

IKONOS

LARGE FORMAT PRINTING MEDIA

Manual

Cleaning and maintenance of films

Cleaning Ikonos Proficast automotive decoration films

INTRODUCTION

Cleaning PVC film surfaces often leads to a lot of difficulties.

The fact that stubborn dirt can penetrate into the pores of the films, also makes it difficult to remove. After in-depth research with dozens of cleaning- and waxing agents, Ikonos are advising the following method to keep the Proficast films in perfect shape :

1. Wrapping the vehicle or any other object.
2. Waxing the vinyl immediately after it has been wrapped.
3. Weekly maintenance with a good car shampoo, which holds a feeding wax.
4. If dirt becomes too stubborn after a certain period of time, use a melamine sponge to remove the dirt.
5. After using the melamine sponge, wax the vinyl again.

WAXING

Ikonos have been searching for products that do not or hardly influence the degree of matt vinyls gloss level, and at the same time make sure that dirt can no longer penetrate into the film. Eventually it turned out that a liquid polymeric wax (like e.g. Meguiar's Quik Wax) can be applied with extreme ease (\pm 10 minutes for a complete car) and at the same time offers very good protection to the vinyl.

The cleaning results on vinyls that have been waxed and untreated vinyls are completely different. Waxed vinyls are much more repellent and at the same time give a more lively and intense colour to the vinyl.

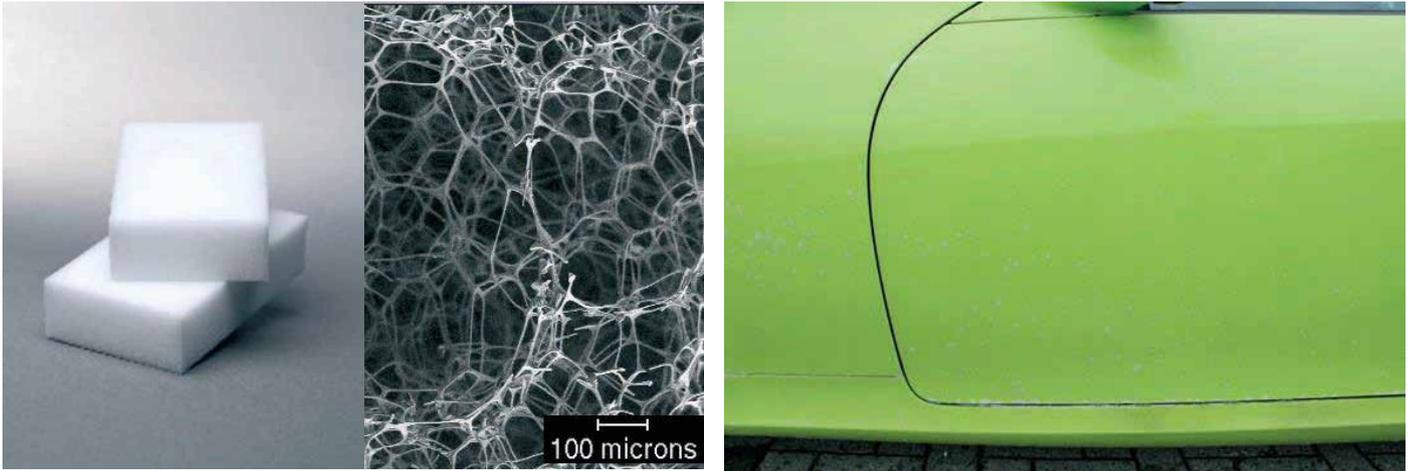
CLEANING

The wrapped vehicle needs to be cleaned on a regular basis (at least once a week) to avoid dirt from penetrating deep into the pores of the vinyl. A good car shampoo with feeding wax will do just fine.

If the film does look dirty after a certain period of time, you can still clean it thoroughly by means of a melamine sponge. Our tests have shown that the cleaning products used are not that important, but rather the sponge that is used for cleaning the vinyl. A standard sponge may be practical for soaping the surface, but eventually a small melamine sponge turns out to be the absolute winner ("magic" sponge, "wonder" sponge, ...). Thanks to its specific structure, this sponge, which can be found in any supermarket, manages to remove the dirt from the pores of the vinyl with ease.

CLEANING PROCESS

Providing that the film gets a good wax-pretreatment, a regular cleaning with a good car shampoo and a periodical cleaning with a melamine sponge, after which the wax treatment is repeated, your Proficast film will stay in top condition for years.



Clean the car with a good car shampoo and rinse it with water

Product description:

Thanks to its special physical characteristics the high quality melamine sponge easily removes stubborn dirt with water. Cost-saving and eco-friendly ! Gently rub on the surface for dirt removal. Easy and convenient ! This is a multi-functional cleaner that meets varied needs such as cleaning cars, which are wrapped with PVC CAST films. Made of eco materials comprised of ultrafine fibers and particles, the content of this cutting-edge product is as fine as 1/10,000 of a hair. No combination with other cleaning products is needed.

How to use the sponge :

Take a bucket with clean water and a melamine sponge. Soak the sponge in the water. Squeeze the excess of water out of the sponge. Don't wring it out.





Clean the vinyl by rubbing over it with soft rotating movements. All dirt that is hard to remove will disappear immediately. Then rinse the car shampoo soaked off and wet dirt from the vinyl. Rinse the dirty sponge regularly. Don't wring it out – just rinse it and squeeze the excess of water out of it again. After having used the sponge, leave it to dry and store it at a dry location, so you can re-use it for a next cleaning.



In order to protect the vinyl against dirt for a longer period of time, we advise you to treat it with wax immediately after it has been cleaned. The pores will then be filled "invisibly", while the matt effect is maintained. Liquid polymeric wax can be used with ease.

Attention :

Not suitable for heavy greasiness and corroded and oxidized surfaces. Before rubbing on leather and valuable objects, try it on unseen area to make sure the product causes no harm to the surface.

Please always follow the instructions given for the melamine sponge you bought.