

Procedure for Removing Paint from Vehicles

In the unfortunate event that waterborne traffic paint comes in contact with traveling public's vehicles, it is important to get to a pressure car wash as soon as possible. This will loosen and remove most of the paint unless it has dried for more than a day. If the car wash does not remove the paint, allow the water to dry off of the vehicle, and then spray the paint residue with WD-40, and allow it to remain for 1-2 hours and rewash the vehicle. The WD-40 will soften the traffic paint without harming the vehicles finish. If there is a heavy concentration of paint, repeat the WD-40 procedure.

For heavy accumulations or paint that has dried for several days, apply a liberal coating of Vaseline to the dried traffic paint and allow it to remain overnight. The next day, take the vehicle to a pressure car wash to remove the paint. If this does not remove all of the paint, repeat this procedure.

DO NOT scrub the finish with a solvent or scouring cleanser! This WILL damage the finish.

After cleaning the traffic paint off of the vehicle, apply a quality car wax to the finish. Wax should remove any lasting signs of the paint from the finish.

Wheel wells are very difficult to remove traffic paint from, since they are not normally a smooth surface. Apply a liberal coating of Vaseline to the area and leave on for several days. Pressure washing should remove the paint from the area. Applying an alcohol such as Solox or rubbing alcohol to the area in the wheel well will help to soften any residue left from the Vaseline. Once again, **DO NOT** scrub the surface, apply with a wetted rag or sponge.