

Care

Vehicle equipment

In this chapter, all production, country, and optional equipment that is offered in the model range is described. For this reason, descriptions will be given of some equipment that may not be available in a vehicle, for example due to the special options or national-market version selected. This also applies to safety related functions and systems.

Washing the vehicle

Notes



When using steam cleaners or high-pressure cleaning jets, make sure to maintain a sufficient distance and stay below a maximum temperature of 140 °F/60 °C.

Too close a distance, too high a pressure, or too high a temperature may cause damage or preliminary damage that can then lead to long-term damage.

Follow the operating instructions for the steam jet or high-pressure washer. ◀



When using high-pressure washers, do not spray the sensors, e.g. of the Park Distance Control, for an extended period and maintain a distance of at least 1 ft/30 cm from them. ◀

Regularly remove foreign objects, e.g. leaves, in the vicinity of the windshield when the hood is open.

Wash the vehicle more frequently, particularly in winter.

Heavy soiling and road salt can lead to vehicle damage.

Automatic car washes

Notes



In car washes with high pressures and nozzle positions, water may drip into the vehicle around the windows. ◀

Please note the following:

- ▷ Give preference to car washes that use cloth or soft brushes in order to avoid paint damage.
- ▷ Wheels and tires must not be damaged by transport devices.
- ▷ Fold in exterior mirror, refer to page 55; otherwise, they can be damaged due to the width of the vehicle.
- ▷ Deactivate the rain sensor, refer to page 72, to prevent undesired wiper operation.
- ▷ In the convertible, do not treat the top with wax. Ensure that a program is available that does not apply wax or is designed specifically for Convertibles.
- ▷ Move rear wiper into its wiper park position, deactivate it, and protect it from damage. Ask the car wash operator about suitable protective measures.
- ▷ Remove additional add-on parts, e.g. spoilers or phone antennas, if they could be damaged.
- ▷ Unscrew the rod antenna.
- ▷ Leave the remote control in the ignition lock.



Avoid car washes with guide rail heights over 4 in/10 cm; otherwise, there is the danger of damaging chassis parts. ◀

Driving into an automatic car wash

Perform the following steps to ensure that the vehicle can roll:

Manual transmission:

1. Shift into neutral.
2. Release parking brake, refer to page 63.
3. Switch off the engine.
4. Leave the remote control in the ignition lock.

Automatic transmission:

1. Insert the remote control into the ignition lock, even with Comfort Access.
2. Shift selector lever into position N.
3. Release parking brake, refer to page 63.
4. Switch off the engine.
5. Leave the remote control in the ignition lock.

Sport automatic transmission with double clutch:

1. Insert the remote control into the ignition lock, even with Comfort Access.
2. Shift selector lever into position N.
3. Release parking brake, refer to page 63.
4. Switch off the engine.
5. Leave the remote control in the ignition lock.

The transmission is switched into position P:

- ▷ Automatically after approx. 30 minutes
- ▷ If you remove the infrared remote control from the ignition lock

Headlamps

Do not rub them dry and do not use abrasive or corrosive cleaning agents.

Loosen dirt, e.g. insects, with shampoo and rinse away with water.

Thaw ice with a de-icer and do not use an ice scraper.

After washing the vehicle



After washing the vehicle, apply the brakes briefly to dry them; otherwise, water can reduce braking efficiency over the short term and the brake discs can corrode. ◀

Remove residues on the windows completely in order to prevent impaired vision due to smear formation and to reduce wiper noise and wiper blade wear.

Vehicle care

Care products

BMW recommends using BMW cleaning and care products since they have been tested and approved for this purpose.



Follow the instructions on the packaging. When cleaning inside the vehicle, always open the doors and windows. Only use products designed for cleaning vehicles. Cleaning agents can contain substances that are dangerous or hazardous to your health. ◀

Vehicle paintwork

Regular care contributes to driving safety and value retention. Environmental influences in regions with elevated levels of air pollution or natural contaminants such as tree sap or pollen can impact vehicle paintwork. The frequency and scope of car care should be adapted accordingly.

Immediately remove particularly corrosive substances such as spilled fuel, oil, grease, or bird droppings to prevent damage to the paintwork.

Leather care

Frequently remove dust from the leather using a cloth or vacuum cleaner.

Otherwise, dust and road grit in the pores and folds of the leather will otherwise have an abrasive effect, resulting in increased wear and causing the leather surface to become brittle prematurely.

In order to prevent staining, e.g. due to clothing, clean the leather approximately every two months.

