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- **Mechanical stress** – the paint skin will be more sensitive to damage by scratching or shearing – treat it with extra care (eg avoid parking next to scratchy vegetation, do not apply adhesive-backed badges) and **do not polish** curing paint – this will invalidate any warranty. If any final polishing is needed after full curing, we will be delighted to offer this at no charge. Avoid any contact at all for the first three days.
- **Solvents, detergents or other aggressive chemicals** – curing paint will be more susceptible to chemical attack – **a soft sponge or mitt and clean water should be the only cleaning method used**. Do not use shampoo, tar/glue removers, or anything similar. Remove bird mess immediately.
- **Solvent trap** – the new paint will be breathing out solvents for some time. The solvents can be trapped in the paint skin as it cures and this will permanently weaken and mark the finish: hence we strongly recommend you **do not apply waxes, sealants, paint protection finishes or anti-chip films**.

After the curing period, follow the owner's manual guidelines. Remember that polishing is abrasive, should never be done unnecessarily and will attack and expose clearcoat fadeouts. Never use caustic or strong acid/alkali wheel cleaners. Some car cleaners, valeters or detailers are paintwork application **and** care experts. Others are not!

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