Teepol BGS Universal Cleaner. Always test a small area to make sure the fabric is colour fast. Spray the BGS onto the stain and work in. Once you have a foam you can then blot the area with clean paper towel until dry - this will remove the stain. If needed repeat until stain has gone. BGS is also ideal for cleaning the steering wheel as it will clean and remove the grease left by hands but won't leave the wheel slippery.

Lynsey's Top Tip: When cleaning the windows wind the window down a bit so you clean the top part and edge.

Lynsey's Top Tip: You might be wondering about the hard brush and the Tooth brush? Well the hard brush is used for the vehicle mats, the tooth brush is idea for getting into all the hard to access areas.

Now finish off by adding Teepol Screenwash to your wiper bottle to keep your screen dirt and bug free. In winter add Teepol De-icer Screenwash which removes dirt, grease, salt & insects and is effective down to -20 degrees. Can also be used as a spray on winter de-icer.

You now have a clean, germ free vehicle cleaned the Teepol way with my Top Tips!

