

# AUTOBEAD DETAIL LIKE A PRO

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A step-by-step guide on how to clean, prepare, and protect your car with a wax.





## Autobeard - Detail Like a Pro

Autobeard's mission is to teach the world what it means to Detail Like a Pro. We are emphatic about sharing sound advice and education into the market, all supported by our industry leading range of car care products.

Every product has been carefully formulated, tested, refined and tested again before it reaches our customers. We are not interested in average car cleaning products, we make car cleaning products which perform and are a joy to work with.

What are you waiting for? Your car will thank you for it.



*"Life is  
about  
passions,  
thank you  
for sharing  
ours."*

Detailing a car is an extremely satisfying task. Once finished you can stand back and admire your handiwork.

Our Autobead guide sets out clearly, step-by-step, how to detail your car from the first pre-wash to glorious wax finish.

Elements within this guide are specific to Autobead products (i.e. dilution rates). Always check and follow manufacturer instructions to ensure the correct application of products used.



# The Pre Wash

The preliminary pre-wash is an essential first step. The plan is to remove as much dirt as possible before the contact wash. A pre-wash loosens any compacted dirt and grit that may otherwise damage paintwork.

# The Process

## Snow Foam

Safely remove traffic film, dirt, and other harmful deposits with a concentrated pre-wash.

A thick citrus infused quilt of foam clings for an extended dwell time, softening dirt on the surface, for safer removal, allowing for an almost touchless wash.

### How to apply

- Rinse vehicle thoroughly to remove any loose debris and dirt.
- Add 1 part Snow Foam to 4 parts water to your Snow Foam Lance bottle.
- Using a pressure washer, cover entire vehicle with foam.
- Allow foam to dwell on the surface of vehicle for 10 minutes.
- Starting at the highest point, rinse all foam from vehicle.

## Heavy Dirt (Citrus Pre-Wash)

A citrus pre-wash is designed to remove bugs, bird lime, and stubborn contamination from all exterior surfaces of the vehicle.

### How to apply

- Spray generously onto desired surfaces.
- Allow 3 to 4 minutes dwell time.
- Agitate heavily contaminated and intricate areas with a detailing brush.
- Rinse thoroughly to complete process.

## What You Need

- Snow Foam
- Heavy Dirt
- Snow Foam Lance
- Detailing Brush

## Pro Tips

Add a drop of Heavy Dirt to your Snow Foam solution for an added 'bite' to the cleaning power.



# Clean Wheels

Alloy wheels are a standout feature of your car and it pays to look after them. Using the right product will not only keep them looking their best, it will also be easier to spot any damage or kerbing marks.

## The Process

### Alloy Cleaner

A ready to use non-acidic wheel cleaner will aggressively destroy brake dust and contaminants whilst remaining safe for all wheel types.

### How to apply

- Rinse the wheel to be cleaned, cooling the wheel surface, and removing any loose dirt.
- Spray the Alloy Wheel Cleaner liberally on to the wheel and allow a one minute dwell time.
- Agitate with a Wheel Brush to loosen stubborn dirt and contamination.
- Rinse thoroughly with a pressure washer.
- Dry with dedicated drying towel.

## What You Need

- Alloy Wheel Cleaner
- Wheel Brush
- Wheel Drying Towel

## Pro Tips

An Iron Remover (fallout remover) should not be mistaken for a wheel cleaner and is not designed to remove dirt and grime. It is in fact a chemical catalyst product that supports the removal of a very stubborn form of iron contamination. The wheel should be cleaned with Alloy Cleaner prior to using Iron Remover to obtain optimal results.



# Contact Wash

This is where attention to detail is crucial. Hand-shampooing a car with a microfibre wash mitt, which traps loose particles, will ensure the surface is thoroughly clean and ready for further treatment. We recommend the two-bucket method; one for wash and one to rinse the mitt.

## The Process

### Shampoo

Achieve clean, bright, and streak free surfaces by removing road dirt, grime, and traffic film with ease.

### How to apply

- Add between 7ml and 10ml of Pure Shampoo to a 15L bucket of warm water and agitate to generate rich suds.
- Rinse vehicle thoroughly to remove any loose debris and dirt.
- Using the two bucket wash method and suitable Wash Mitt, start cleaning from the highest point of the vehicle, working downwards.
- Rinse the wash mitt regularly to ensure it is clear of any debris that could scratch the surface.
- Rinse thoroughly to remove any remaining residue.
- Dry vehicle using dedicated Drying Towel.
- Dry wheels using a dedicated Wheel Drying Towel.

