

UAE Car Cleaning Checklist

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A quick-reference routine for keeping a vehicle clean in UAE conditions: desert dust, fine sand, intense heat, and coastal humidity. Tick each task as you go and adjust frequency up during sandstorm season.

1. Daily Vehicle Inspection

- Quick visual check of paint, glass, and tyres
- Remove bird droppings or tree sap promptly to avoid etching
- Clear loose dust from the windscreen and mirrors if visibility is reduced
- Top up washer fluid if low
- Check for sand build-up around wipers after windy days

2. Weekly Cleaning Schedule

- Light maintenance wash or detailer wipe (pre-rinse first, never dry wipe)
- Vacuum carpets, seats, and floor mats
- Dust the dashboard with a soft brush or microfibre, then damp wipe
- Clean interior and exterior glass with separate cloths
- Wipe door jambs and sills
- Shake out and refit floor mats

3. Sandstorm Recovery Checklist

- Rinse heavy sand off before any contact wiping
- Wash body top to bottom using the two-bucket method where possible
- Clean wheels, tyres, and wheel wells of packed sand
- Clear sand from window channels, door seals, and wiper cowl
- Clean glass and mirrors once grit is removed
- Dry immediately to prevent water spotting
- Vacuum any sand tracked into the cabin

4. Summer Protection Checklist

- Wash only in early morning or after sunset, in shade, on cool panels
- Work one small section at a time and dry immediately
- Use windscreen and side window shades when parked
- Apply interior UV protection to dashboard and trim

- Use a warm-climate wax or sealant
- Park in shade or covered parking whenever possible

5. Annual Maintenance Planner

- Monthly: full exterior wash, wheel and tyre clean, AC vent dusting
- Quarterly: reapply wax or sealant, condition leather, check cabin filter, condition seals
- Spring: prepare for sandstorm season, keep a cover ready
- Summer: focus on heat management and UV protection
- Autumn: deeper recovery clean and interior detail
- Winter: prioritise glass clarity, demisting, and seal care
- Annually: review paint protection, restore headlight clarity, full interior detail

This is a practical, informational checklist. Vehicle care needs vary by car model, materials, and manufacturer guidance, so always check your owner manual for specific cleaning and maintenance recommendations. Many UAE communities restrict on-site washing and may apply water-use rules, so check building or community guidelines before washing.

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