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Your brand new BMW is certainly a fine automobile. How long it continues to appear attractive depends on the care with which you look after it.

Wash the car in indirect sunlight and when the hood has cooled, to avoid formation of water spots.

Road dust and dirt contain chemicals which may, in the long run, damage your car's paintwork. For this reason any car – especially a new one – should be washed as often as possible.

Tar stains, dead insects and paintwork damage caused by stones should be removed or touched-up without delay, or else the paint may discolor or patches of rust may appear.

Clean the interior with a brush or a vacuum cleaner.

Soften dirt on the paintwork with a fine spray of water, then rinse away.

Do not spray water into the ventilation inlet and outlet grilles.

After rinsing down, wash the upper part of the body, beginning with the roof, with water, using a sponge or special glove. Rinse the sponge or glove in clean water at frequent intervals.

Clean the lower parts of the body and wheels last of all, and if possible keep a separate sponge for these areas.

After washing down, spray thoroughly once again and dry with a clean chamois to prevent water droplets from forming spots.

If cleaning the car with water alone is insufficient, use a reputable car washing-soap in the concentration recommended by the manufacturer. Rinse down afterwards with a generous stream of water. Excessive use of car washing compounds can damage the paint.

Your car's paintwork needs polishing or preserving when water no longer forms round droplets on the surface.

Use only reputable car care products in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Minor paint blemishes can be touched up with a BMW paint spray aerosol or BMW touch-up stick. The color you need is marked on an adhesive label in the engine compartment close to the chassis number.

No mineral oils, spray or other preservative substances should be allowed to reach the wheel cylinder piston sealing sleeves or the discs themselves.

Clean **chromium plated or polished components** with water or soap and water.

Tar stains should never be scraped off with a knife or hard object. Use a commercially available tar remover. When cleaning the **inside surface of the windows**, we recommend water diluted 1 : 1 with vinegar.

Rubber components should be treated only with pure water or glycerin.

Clean the wiper blades with soapy water. **Renew blades at least twice a year – before and after the cold season.**

Stains on cloth upholstery can be removed with an ordinary stain remover, but do not let any such product come in contact with leather or vinyl.

Vinyl should only be wiped down with a damp cloth and dried immediately afterwards.

Safety belts should not be removed from the car and should only be cleaned with a weak soap and water solution; they should not be drycleaned, as this may destroy the fabric. Automatic retracting belts should only be rolled up when dry. Dirt on the belt straps impedes rolling up and thus adversely affects safety.

When you took delivery of your car, you received a Service Booklet made out in your name and for your own particular vehicle. After the **pre-delivery** check, your BMW Dealer removes the corresponding section from the booklet and makes an entry to confirm that the work has been properly carried out. The same procedure will be followed when it is time for the first BMW Inspection at approx. 600 miles or 1000 km.

Your BMW Dealer will then attach a selfadhesive label to the driver's door post as a reminder when the next service is due.

In the interests of reliability and extended operating life of your car we recommend that **at least two BMW oil services per year** should be carried out, even if the distance covered is less than the prescribed figure.



On **radios with a cassette player**, clean the playback head after every 100 hours of operation with a cotton-wool stick soaked in methylated spirit or pure alcohol. Run a head cleaning cassette through the machine if available, but never clean the tape heads with a metal object.

