

FREE CHECKLIST

DIY CERAMIC COATING DONE RIGHT

Avoid high spots, trapped defects and preventable water spotting.

THE RULE Prep decides the finish. Lighting and timing decide whether it stays clean.

- 1 Cool, controlled workspace** Work in shade on cool paint. Avoid wind, dust, direct sun, rain and overnight condensation during the product's stated cure window.
- 2 Deep wash first** Remove loose dirt with a careful wash. Clean wheels and lower panels separately so grime is not transferred back to paint.
- 3 Decontaminate only as needed** Remove bonded contamination before polishing. Clay can mar paint, so use lubrication and polish afterward when required.
- 4 Correct the finish before coating** Swirls, haze and water-spot etching can be locked under the coating. Polish to the finish you want to preserve.
- 5 Panel-wipe and inspect** Remove polishing oils with a paint-safe panel wipe. Check from multiple angles under strong, focused light.
- 6 Apply thin and small** Work one manageable section at a time. Use a thin, even layer and follow the product's exact flash-time instructions.
- 7 Level, inspect, then cure** Use clean towels to level residue. Cross-check every panel with side lighting, then keep the vehicle dry for the stated cure time.

THREE THINGS THAT PREVENT MOST DIY FAILURES

01 LIGHT

Inspect each section from two angles.

02 TOWELS

Rotate clean sides before residue builds.

03 TIMING

Follow the product's flash and cure windows.

FINAL CHECK + QUICK FIXES

Use this page at the car before the first applicator touches paint.

BEFORE YOU START

- ☐ Paint is cool and fully dry
- ☐ Wash and decontamination complete
- ☐ Paint defects corrected as desired
- ☐ Panel wipe completed
- ☐ Fresh applicator and enough clean towels
- ☐ Gloves and strong inspection light ready
- ☐ Weather is safe for the full cure window
- ☐ Product instructions read and timer ready

HIGH SPOT?

If you catch a dark smear or rainbow patch during the working window, re-level it immediately with clean towels. If it has fully cured, the usual repair is careful polishing followed by reapplication to that area. Follow the coating maker's directions.

WATER SPOTS?

A coating can make maintenance easier, but it cannot stop minerals from drying on paint. Do not let hard-water droplets bake in the sun. Rinse and dry promptly, and use a product-safe spot remover only as directed.

THE 2-TOWEL LEVELING ROUTINE

A

First towel
Lightly remove the bulk of the residue.

B

Second towel
Buff with a clean side until the finish looks clear.

C

Cross-light
Inspect from a second angle before moving on.

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Recheck the final panel under side lighting before calling the job finished.

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