

Quick Reference: Removing Water-Based Line Marking Paint from Vehicles

Good news: Most water-based line marking paint can be removed without damaging your vehicle if addressed promptly.

If the Paint is Still Wet

- 1 Rinse the area immediately with plenty of water.
- 2 Wash with automotive car-wash soap and a soft microfiber cloth.
- 3 Repeat washing as needed until the paint is removed.

If the Paint Has Dried

- 1 Wash the affected area to remove dirt and debris.
- 2 Soak the paint spots with warm water and car-wash soap for several minutes.
- 3 Gently rub with a microfiber cloth.
- 4 Use an automotive clay bar or automotive bug-and-tar remover for remaining residue.
- 5 Apply wax or sealant after cleaning.

For Stubborn Residue

Test a small area first. Isopropyl alcohol (70%-90%) or an automotive-safe adhesive remover may help remove fully cured paint.

Avoid

- 1 Acetone, lacquer thinner, or aggressive solvents.
- 2 Steel wool or abrasive pads.
- 3 High-pressure washing at close range.