

# Steps To Cleaning Your Windscreen

Having a clean, clear windscreen is seriously beneficial not only for the aesthetic properties of your car, but also for ease of viewing from within the vehicle, making the cleanliness of your windscreen paramount to the safety of you and your passengers.

Here, we provide our own step-by-step guide to the best way to clean your windscreen.

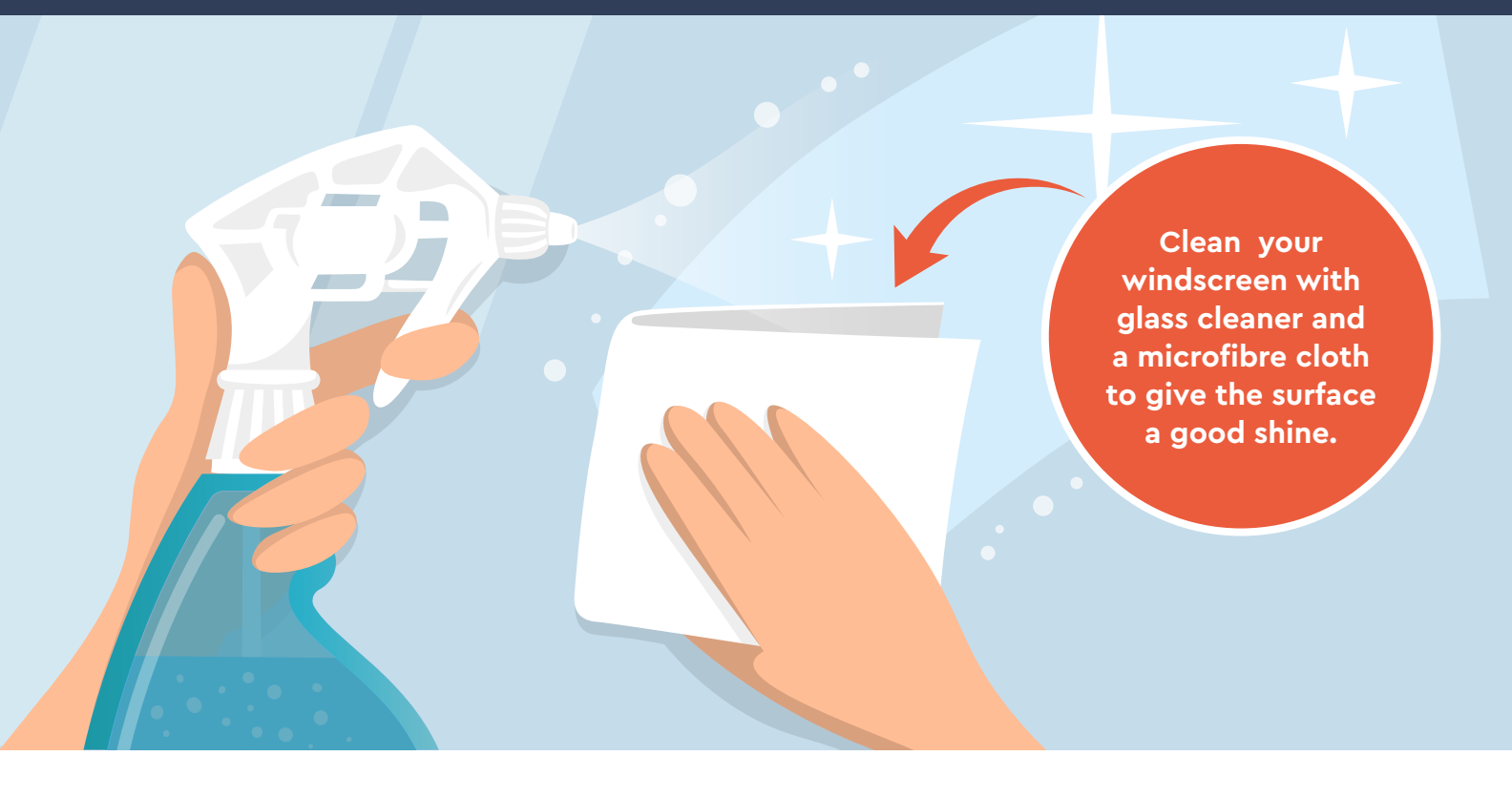
## 1 Work from the outside in



When cleaning your vehicle's windscreen, it is wise to start by cleaning the outside of the window first. If there is a lot of dirt, wash the area with water and a soft brush, and even a telescopic squeegee with a sponge attached for anyone unable to reach all areas of the windscreen.

Lifting the wiper blades up will give you a clear area to work on, giving your windscreen glass a nice, even clean as well as giving you an opportunity to check the blades over and clean them using an alcohol, mineral spirit or mixture of baking soda and water and rubbing them down. When cleaning the wiper blades, lift them at a 70 degree angle from the windscreen so as not to damage or uproot them.

