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Be prepared for automotive cleaning emergencies





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you've ever been caught out on the road with a spilled drink in the car or a bird leaves droppings on your freshly

cleaned car then you know that you need to be prepared for these kind of cleaning emergencies. Texas pollen and dust will coat your clean car and the Texas sun will beat down on the bird droppings on your car potentially causing serious damage to your paint.

The following simple items can be kept in your trunk and will help you in case you find yourself in an automotive cleaning emergency.

Important cleaning items for your car or truck:

• Small roll of paper towels, a stash of napkins, or a newspaper

- Travel size spray bottle filled with glass cleaner
- "California Car Duster" specially treated with wax to lift dust off car without scratching paint
- Bottle of "quick detailer" spray and some microfiber towels
- Small bottle of water

In case of bird droppings on car:

Use water or quick detailer spray to moisten the droppings and paper towels or microfiber towels. Lightly dab the area with a moistened paper or microfiber towel while slowly dripping water over the area to kept the droppings wet. Repeat until droppings are removed. **Do not apply pressure** as this may cause the paint to scratch. Once the droppings are carefully removed spray the area with quick detailer and wipe of with a clean microfiber towel.

In case of drink spilled inside automobile:

If driving pull off the road to a safe parking spot as soon as possible. Soak up as much of the liquid as possible with a microfiber towel, napkins, or paper towels. Soak up as much spilled liquid as you can. As soon as possible use automotive upholstery cleaner to clean up the soiled area to prevent a stain and dirt from being attracted to the area.

In case of freshly cleaned car being coated with dust or pollen:

Never use a dry towel to dust a car. Doing so can potentially scratch the paint or cause unsightly swirl marks. Use the "California Car Duster" to dust the car. Gently glide the duster over the panels of the car without applying pressure. The duster will lift the dust off the car leaving the surface clean and shiny. This is possibly one of the most important cleaning items to have in your car in Texas.

Use the glass cleaner and paper towels or newspaper to clean the windows from

bug splatter and road grime. Newspaper and glass cleaner is an excellent way to clean automotive windows.

These cleaning items will help clean the above issues and many more that you may encounter while out on the Texas roads. All items can be found at your local automotive or general retail store. When cleaning any part of your car always remember to be careful not to damage the interior or exterior.