

Towel Care Tips

The key to a successful car wash drying program is proper maintenance of one of your most important tools . .

The Towel

The following information was compiled from the opinions of successful car wash owners nationwide. We've taken their years of experiences and put together a list of towel care tips so that everyone may benefit from their knowledge.

HOW TO AVOID LINT:

- Be sure to clean the lint trap after each use, especially with newer towels.
- Old towels tend to give off more lint so avoid washing and drying them with new towels. Lint from the old towels will attach to the new ones
- Use a damp towel to dry the cars. This will help the towel absorb water quicker and also helps to keep the lint from coming off of the towel.
- For newer towels, fully dry them after the first few washings's
- Consider using a lint free towel for your interior and windows such as micro fiber or huck towels and wash them separately.
- Avoid using Bleach since this will break down the fibers causing the towels to deteriorate. This not only creates more lint, but will also decrease the life of the towel.
- Consider using a water softener to help reduce high levels of minerals and acid that may contribute to deterioration of your towel, thus more lint.
- To keep white towels white, put them in the agitator with hot water for 4-5 minutes after each use, rinse with hot water and extract.
- If you are using the same water over and over again, make sure there is no lint in the machine water

TOWEL CARE:

- By adding fabric softeners to the wash, you can reduce a towel's absorbency.
- Use liquid detergent, not powder. To avoid excessive linting and wear, use a liquid detergent. Residue from powder detergents tends to stay on the towel, causing them to break down quicker.
- To help remove wax buildup on the towels, add one cup of white distilled vinegar to the wash once per week. The vinegar will also help remove the musty smell commonly left behind from damp towels.
- New towels have starches and fillers on them. Before using new towels, wash them 2-3 times with one cup of white distilled vinegar to break down the starches. This will help make the towels more absorbent

TOWEL SEPARATION:

- Make sure that when washing towels separately, that you fresh water for each load
- The best drying towels are high quality, densely woven cotton terry because they are more absorbent , durable and less linty when compared to lower quality weaves.
- Grease from door jams and wheel wells can be difficult to remove from towels. Wash and store these towels separately since they can cause streaking on glass or leave residue behind
- Separate or color code your towels for both use and washing. Color code towels for different area's of the car such as windows/interior, body running boards and wheel wells.
- Window cleaning solutions can be affected from the chemicals found in soaps, detergents and waxes.
- Separate the different color towels in the "dirty bins" so that the chemicals on them do not cross contaminate.

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