## 2 Deep clean

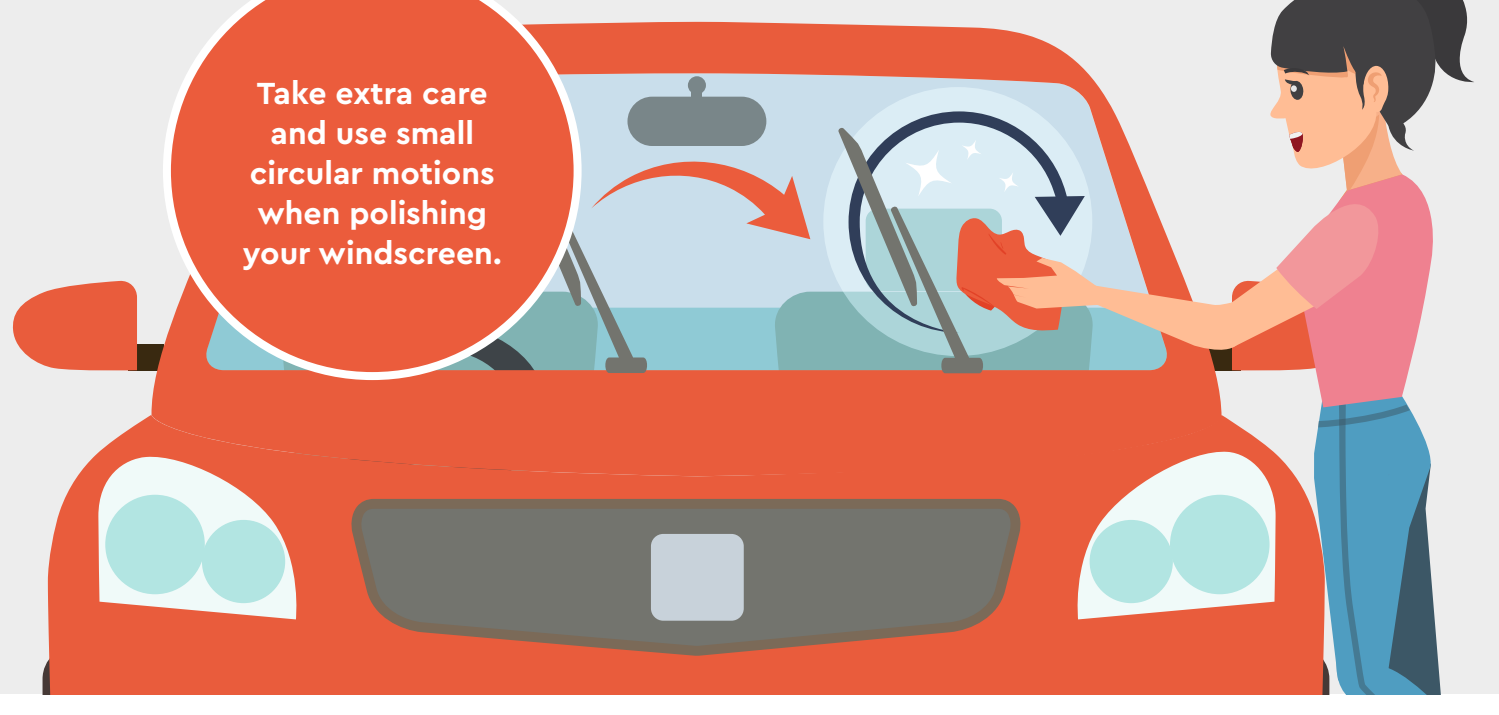


After the stubborn dirt, insects and leaves have been removed from the windscreen, dry the surface with a clean, lint-free towel. Once dried, clean the glass with a glass cleaner and microfiber cloth, working from the outside in, to give the surface a good shine.

Alternative products you can use include smear-free glass cleaners, anti-fog glass cleaners, foaming non-drip glass cleaner and even rain-repellent cleaners which can help stop bugs sticking to your windscreen.

You can also use ammonia, and even white vinegar, though these should be used with caution as they can have damaging properties (particularly ammonia) on some materials such as vinyl, leather and rubber.

## 3 Give it a polish



Following this, polish the remaining glass cleaner off using paper towels to give a streak-free finish to your windscreen. Once the outside is sparkling, you can start to clean the inside of the windscreen.

## 4 Inside the vehicle



Cleaning the inside of your vehicle's windscreen is important in order to get rid of sticky fingerprints and sat nav suction marks. To clean the inside of your windscreen, use a microfiber cloth or pad attached to a long ergonomic handle with a pivoting head in order to get those hard-to-reach sections of the glass or, if preferred, a traditional chamois leather.

With dirt and dust clinging to the microfiber cloth, any further dirt can be cleaned off simply using water. Be careful not to use cleaning sprays within the car's interior, as they could make the surface slippery and even cause damage to materials inside the vehicle.

## 5 Wiper fluid



It is vital to both the cleanliness and safety of your vehicle that you keep wiper fluid with antifreeze properties topped up at all times. Without this, the buildup of dirt or ice on your windscreen cannot be remedied, causing obscured vision for drivers. As well as this, make sure you have a packet of non-smearing interior wipes handy in your glove box for any moments when you need to clean the inside of your windscreen.

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