

VEHICLE CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

EXTERNAL CARE

The materials used on the body of this vehicle are aluminum, chrome, and stainless steel. Although the environment will eventually dull or tarnish the bright surfaces if they are left unprotected, the integrity of the metalwork will not be adversely affected. The following recommendations will assist in maintaining the appearance of the vehicle in an "as new" condition.

Harsh cleaners such as steel wool and abrasive pads should not be used for routine maintenance, as dulling of the bright surfaces will result. Strong acidic or alkaline etching should also be avoided as these will cause permanent damage to the bright surfaces.

Provided they are not already corroded or stained, the bright metallic surfaces of aluminum plate, chrome and stainless steel should be cleaned using a mild, non-etching soap.

To ensure maximum service and appearance, use only non-etching soaps, cleaners and wax applications. Apply soaps, cleaners and wax applications with a soft cloth or sponge and rinse with clean fresh water.

PAINT FINISH

The most effective way to preserve the paint finish of the vehicle is to keep it clean with frequent washings. When washing the vehicle, use tepid or cold water and a mild non-abrasive detergent. Wash the hard surfaces using a large soft sponge. All cleaning agents should be rinsed from the surface immediately after washing and not allowed to dry on the bodywork. Waxing and polishing is recommended to remove built-up grime and eliminate any weathered appearance.



CAUTION

NEVER WASH THE VEHICLE IN THE DIRECT RAYS OF THE SUN OR USE HOT WATER, STRONG SOAP OR CHEMICAL CLEANERS. THE PAINTED SURFACES MAY BECOME SPOTTED, STREAKED OR DAMAGED IN EITHER SITUATION.

GOLD LEAF, LETTERING AND STRIPING

The gold leaf lettering and striping used on E-ONE vehicles is much more delicate than the paint finish and should be treated accordingly.

Hand wash gold leaf, lettering and striping with a soft cloth and mild liquid detergent only. Rinse with un-pressurized clean water and wipe dry with a soft chamois.

DO NOT WAX!

 **CAUTION**

Do not use any of the following listed items on gold leaf, lettering or striping.

- Buffers, polishers or brushes
- Cleaners, solvents, harsh detergents or soap powders
- High-pressure cleaning equipment
- Dirty water

Apply a coat of clear Sikkens paint to the areas every 6 to 12 months as required.

GLASS SURFACES

Windscreen, windows, mirrors, etc. should be cleaned on a regular basis. A commercial glass cleaner can be used to remove dirt and dust films. Dry and polish the glass with a soft cloth. Plexiglas panels should be cleaned in the same way as ordinary glass. Using an abrasive cleaner on glass or Plexiglas will cause scratches and could remove or damage any tinted coating. Do not place decals, transfers or stickers on the surface of a tinted window. Fill the two windscreen cleaner reservoirs with a good windscreen washer solution and keep them full at all times.

INTERIOR VINYL

Ordinary grime can be removed from vinyl surfaces with a warm water and mild soap solution, such as saddle soap, oil soap or equivalent. Apply a small amount of soap solution and let it soak for a few minutes to loosen the dirt. Rub the spot briskly with a clean damp cloth to remove dirt and traces of soap. Repeat as necessary until the area is clean. On completion, wipe the area with a soft cloth dampened with vinyl cleaner/protector.

INTERIOR VINYL Cont.

Grime such as tar, asphalt, etc. will stain the vinyl if not removed as quickly as possible. Wipe the vinyl surface of seats, door panels, dash panels etc. with a soft cloth dampened with vinyl cleaner/protector.

UNDERBODY MAINTENANCE

Chemicals used for ice and snow removal and dust control can collect on the underbody. If these are not removed, accelerated corrosion (rust) can occur on the underbody parts such as fuel lines, frame, floor pan and exhaust system even though they have corrosion protection.

After each winter, flush these materials from the underbody with plain water. Clean any areas where mud and other debris can collect. Dirt packed in closed areas of the frame should be loosened before being flushed.

Area's where corrosion exists should be cleaned, prepped and treated with an appropriate process for the corrosion identified. Contact your local Dealer for the approved process.

WHEELS

Keep the wheels clean using a soft clean cloth with mild soap and water. Rinse with clean water. After rinsing thoroughly, dry with a soft clean towel. A wax may then be applied.

The surface of these wheels is similar to the painted surface of your vehicle. Do not use strong soaps, chemicals, abrasive polishes, abrasive cleaners, cleaners with acid or abrasive cleaning brushes on them because you could damage the surface.

Use chrome polish only on chrome-plated wheels, but avoid any painted surface of the wheel, and buff off immediately after application.