



I got striping paint on my vehicle. How can I get it off?

There are several procedures that can be used to remove striping paint from vehicles. Your best bet is to consult your local body shop. However, one of ODOT's major suppliers of striping paint sent us the following procedure for removing paint from vehicles:

"Do not scrub the finish with a solvent or scouring cleanser." This will damage the finish.

"As soon as possible after getting paint from road stripes on a vehicle, wash the vehicle at a pressure car wash." This will loosen most of the paint unless it has dried for more than a day.

"If the car wash does not remove the paint, allow the water to dry off the vehicle. Spray the paint residue with WD-40[®] and allow the WD-40[®] to stay on the area for 1 to 2 hours and rewash the vehicle. The WD-40[®] will soften the traffic paint without hurting the vehicle finish." If there is a heavy concentration, repeat the procedure.

"For heavy accumulations of paint that has dried for several days, apply a liberal coating of petroleum jelly to the dried traffic paint and allow it to stay on overnight (8 to 12 hrs.). Take the vehicle to a pressure car wash and wash it." This should remove most of the traffic paint. If not, repeat the procedure.

"After cleaning the paint away, apply a good wax to the vehicle's finish." Wax should remove any lasting signs of the traffic paint.

"Wheel wells are very difficult to remove paint from since they are normally lined with a flat finish paint. Apply a liberal coat of petroleum jelly to the area and leave for several days then pressure wash. Applying rubbing alcohol to the wheel well will help to soften any residue left after the petroleum jelly. Again, do not scrub. Just apply with a saturated rag or sponge."