

Procedure for Removing Paint from Cars

As soon as possible, after getting paint from road stripes on vehicle, wash the vehicle at a pressure car wash. This will loosen and remove most of the paint unless it has dried for more than a day.

If the car wash does not remove the paint allow the water to dry off the vehicle. Spray the paint residue with WD-40 and allow it to stay on the area for 1-2 hours and then rewash the vehicle. The WD-40 will soften the traffic paint without hurting the vehicle finish. If there is a heavy concentration, repeat the procedure.

For heavy accumulations, or paint that has dried for several days, apply a liberal coating of Vaseline petroleum jelly to the dried traffic paint and allow to stay on overnight. Wash vehicle at a pressure car wash. This should remove most of the traffic paint. If not, repeat the procedure.

Do not scrub the finish with a solvent or scouring cleanser! This will damage the vehicle finish.

After cleaning the paint away, apply a good wax to the vehicle's finish. Wax should remove any lasting signs of the traffic paint.

Wheel wells are very difficult to remove the paint from, since they are normally a flat finish. Apply a liberal coating of Vaseline to the area and leave on for several days. Then pressure wash. Applying an alcohol, such as denatured alcohol or rubbing alcohol, to the area in the wheel well will help to soften any residue left after using the Vaseline. Again, do not scrub. Just apply with a very wetted rag or sponge.