Clean light-colored leather more frequently as it shows dust and dirt more noticeably.

Use BMW Premium Leather Care since dirt and grease will otherwise slowly affect the protective layer of the leather.

Suitable care products are available at your BMW center.

Upholstery care

Regularly vacuum with a vacuum cleaner.

To remove severe spots such as beverage stains, use a soft sponge or lint-free microfiber cloth and suitable interior cleaners.

Clean the upholstery down to the seams using a sweeping motion. Avoid strong rubbing.



Opened Velcro fasteners on pants or other articles of clothing can damage the seat covers. Ensure that Velcro fasteners are closed. ◀

Care of special parts

Light-alloy wheels

When cleaning on the vehicle, use only neutral rim cleaner with a pH value of 5 to 9. Do not use coarse cleansers and do not use steam cleaners at temperatures greater than 140 °F / 60 °C. Follow manufacturer's instructions.

Aggressive, acid-containing, or strongly alkaline cleaning agents can destroy the protective coating of nearby components such as the brake discs.

Chrome look surfaces

Carefully clean vehicle parts such as the radiator grill or door handles with copious quantities of water and possibly a shampoo additive, particularly when roads are treated with deicing salt.

Rubber parts

Treat only with water or rubber care products.

Do not use silicon-containing care products on rubber seals; otherwise, noise and damage could occur.

Fine wood parts

Clean fine wood trim and fine wood parts only with a damp cloth. Wipe dry with a soft cloth.

Plastic parts

These include:

- ▷ Imitation leather surfaces
- ▷ Roofliner
- ▷ Lamp glasses
- ▷ Display pane of instrument cluster
- ▷ Parts spray painted matte black
- ▷ Painted parts in the passenger compartment

Use a microfibre cloth for cleaning.

Moisten the cloth slightly with water.

Do not soak the roofliner.



Do not use any cleaners that contain alcohol or solvents such as lacquer thinner, cold cleaning agents, fuel, and the like; otherwise, you may damage the surfaces. ◀

Safety belts

Dirty belt straps impede the reeling action and thus have a negative impact on safety.




Do not clean chemically, as this may destroy the webbing. ◀

Only clean with a mild soap solution in the installed state.

Only reel in seat belts when they are dry.

Carpet and floor mats

 Keep floor mats, carpet, and other objects out of the movement range of the pedals; otherwise, they may inhibit the function of the pedals during driving.

Do not place additional floor mats onto an existing one or onto other objects.

Only use floor mats that have been approved for the vehicle and can be appropriately fastened. Make sure that the floor mats are securely fastened again after they have been removed, e.g. for cleaning. ◀

Floor mats can be removed for the cleaning of the passenger compartment.

When inserting the floor mats, secure them again to prevent slippage.


When carpets are heavily soiled, clean with a microfibre cloth and water or textile cleaner. When doing so, rub back and forth in the direction of travel; otherwise, the carpet may become matted.

Sensors/cameras

Use a microfibre cloth moistened with some glass cleaner for cleaning sensors or cameras.

Displays/screens

Use an antistatic microfibre cloth for cleaning displays.


 Do not use chemical or abrasive household cleaning agents. Keep all types of fluid and moisture away from the device. Otherwise, surfaces or electrical components may be corroded or damaged. When cleaning, avoid excessive pressure and do not use abrasive materials; otherwise, you may damage them. ◀

Convertible top care

The appearance and service life of the convertible top largely depends on its proper care and operation.

Please follow these instructions:

- ▶ Never attempt to fold and stow the convertible top in the convertible compartment when the top is wet or frozen. Otherwise, water stains, mildew, and chafe marks may occur.
- ▶ If water spots occur on the inside headliner despite precautions, remove them using a microfibre cloth and interior cleaner.
- ▶ If the vehicle is parked in an enclosed area for a longer period of time, make sure that there is sufficient ventilation.
- ▶ Remove any bird droppings immediately, since they have corrosive properties which will corrode the convertible top and damage the rubber seals.

 To remove stains from the convertible top, do not use stain removers, paint thinners, solvents, benzene or similar substances. These cleaners may damage the rubber seals. The improper care or cleaning methods may cause the convertible top and its seams to leak. ◀

To remove heavy soiling, use a special convertible top cleaner.

Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

After washing the convertible top three to five times, treat it with an impregnating agent.

Vehicle storage

Your BMW center will be happy to advise you on preparatory steps for parking the vehicle for more than three months.