



DIY GUIDE TO CLEANING YOUR WHEELS

Whether you are running factory or custom wheels on your 4WD, keeping them clean is an important part of the overall appearance. Wheel manufacturers use a variety of materials to achieve different looks, so carefully choose the right product to do the job.

When cleaning neglected or extremely dirty wheels with extra heavy build-up of brake dust and road grime, instead of relying solely on a chemical cleaner for its cleaning power, boost the power of your wheel cleaner by using a soft brush designed specifically for use on wheels. Use a bit of the old 'elbow-grease' rather than seeking-out an extra strong wheel cleaner.

Using the wrong wheel cleaner can lead to discoloring, dulling, and permanent staining. When in doubt, contact the wheel manufacture and ask them for their recommendations.

CHECKLIST

Products:

Meguiar's Hot Rims Non-Acid Wheel Cleaner
Meguiar's Hot Rims All Wheel Cleaner
Meguiar's Hot Rim Chrome Wheel Cleaner
Meguiar's Wheel Spoke Brush

Tools:

Hose & Sprayer or High Pressure Cleaner
Chamois or soft cloth (Optional)

Getting Started

Always follow the direction marked on the bottle & don't make the mistake of trying to take the easy way out by resorting to an extra strength cleaner that can potentially damage your wheels. This is a common mistake people make when they rely on cleaners that are too strong, or use common under the sink multi-purpose cleaners that were never intended for use on their particular wheel surface.



Step 1:

Rinse the wheel thoroughly to remove any loose material & make sure that the wheel is cool before spraying the cleaner.

TECH TIP: Some brake & suspension components may be painted or have special coatings on them, carefully read the instructions on the bottle before applying the cleaner.

Step 2:

Spray a liberal amount of the wheel cleaner onto the wheel allowing it to penetrate and using a wheel brush agitate the built-up brake dust and road grime enabling the wheel cleaning chemicals to penetrate, loosen, and break their grip on the surface of your wheels. Remember to always work on one wheel at a time.

TECH TIP: For extremely dirty wheels you may need to repeat this step after rinsing. The next application of wheel cleaner will go right to work on the built-up brake dust and road grime that was underneath the first layer!

Step 3:

Rinse the wheel thoroughly with clean water and repeat the process on the remaining wheels.

Step 4:

With a clean, dry cloth or chamois, dry the wheel to minimise any water marks/spots.

Don't forget to use a tyre shine or dressing to put the finishing touches on the rubber.



Step 5:

If you're parked on a driveway or any other hard surface, don't forget to hose it away all the dirt, grime and brake dust so it won't leave a mark creating more work again.