

Windows

I was talking to Jay about his Porsche he just got out of the local detail shop and how unhappy he was, he said that they couldn't even clean the windows right. That's about as bad as to get a ride home about 5:00 with a friend (who isn't a car nut) and looking through the windshield and realizing that you can't see anything but the fog and the haze on the inside of the glass. It gets to the point of how the heck can you see where your going, much less can you see the stop lights on the car in front of you? Can you even see the car in front of you?

It's funny how you can spend all day Saturday cleaning and polishing your car and you get ready for the cruise around the neighborhood to show off your pride and joy, and no longer do you get around the first corner and you notice that your windows have some streaks and smears. Some times you stop and fix the problem right there, and sometimes you wait to you get back to the garage, and some times you'll just have to catch them next time.

Being in the detailing business for 25 years I've come up with a simple process that you may want to incorporate into your detailing habits. First thing is that if you wash your car with soap and water, make sure you wash the glass with your wash mitt or sponge, this will remove the bugs and the road film, then dry your car as you normally would.

I know that there are a ton of good products on the market that will clean your windows pretty well and I've used quite a few of them, and still do, but what seems to work the best for me is good old water. I know this sounds way to simple, but when you stop and think about it makes complete sense. Here we are trying to make the glass look invisible and streak free, with water it doesn't have any ammonia, soap, vinegar, or any thing else in it, I think this is key because with window cleaners I believe it leaves a little residue behind and that's what causing the streaking.

Just fill up a trigger bottle with water (I haven't noticed any difference between tap water and arrowhead, so you know which one I'm using)! You will also need some expensive paper towels. Paper towels work well because you use them once and only once.

Now start cleaning your windows by getting 5 or 6 paper towels, your water bottle and go to work. I wipe down the windows with the towels then flip them over and polish them with the dryer side of the towels. After you finish your windows drive your car outside with the drivers window facing the sunshine and double check your work. Now your windows should be sparkling. Now if you smoke or your car is new, you may have to use a window cleaner first. If for some reason you have water spots on your glass, you can use a heavy duty compound and this should remove them. So there you have it, a simple idea that works well for me and hopfully works well for you. Wax on.