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THE TOP 6 CLEANING TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE AND EASY WASHING

Regular washing not only keeps vehicles sparkling but helps make each subsequent experience easier and less time consuming. Shurhold Industries offers its top six tips for simple cleaning.

1. Always rinse down areas prior to washing. This helps remove any loose surface grime that may be scrubbed into the finish.
2. "Dirty" rain can leave black streaks. They should be washed off immediately. The sooner it's done, the easier they will be to remove.
3. Less is more when it comes to mixing soap with water. Too much soap will make it hard to rinse, leaving soap scum.
4. Wash early or late in the day. Avoiding intense sunlight will make it easier since the areas being worked on won't dry too quickly.
5. Once everything is clean, surfaces should be waxed or polished to make the next time easier. A good coat of wax should be kept on all metal hardware to prevent corrosion. All these costs can generally be recouped in the vehicle's resale value.
6. To help prevent corrosion on seals, hinges, snaps and zippers, they should be coated with water-resistant lubricant. Care must be exercised when applying liquid or spray lubricants. Some are petroleum-based, and drips or overspray may harm gel coat or clear coat, upholstery and fabric. Shurhold offers a handy stick-style lubricant called Snap Stick.

Impermeable, Snap Stick can be applied to hinges, snaps, zippers, locks, drill bits or any other closing mechanism. It protects them from corrosion for up to three months. It retails for \$6.48.

Dedicated to educating boat owners, Shurhold provides key tips for boat value preservation at www.shurhold.com. Inventor of the One Handle Does It All system, Shurhold manufactures specialty care items and accessories to clean, polish and detail.

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