

Care

Vehicle equipment

All standard, country-specific and optional equipment that is offered in the model series is described in this chapter. Therefore, equipment is also described that is not available in a vehicle, e. g., because of the selected optional equipment or country variant. This also applies for safety-related functions and systems.

Car washes

Hints



Steam jets or high-pressure washers

When using steam jets or high-pressure washers, hold them a sufficient distance away and use a maximum temperature of 140 °F/60 °C.

If the vehicle has a glass sunroof, ensure that a distance of at least 31.5 inches/80 cm is maintained. Holding them too close or using excessively high pressures or temperatures can cause damage or preliminary damage that may then lead to long-term damage.

Follow the user's manual for the high-pressure washer. ◀



Cleaning sensors/cameras with high-pressure washers

When using high-pressure washers, do not spray the exterior sensors and cameras, e.g., Park Distance Control, for extended periods of time and only from a distance of at least 12 in/30 cm. ◀

- ▶ Regularly remove foreign items such as leaves in the area below the windshield when the hood is raised.
- ▶ Wash your vehicle frequently, particularly in winter.

Intense soiling and road salt can damage the vehicle.

Automatic car washes

Hints

Note the following:

- ▶ Give preference to cloth car washes or those that use soft brushes in order to avoid paint damage.
- ▶ Make sure that the wheels and tires are not damaged by the transport mechanisms.
- ▶ Fold in the exterior mirrors; otherwise, they may be damaged, depending on the width of the vehicle.
- ▶ Deactivate, refer to page 76, the rain sensor to avoid unintentional wiper activation.
- ▶ In some cases, an unintentional alarm can be triggered by the interior motion sensor of the alarm system. Follow the instructions on avoiding an unintentional alarm, refer to page 46.



Guide rails in car washes

Avoid car washes with guide rails higher than 4 in/10 cm; otherwise, the vehicle body could be damaged. ◀

Different types of tires



Observing vehicle width

Before entering washing systems, make sure that the vehicle width is not too great for the car wash; otherwise, there could be damage to the vehicle and car wash. ◀

Before driving into a car wash

In order to ensure that the vehicle can roll in a car wash, take the following steps:

1. Drive into the car wash.

2. Engage transmission position N.
3. Switch the engine off.

In this way, the ignition remains switched on, and a Check-Control message is displayed.



Do not turn off the ignition in the car wash

Do not turn off the ignition in the car wash; otherwise, the transmission position P is engaged and damages can result. ◀

To start the engine:

1. Depress the brake pedal.
2. Press the Start/Stop button.

Pressing the Start/Stop button without stepping on the brake turns the ignition off.

The vehicle cannot be locked from the outside when in transmission position N. A signal is sounded when an attempt is made to lock the vehicle.

Transmission position

Transmission position P is engaged automatically:

- ▶ When the ignition is switched off.
- ▶ After approx. 15 minutes.

Headlamps

- ▶ Do not rub dry and do not use abrasive or caustic cleansers.
- ▶ Soak areas that have been soiled e.g. due to insects, with shampoo and wash off with water.
- ▶ Thaw ice with deicing spray; do not use an ice scraper.

After washing the vehicle

After washing the vehicle, apply the brakes briefly to dry them; otherwise, braking action can be reduced and corrosion of the brake discs can occur.

Completely remove all residues on the windows, to minimize loss of visibility due to smearing and to reduce wiper noises and wiper blade wear.

Vehicle care

Car care products

BMW recommends using cleaning and care products from BMW, since these have been tested and approved.



Car care and cleaning products

Follow the instructions on the container.

When cleaning the interior, open the doors or windows.

Only use products intended for cleaning vehicles.

Cleansers can contain substances that are dangerous and harmful to your health. ◀

Vehicle paint

Regular care contributes to driving safety and value retention. Environmental influences in areas with elevated air pollution or natural contaminants, such as tree resin or pollen can affect the vehicle's paintwork. Tailor the frequency and extent of your car care to these influences.

Aggressive substances, such as spilled fuel, oil, grease or bird droppings, must be removed immediately to prevent the finish from being altered or discolored.

Leather care

Remove dust from the leather often, using a cloth or vacuum cleaner.

Otherwise, particles of dust and road grime chafe in pores and folds, and lead to increased wear and premature degradation of the leather surface.