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STOP

Stop and read these instructions fully before starting this process on your Cybertruck. Be sure you have all materials ready. If you are seeing any unintended or unfavorable results, **PLEASE STOP** and call us, we can help you troubleshoot the issue and recommend an adjustment to your process before you continue.



Directions for ProtectaClear® on Cybertruck 30X Stainless Steel Finish PREPARATION



- 1. **Wash Cybertruck** with EZ Prep Cleaner Concentrate in a 1 oz. per gallon ratio with water. All dirt, other coatings, silicone cleaners, waxes, and oxides must be removed.
- 2. **Recommended Procedure** to remove fingerprints, smudges & light tarnish. **Protect all soft rubber or plastic surfaces.** We recommend using the included *Painter's Tape* to avoid cleanser on your plastics. Use *Barkeepers Friend Soft Cleanser®* on the white pad (included), use circular motions to clean all the stainless steel on the truck. There is no need to change out the pad, one pad can clean all the metal.
- 3. **Remove the residue** with Windex once the metal is completely cleansed. This will neutralize the acid in the cleanser and will make the removal easier. Working a panel at a time, spray Windex on the stainless and wipe off with a microfiber towel. Continue until all the residue is removed and leaves a streak-free finish. The surface should be free of any residue and even in color.
- 4. **For best results, remove the tape from your plastics before applying the final coating.** The tape may have residue from the cleanser on it, which could interfere with the final coat's appearance.
- 5. **Solvent Wipe** the metal with the included 99% isopropyl alcohol using a clean microfiber cloth to remove any traces of residue. This step needs to be done immediately before coating. Do NOT dilute or rinse the solvent. This step will ensure a completely clean and dry surface. **Skipping this step will result in poor adhesion of the coating**.
- 6. **Re-tape the soft rubber or plastic surfaces** using the included *Painter's Tape*.

The stainless steel must be scrupulously clean before coating. Thorough preparation is very important. If you try to take shortcuts on preparation, you will likely not achieve the intended results and may need to remove the coating and start again.

IDEAL COATING ENVIRONMENT

- Temperature (Environment) 40°-100°F (do not apply in direct sun)
- Humidity below 80%
- Dew Point (Environmental Temp must be 10° above Dew Point and not dropping)
- Surface Temperature Not to exceed 110°F (More important than ambient temperature)



Frequently Asked Questions



Helpful Videos (Watch before application)



APPLICATION OF COATING



Nitrile or chemical resistant gloves are needed to protect your hands (Rubber gloves will get sticky).

TIP: Start applying on the small front panel to perfect your application technique before moving on to larger panels.

The surface of the Cybertruck must be completely clean and dry before application. Any moisture on the surface can damage the coating or cause it not to adhere to the metal. **DO NOT DILUTE THE COATING.**

- **1.** Pour the coating into the solvent-rated pan provided or a clean, dry, metal or glass pan. Do not use other plastic or styrofoam containers.
- 2. For application, use the included specialty applicators or other lint free, clear-coat applicators. We suggest utilizing more than one of the applicators provided during the process. The small applicator should be used for smaller areas of the truck (ex: around the windows and mirrors). The larger microfiber applicators should be used for large panels.
- **3.** Submerge the applicator completely into the coating. Gently squeeze out just the excess. Applicator should be saturated but not dripping. This is <u>important</u> as dry areas in the applicator can cause streaks.
- **4.** Apply the coating to the surface letting the applicator "glide" across the surface in horizontal stripes. <u>Do not press hard or apply in a circular motion</u>. Applicator should glide smoothly along the surface. When you start feeling resistance or drag, dip the applicator again. If you get drips, simply smooth them out before the coating starts to dry.
 - Observe the coating while applying: if the coating separates, **STOP** and re-clean the surface. Other substances (such as wax, oils, silicone, etc.) present on the surface can cause separation and need to be removed completely. Once all contaminants are removed, solvent wipe again.
- **5.** Let the coating dry completely. It will self-level as it dries. If you see an area you missed, or if the coating rainbows, let it dry and then coat over the missed area. ProtectaClear is self-annealing; meaning the second coat will become part of the first coat. Wait until the previous coat is **completely dry to the touch** to apply another coat. Applicators can be wrapped in aluminum foil in between coats to prevent drying.

While two coats are beneficial, sometimes applying the second coat can mar the evenness of the first coat. A single good coat (wiped on) may be preferred and will be sufficient to protect the metal. If your first coat looks good and there is no rainbowing, there is no need for a second coat.

<u>CURE TIME:</u> Under normal circumstances & with good ventilation, <u>can take up to 5 days to fully cure.</u> The coating will be delicate until it is fully cured. You can drive your Cybertruck before ProtectaClear is completely cured. You can shorten cure time by letting the Cybertruck sit in the sun <u>AFTER</u> it is dry to the touch. Coating **MUST** be cured before prolonged contact with other surfaces, for example, car covers. In most cases, dew or rain does not hurt the coating once it is dry to the touch.

AFTER CARE: Suggested cleaners: Windex or a mild soap such as EZ Prep Cleaner and water. We suggest hand washing the truck avoiding the use of high pressure water. Do **NOT** use solvent based cleaners or abrasives to clean coated metal. Do not use cleaners with "petroleum distillates". ProtectaClear® will blend to itself and can be reapplied as needed.

HOW TO REMOVE THE COATING: The coatings can be removed from unpainted metals with solvents like xylene or acetone. Wear personal protection. Protect all soft rubber or plastic surfaces. Wet a cloth or paper towels with the solvent completely. Move the wet cloth over the coated metal with light pressure. Rubbing hard is not advised. When the coating begins to "melt", wipe it up and off of the surface. Repeat until the coating is removed.