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Recommended procedures for a long-lasting, high-gloss finish.

Washing Your RV

Following these procedures can provide a long-lasting, high-gloss finish to your RV. These same procedures can also be applied to your everyday automobile, producing the same long-lasting results.

The clear coat used on all painted Nexus RVs is similar to the technology used by automotive manufacturers. The painted surface is baked in our state-of-the-art bake booths which cures the clear coat finish. The end result is a Masterpiece Finish which is the highest quality in the industry. The same care needs to be performed and maintained on the RV exterior surface as on an automobile finish.

Make sure the RV's surface temperature is under 90° F, and is not in direct sunlight.

- Rinse the entire coach to remove all loose dirt and grime. Never hold a pressure washer close to the surface. Use a fan type spray nozzle, making sure that the water coming out of the gun has a fan and not a single straight stream.
- Most automotive stores offer mild car wash shampoos that are safe for clear coat finish. We recommend using baby shampoo as it will not leave a film on the painted finish. Adding ½ of a cup of food grade vinegar to the water will boost the cleaning ability of any cleaner and also soften the water. This also helps to minimize water spots. Do not use dish soap, detergents with degreasing agents, or industrial cleaners as they can cause damage to the finish.
- Use 100% cotton or lambs-wool pad or wash mitt for washing the painted surface of the RV. Use a different mitt for washing the wheels and undercarriage.
- Change water in the wash bucket often or place a "dirt guard" in the bottom of the bucket to keep the cleaning pad or wash mitt free of dirt and debris.

ABSOLUTELY NO BRUSHES SHOULD BE USED ON THE PAINTED SURFACE. USE OF THESE ON YOUR RV'S PAINTED SURFACE WILL CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE FINISH, AS IT WOULD AN AUTOMOBILE FINISH. NEXUS DOES NOT SUPPORT USING ANY STYLE, TYPE OR MATERIAL OF BRUSH EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE MARKETED AS "RV SAFE" OR "APPROVED."



4-way Swivel
Pad Holder:
018461



Lambswool Pad:
018461A



Extension Pole:
018463



Lambswool Mitt:
018464



EZE Squeegee:
018462



Drying Your RV

Drying the RV is just as important as washing it. Today's tap water and well water contain many chemicals that could leave water stains on the finish. After washing, dry the RV with EZE Squeegee (# 018462) or a clean 100% leather chamois. You can also use fresh microfiber towels for drying. Please use caution as these towels are made partially with polyester (which is plastic) which can break down over time from extended use and washing, eventually causing damage to the clear coat finish.

Waxes & Polishes

The coating on your RV is a state-of-the-art base coat/urethane clear coat. This means that what you wash and polish is a clear coating designed to protect the colored base coat. The clear coat needs to be maintained especially in harsh environments. Clear coats will appear to fade or lose gloss as the surface becomes contaminated by the environment. A finish that is dull or low in gloss is a result of contamination. Occasional washing alone will not adequately remove some forms of contamination and will require polishing of the finish.

Polishes and waxes primarily serve to:

- Remove minor surface imperfections caused by water spots and acid rain.
- Remove minor scratches by filling them and leveling the surface.
- Seal the pores of the finish creating an easier-to-clean surface.
- Beautify the paint finish appearance with more depth and high gloss.
- Protect the paint finish from the elements.

Do not use products that contain harsh abrasives such as rubbing compounds. These products should be used by an experienced technician with proper training and equipment. Most polishes and waxes are designed to clean and polish in one application, whether by hand or machine. A machine-applied polish will last longer than one applied by hand because the high RPMs of the buffing wheel create heat, resulting in a deeper film with higher gloss. However, a hand-applied polish or wax will offer outstanding performance and protect the RV's finish. When applying the polish or wax, do so in a shaded area making sure the RV surface is at the specified temperature according to the polish manufacturer's recommendations. Due to the variations of polishes and waxes, incorporate the following:

- Condition the polishing pad by rubbing a slight amount of polish on it.
- Use only the amount of polish specified in the label directions.
- Work a small area at a time.
- Rinse off and remove dried polish from crevices, trim and moldings.

Refrain from waxing or polishing for at least 90 days from date of manufacture.