



**Did You Know?**

## Tips to Maintain Car Paint According to the Season (Dry & Rainy Seasons)

Having a car that always looks shiny brings a special satisfaction to its owner. A bright, glossy, and evenly colored paint job is a reflection of a well-maintained vehicle. However, keeping your car's paint in good condition is not something to take lightly, especially if you use your car daily. In cities like Jakarta, where the weather can be intensely hot and suddenly rainy, car paint can fade quickly or even develop mold if not properly cared for.

### Tips to Keep Car Paint During the Dry Season or Extreme Heat



#### **1 Park in Shaded Areas**

Direct sunlight can cause the paint to fade and peel over time. Always try to park in a garage or under a tree. If no garage is available, shaded spots under leafy trees can work. But be cautious of tree sap and bird droppings, which can damage the paint. For those living in apartments or working in office buildings, basement parking is the best choice.

#### **2 Use Paint Protection (Wax or Sealant)**

Wax or sealant can serve as an additional protective layer against UV rays that damage the paint. Apply it at least once a month. Using wax or sealant for car paint maintenance is an affordable yet effective method to create an extra protective coating. Carnauba-based wax provides a deep shine but only lasts 1 – 2 months, while modern synthetic sealants can last up to 6 months.

### 3 Wash Your Car Regularly

Cleaning your car regularly is not just for aesthetics but also to protect the paint and the protective layer on the car body. Dust, dirt, and other residues can damage the car's surface if left for too long. Therefore, make sure to wash your car routinely, especially after it has been exposed to rain, and provide additional protection with wax or a protective coating. Don't forget to always dry your car if it's wet or dusty.

### 4 Use a Car Cover

If you have to leave your car unused for a while, use a high-quality car cover that's heat- and moisture-resistant. Premium covers come with UV protection, are waterproof, but still breathable, preventing moisture buildup that could cause corrosion.

## Tips To Keep Car's Paint Safe and Scratch-Free



Rinse the car with clean water before wiping



Wash your car in the shade, not under direct sunlight



Use a clean, soft microfiber cloth for drying

### 5 Avoid Wiping a Dry and Dusty Car

In dry seasons, dust easily sticks to the surface. Wiping a dusty car can cause fine scratches (swirl marks) from friction between dust particles and the paint.

## Tips to Keep Your Car Paint During the Rainy or Cold Season

### 1 Wash the Car Regularly After Rain

To maintain the car's bodywork cleanliness during the rainy season, it is very important to regularly clean it after it has been exposed to rain. Rainwater mixed with dust and dirt can cause corrosion on the paint and the car body. Therefore, regularly washing the car helps keep its appearance pristine and prevents the risk of corrosion.

### 2 Use Wax or Sealant Regularly

Regular use of wax or paint protectant is an important step in maintaining the car body during the rainy season. Wax not only enhances the brightness of the paint but also serves as a protective barrier against the harmful effects of rainwater, acid rain, and other chemicals.

### 3 Use an Anti-Fungal Solution

During the rainy season or cold weather, humidity increases, making cars more susceptible to mold or mildew, especially on the glass, window rubber seals, and paint surfaces. Use automotive-grade anti-fungal solutions to prevent mold growth that can damage the appearance and quality of the car's surface.

### 4 Don't Let the Car Air-Dry After Rain

A car exposed to rainwater that is not thoroughly dried can cause paint damage. Avoid letting your car air-dry on its own, as this can leave stains and mineral deposits on the paint.

### 5 Inspect and Maintain the Drainage System

During the rainy season, a good drainage system is very important to prevent water from pooling under the car. Make sure the water channels are not clogged and free of crusts or debris that could obstruct water flow. Regular maintenance of the drainage system also helps prevent corrosion on the underside of the car.



Hopefully, the above information enriches your knowledge of how to maintain car paint, whether in the dry or rainy season. For more information about MSIG Indonesia's insurance products, please visit our official website at [www.msig.co.id](http://www.msig.co.id) or call our contact center at **1500 674 (MSI)** to find comprehensive information and interactive services.



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