

Car Interior Sand Removal Checklist UAE

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Use for routine cleaning, post-sandstorm sessions, and beach visits. Tick each item as you complete it. Always remove mats first and work top-down.

BEFORE YOU START

- Remove all floor mats - take them at least 3-4 metres from the vehicle
- Remove all items from the boot area
- Check cabin air filter - replace if overdue (every 3-6 months in UAE)
- After sandstorm: rinse or wipe exterior before opening any doors

FLOOR MAT CLEANING

- Shake mats firmly to dislodge loose sand
- Beat against wall or railing for heavy buildup
- Vacuum both sides with brush attachment
- Rubber mats: rinse with water, scrub ridges, dry fully before reinserting
- Set mats aside - do not refit until all other areas are complete

TOP-DOWN INTERIOR CLEAN (WORK IN THIS ORDER)

- Fabric headliner (if present): vacuum gently with upholstery attachment
- Dashboard: vacuum with soft brush, then dry microfiber wipe
- AC vents: detailing brush to dislodge, then vacuum immediately
Do not run AC until vents and filter are checked
- Centre console, buttons, cup holders: detailing brush then vacuum
- Door panels and door pockets: vacuum ridges and pocket base
- Front seats - fabric: parallel vacuum passes, crevice tool along all seams
- Front seats - leather: vacuum then dry microfiber wipe along stitching
- Headrest adjusters and seat-back gap: crevice tool
- Slide seat forward fully: vacuum exposed rail channels and rear footwell carpet
- Rear seats: vacuum seating surface, seam channels, and base gap
- Rear footwells: vacuum thoroughly, brush agitation for embedded sand
- Seat belt anchors and buckle slots: detailing brush then vacuum
- Under rear seats: remove items, vacuum floor area
- Boot carpet: vacuum edges, corners and spare wheel compartment cover
- Boot liner or carpet: remove, shake, vacuum or rinse separately
- Spare wheel compartment: lift cover and vacuum lower cavity

HIDDEN SAND HOTSPOTS - CHECK EACH ONE

- Under seat rails (full length of both front seat rail channels)
- Seat belt anchor base points
- All door pockets (including ribbed lining ridges)
- AC vent slats (all rows)
- Cup holders and console compartment base
- Boot corners and seal channel at boot opening
- Child seat bases and ISOFIX recesses (remove child seat to access)
- Seat stitching and decorative seam channels

FINISHING STEPS

- Wipe all hard surfaces with dry microfiber: dashboard, door handles, console lid
- Follow with lightly damp microfiber pass on hard surfaces
Do not use damp cloth on fabric seats
- Refit floor mats only after they are fully dry
- Run AC briefly on fresh air mode with windows open to check for vent dust output

ADDITIONAL STEPS: AFTER A SANDSTORM

- Rinse or wipe exterior before opening any doors
- Replace or clean cabin air filter before running AC
- Complete full top-down sequence twice - post-sandstorm sand is finer
- Wipe door seal rubber channels with dry cloth after main clean
- Sand still exits AC vents after cleaning: consult professional for duct inspection

ADDITIONAL STEPS: AFTER A BEACH VISIT (JBR, KITE BEACH, AL MAMZAR, SAADIYAT, FUJAIRAH)

- Allow wet towels and bags to dry before placing back in vehicle where possible
- Rinse rubber boot liner before wet sand dries and hardens
- Vacuum boot and footwells with wet-dry vacuum if beach sand is damp
- Wipe seat surfaces promptly if wet beachwear made contact with upholstery
- Check cup holders and under child seats for wet sand
- Rinse rubber floor mats - dried beach sand leaves salt residue on rubber
- Ventilate vehicle with doors open in shade after cleaning

RECOMMENDED CLEANING FREQUENCY - UAE CONDITIONS

Task	Apartment Parking	Villa / Open Parking
Shake floor mats	2-3x per week	Daily or every 2 days
Light interior vacuum	Weekly	Every 3-5 days
Full sand removal session	Every 2-4 weeks	Weekly
Post-sandstorm full clean	After significant events	After every sandstorm
Cabin air filter check	Every 3-6 months	Every 3 months

CleanLivingUAE Tip: If sand keeps reappearing on the dashboard shortly after cleaning, inspect the cabin air filter and AC intake. In UAE conditions, overloaded cabin filters recirculate fine dust back into the vehicle interior.