## What You Need

- Pure Shampoo
- Microfibre or Noodle Wash Mitt
- Drying Towel
- Two Buckets
- Wheel Drying Towel

## Pro Tips

Be sure to use two buckets. One for your Shampoo and another to rinse your Wash Mitt in after cleaning a section of the car. This will remove grit from the Wash Mitt helping to ensure you do not wipe the grit over the car, potentially causing damage to the paint.

Never use a sponge.  
Always a Wash Mitt.

# Decontamination

Airborne iron particle fallout is an unseen menace to car paintwork and alloy wheels which are also assaulted by brake dust. The correct iron remover product is the next step after washing. A thorough application will remove iron fragment contamination and brake dust leaving the surface ready for the final stages.

## The Process

### Iron Remover

Visibly see iron bleed from the surfaces of your vehicle, safely removing ferrous metals from wheels and body work.

#### How to apply

- Thoroughly wash and dry the entire vehicle, including wheels, before using this product.
- Apply to cool to touch surfaces.
- Spray directly onto the wheel or panel.
- Watch the product get to work, turning a deep red as it detaches iron from the surface.
- Agitate to ensure the most stubborn iron is removed.
- Do not allow the product to dry prematurely.
- Rinse thoroughly to remove all excess product from the surface.

### Glue & Tar Remover

Remove glue and tar from paintwork in moments making the surface ready for a polish.

#### How to apply

- Thoroughly wash and dry the vehicle.
- Spray product directly onto the area of glue or tar.
- When the glue or tar begins to run down the panel, wipe away with clean microfibre.
- Once glue and tar has been removed, repeat the wash and dry process for the entire vehicle.

## What You Need

- Iron Remover
- Glue and Tar Remover
- 2 x Microfibre Cloths

## Pro Tips

The Autobead Iron Remover is a gel-based product meaning it has an extended working time. Be sure to rinse off before it dries to the surface.



# Polish

Polish will make car paintwork look as good as new when applied properly. This slightly abrasive category of products will remove paintwork swirls caused by poor washing techniques, remove key scratches around door handles, and other fine scratching. It's the ideal preparation before the final waxing stage.

## The Process

### Polish

Remove surface imperfections such as light swirls and oxidation whilst leaving a smooth, glossy finish.

### How to apply

- Shake well before use.
- Do not apply in direct sunlight or to a hot surface, ensuring the paintwork is cool to touch.
- Apply to one panel at a time by using a microfibre or foam applicator, using circular motions.
- Apply using light to medium pressure. increased pressure on application will remove light scratches and oxidation more easily.
- Remove any remaining residue using a clean and dry microfibre towel.
- Complete the process by buffing the treated surfaces with a plush buffing towel.

## What You Need

- Hand Polish
- Polish Applicator
- Buffing Towel

## Pro Tips

When polishing a vehicle, apply one panel at a time. Avoid using in direct sunlight or on warmer panel temperatures for a much more user-friendly experience.





# Wax

Applying a wax will help you achieve a beautiful, high gloss, and hydrophobic finish that will keep your hard work protected.

## The Process

### How to apply

- Apply a thin layer to the paintwork of your vehicle using a dedicated Wax Applicator.
- Application can be in circular or cross hatch motions.
- Do not apply in direct sunlight, with panel temperatures cool to touch.
- Allow a 2-3 minute curing time before removing with a clean, dry microfibre towel.
- Apply a second layer to obtain optimal results.
- Buff all treated surfaces with a plush Buffing Towel to reveal your high gloss finish.

## What You Need

- Wax
- Wax Applicator
- Buffing Towel

## Pro Tips

A detailing wax should be applied in a thin layer. Applying a thick layer of wax will not add benefit but hinder the removal process making it more difficult and less enjoyable.



# Finishing Touches

It is often the small details that make the biggest difference and when detailing a car it is no different. Achieve the ultimate finish with these finishing touches.

## The Process

### Glass Cleaner

Achieve a crystal clear and truly smear-free finish with a professional grade glass cleaning formula.

#### How to apply.

- Spray directly onto surface.
- Using clean microfibre cloth, wipe up-down and side-to-side.
- Any remaining residue will disappear without leaving any smears.

### Tyre Dressing

Revitalise your tyres to provide a fresh, flexible finish and protect them from UV rays and cracking.

#### How to apply.

- Ensure the rubber is clean and free of pre-existing dressings prior to application.
- Apply using a Foam Applicator, ensuring the tyre wall is covered but not the tread.
- Application of a second layer will produce a higher gloss finish if a wet look is desired.
- Wipe away any excess residue.

## What You Need

- Glass Cleaner
- Tyre Dressing
- Microfibre Cloth
- Foam Applicator

## Pro Tips

Glass should be cool to touch and out of direct sunlight when cleaning to avoid streaks.