

# MUC-OFF CAR CARE PRODUCTS

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As soon as the large box from Muc-Off arrived I knew I'd shot myself in the foot, after all, washing cars isn't something I do on a regular basis! I particularly like the way road dirt streaks up and along the bonnet and lies in the corners of the windscreen. As if your vehicle has been out there fighting against the elements and returns home battle-scared, yet triumphant.

Some 4x4's I've owned have always looked better dirty. My previous Land Rovers were never washed, only hosed down... very occasionally.

However, this time, unusually, it hadn't been that long since I'd washed the Discovery, due to ear ache from SWMBO, so I had to find a good reason for removing the protective layer of volcanic ash, a trip was organised in search of mud!

Satisfied that it now required proper cleaning I gathered all the products that Muc-Off had so kindly sent me. However, as I'm getting older, reading the tiny-print instructions was near impossible, luckily though they have a great website with full instructions plus a YouTube video of the products being used on a Bugatti Veyron, worth a look in itself.

So without further ado, I prepared the Discovery by using the the superb Karcher washer to get rid of the mud (see opposite). As this was going to be a proper wash, a chose the two bucket approach, one for the lovely, clean soapy water, and the other to rinse and clean the sponge, or in this case the Muc-Off Microfibre Wash Mitt.

Unusually I began with the wheels. I began by squirting the wheel cleaner onto the alloys, gave them a good scrub with a soft brush and then the mitt to reach the corners. Then rinsed off. It removed the brake dust with ease.

Next was the Ubershine shampoo, 20 squirts into 4ltrs of warm water and using their Micro Fibre Wash Mitt I started on the roof making my way down to the sills. Once I'd been round the Disco it was time to rinse off all the suds, and without letting it dry it was straight on to the next stage of spraying on the Split Second Detailer. This is a spray on wax that they say creates a 'wet look' shine and leaves a protective finish. Muc-Off also says that it can be used to remove light contaminants between washes too. Once it's sprayed on you find a microfibre cloth and dry it off.

The previous week we had driven around 900 miles to Cornwall and back, which meant we had a varied selection of splattered invertebrates, so it was a good job that Muc-Off had also supplied their Bug and Tar Remover!

I have to admit that by this stage I was getting a bit knackered as I'm not used to all this cleaning, and the Discovery is a big car! However, I could already see a difference and with only two more products to go I



forced myself to carry on with this report, all for you dear reader, all for you!

The Glass Cleaner, they say, is highly effective at cutting through grease and grime, and after I dried it off with my microfibre cloth I could see a nice sparkle!

Still motivated – just - I began to apply the Miracle Shine which is a high quality polish containing three separate waxes including carnauba which is universally recognised as being the hardest naturally occurring wax known to man. Once buffed off I was quite shocked to see the improvement in

the colour, from previously having quite a dull finish, the Discovery now had a deep, lustrous shine! (Can't believe I used the word lustrous to describe a shine!)

What a result, the Discovery now gleamed (that's better than lustrous!), and I'd actually forgotten how therapeutic it can be washing and waxing a car!

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