



CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MATTE COLORED PANELS

If you're a fan of the eye-catching texture of matte finishes you've seen on boats and cars lately, we get it! However, there is a lot of misconceptions about matte finishes being excessively high maintenance. So, if you love the look, but have been scared off because of the upkeep, we're here to re-assure you.

Perfectly Imperfect

First, let's start off by explaining what a matte finish is. Matte finishes have a non-reflective look and rough texture, as opposed to a glossy, shiny finish you're probably used to. This is achieved by using a different clear coat process. With a glossy finish, the clear coat fills in any imperfections to create a smooth surface that is polished and waxed to reflect light. A matte finish, however, is left deliberately imperfect with a texture that diffuses light rather than reflects it. While it's true that a matte surface is more likely to collect contaminants because of its uneven surface, it's not incapable of being washed and protected.

Hand Wash Only

We recommend using warm water only whenever possible to simply rinse the panels off and a 50/50 spray solution of water and either Dawn or Dove detergent prior to rinsing may be used to get any water spots out. The actual washing technique is just as important as any products you use. Matte paint should only be hand washed only. Never scrub or use a power washer. This can deface the inert particles and ruin that beautiful finish.

Spot Cleaning and Protecting

If you find any stubborn spots or stains, you may use an extra soft bristle brush with the cleaning solution mentioned above. Never use a wax or polish on matte finishes and never try to buff anything out. There are some commercial care products available specifically designed for matte finishes, including sealants should you need them.