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# WHEEL CARE GUIDE



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## REGULAR CLEANING

Brake dust, caused by friction of your car's braking system, is extremely corrosive and can cause pitting of your wheel's surface. Typical road soils trap moisture that can cause corrosion over a period of time. These soils should be removed regularly, preferably on a weekly basis.

## USE OF PROPER CLEANING AGENTS

The best way to keep your wheels clean is to use mild soap and water. Many household products are too harsh for the surface on your wheels and should be avoided. There are a number of commercially available car washing chemicals and wheel cleaners on the market today. Because these products tend to be very acidic they can permanently damage the surface on your wheels. We do not recommend the use of these products. Wheels damaged by these types of cleaners are not covered under warranty.

## CLEANING TIPS

Never clean your wheels with scouring pads or abrasive materials. Use a dry, soft cloth and a soft sable brush to clean in lug holes and spokes. Steam cleaning should also be avoided. Do not use automatic car washes, since

- 1) acidic preparations are often used to remove wheel soils
- 2) the tracks your car is placed on can damage your wheels

When cleaning tires never allow steel wool or hard bristle brushes to come in contact with wheels. Never allow any harsh chemicals or tire cleaners to come in contact with wheels as they may damage the appearance of the wheel permanently. Never spray cold water on extremely hot wheels. Allow time to cool down before cleaning with a mild solution of soap and water.

## OPTIONAL CENTER FINISHES

If your wheels have polished and anodized, painted, or clearcoated centers ignore the directions in the paragraph above. Your centers should be cleaned only with mild soap and water and dried thoroughly. IForged recommends that you treat painted centers exactly as you would the painted surface on your car. Polished centers can be maintained in the same fashion as shown below for standard polished rims. You can use a 50/50 solution of Simple Green™ and water for a more aggressive cleaning. Rinse immediately and make sure wheels are dry when you are finished.

## STANDARD RIM FINISH (POLISHED)

On IForged polished rim sections, you may use aluminum polish to remove oxidation if necessary. We recommend Mothers™ and Wheel Wax™ aluminum polishes. Do not use this polish on the center of the wheel unless you have polished centers. You can use a 50/50 solution of Simple Green™ and water for a more aggressive cleaning. Rinse immediately and make sure wheels are dry when you are finished.

## OPTIONAL RIM FINISHES

If your wheels have anodized, polished and anodized, painted, or clearcoated rims, ignore the directions in the paragraph above. Your rims should be cleaned frequently but only with mild soap and water and dried thoroughly. You can use a 50/50 solution of Simple Green™ and water for a more aggressive cleaning. Rinse immediately and make sure wheels are dry when you are finished.

## GENERAL TIPS

It is important to clean and maintain your wheels frequently, especially when the wheels are exposed to extreme conditions such as salt, snow, acid rain, etc. Drying your wheels thoroughly after cleaning is highly recommended. The use of an air compressor with an air blower tip is great for this. Many service dealerships will wash your car at the time of your service. Please make sure to tell them not to use wheel cleaner on your wheels. These cleaners can permanently damage your wheels. You may apply a very light coat of high-grade wax to clean, polished or painted parts to help protect them between cleanings. In extreme weather conditions or when storing wheels, a thin protective layer of Wheel Wax applied to your wheels is helpful.