

Ultimate Exterior Car Detailing Checklist

Pre-Wash Prep

- Park in shade
- Gather supplies (soap, mitt, buckets, towels)
- Rinse car to remove loose dirt

Washing

- Use two-bucket method
- Clean top to bottom
- Rinse thoroughly

Decontamination

- Apply iron remover
- Use clay bar with lubricant
- Rinse again

Polishing & Buffing

- Apply compound polish for deep scratches
- Use finishing polish for gloss
- Buff with dual-action polisher

Protective Coating

- Choose wax, sealant, or ceramic coating
- Apply evenly
- Allow curing time as per product instructions

Trim & Glass

- Restore plastic/rubber trim
- Polish metal trim
- Apply glass cleaner & sealant

Tires & Wheels

- Use dedicated wheel cleaner
- Scrub with tire brush
- Apply tire dressing

Maintenance

- Wash every 2 weeks
- Reapply protective coating every 3–6 months