

# Car Detailing Chemical Safety Comparison

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Comparison of car detailing products by safety profile, applications, ventilation requirements, and pet safety considerations.

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Product Category	Safety Profile	Best Applications	Ventilation Needed	Pet Safety
Water-based surfactants	High	General interior cleaning	Minimal (2-4 hours)	Safe when dry
Solvent-based cleaners	Moderate	Tar, adhesive, heavy grease	Extensive (4-8 hours)	Avoid contact
Enzymatic cleaners	Very High	Organic stains, odors	Minimal (1-2 hours)	Very safe
pH-neutral formulas	High	Routine maintenance	Minimal (2-4 hours)	Safe when dry
Citrus-based (d-limonene)	Moderate	Degreasing, freshening	Moderate (3-6 hours)	Safe when dry
Ceramic coatings	Moderate during cure	Paint protection	Extensive (24-48 hours initial)	Safe after cure

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