



# Auto Clay

## INTENSE PAINT SMOOTHING BAR

### Permanent Painted Coatings

## Application Information

#### PRODUCT FUNCTION:

*Auto Clay* provides a method of removing harmful contamination from vehicle paint finishes, improving its durability and increasing the gloss level of subsequent waxes.

Contamination can consist of tiny metallic particles from rail dust, brake dust and industrial fallout; or non-metallic substances such as tree sap, bird droppings or insect residue. It affects all paint *finishes and can cause serious damage when left untreated.*

Surprisingly, even brand-new cars and trucks can suffer from paint contamination. Metallic contamination is perhaps the worst offender; whilst stuck into the paint surface it corrodes and expands leading to the onset of paint film destruction.

Paint contamination can be felt as a rough or gritty texture on the freshly cleaned paint's surface. This contamination cannot be removed by washing, waxing and/or polishing.

To assess the degree of contamination on your car's finish simply rub your fingers gently over the freshly washed paint—to magnify the sensation place a piece of cellophane beneath your finger tips and gently rub back and forth—if your paint needs to be *Auto-Clayed* you will feel the gritty texture.

It is usual to find that horizontal panels such as bonnet, roof and boot lid are the most affected.

*Auto-Clay Bar* removes these particles effortlessly from contaminated surfaces leaving a glass smooth ultra clean finish perfectly prepared for the application of a good polish.

An *Auto-Clay Bar* prepared paint surface is not only free of damaging particles but will provide better shine and durability when treated with a good quality polish.

#### HOW TO USE:

Competing clays require the use of special lubricants.

Bilt-Hamber Laboratories *Auto-Clay differs* as its formulation enables normal tap water to provide the necessary lubrication. Some clay bars contain surfactants such as powdered detergents or soaps. Long-term use of surfactants can have adverse effects on paint systems—*Auto-Clay* contains no surfactants, detergents, soaps or other soluble materials.

1. Before using *Auto-clay*, thoroughly wash your car to remove any loose dirt.

2. Direct sunlight should not fall on your car's surface, and it's best if the work area is relatively cool, but not cold.

3. To use the *clay bar* spray tap water with a plant mister on a small area of your car. Rub the bar back and forth with light pressure. *Auto-Clay* should glide across your paint, keep the paint surface thoroughly wet.

**N.B.** *Auto-Clay must not be used dry.*

Listen carefully—first you will hear the bar as it pulls the particles away from the paint, the noise and friction will disappear quickly.

4. After a few passes with the *Clay Bar*, rub your fingers over the area to feel if the surface contamination was removed. Keep rubbing until all contamination has been removed.

5. Finally, wipe the clay residue off with a soft terry-cloth towel. Just like waxing, work in small areas.

6. Once the paint is clean, wax immediately.

#### *How do you know the Auto-clay Bar is working?*

What you will see coming off the paint surface of the car and depositing itself on the clay bar is a reddish brownish residue, this is what you want to see.

*What to do when the Clay Bar is soiled?* Simply fold it over and squash it out and keep going.

*How long will it last?* The *Clay Bar* that comes in this pack is good for about 4 or 5 cleans on the average sized car. Once the paint is clean wax immediately.

**N.B.** *Under no circumstances should the clay bar be used if dropped on the ground inside or out.*

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