

Professional car valeters will always attempt to separate the wet part of the cleaning process from the dry one. If possible, you should do the same by finding a place to hose down the car and wash all the surfaces before moving it to a dry area for polishing, particularly if using electrical equipment.

TOP TIPS

- It is best to wash and polish your car out of direct sunlight
- Avoid washing your car on a gravel drive when using a high pressure water hose
- Do not use household products to clean your car



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Dirt will accumulate inside a car however careful you are. Much of it is brought in by the driver and passengers but traffic fumes and airborne dirt enter the car through the ventilation system.



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Start by emptying all the contents of the car into a handy container. This includes the contents of glovebox, centre console, door pockets and footwells.



3
Remove all the mats. You may find a variety of fixings, some need a coin to undo (leave a coin in the ashtray for the future) and others just a twist. Bang the mats out to loosen the dirt.



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Do the same with the boot. Carefully remove the spare wheel, tools, mats and all other items. If your car is a hatchback, remove the parcel shelf as it is easier to clean this out of the car.



5
Before using a bucket, make sure it is clean and not full of gritty dirt from the last wash – a car's worst enemy. Change your water regularly.



6
Whether or not you are cleaning your car, always remove bird droppings as soon as you can as it destroys the paint surface quickly. Keep a pack of **Bird Dropping Wipes** in the glovebox.