



## HOW THE PROS DO IT

So how would an experienced pro tell you to wash your car? Get two buckets, a mitt, shampoo and a towel. Let's go.



**1** Begin with a shower: rinse down the car body with foamy water, then use water pressure to rinse off coarse grit. Start from the bottom and work your way up.



**2** Fill the buckets with water. Add pH neutral shampoo to one, leave plain water in the other.



**3** Soak the special "furry" micro-fibre mitt in plain water, then dip it into the shampoo water and wash each part of the car body separately with long strokes.



**4** After a while, wash the mitt clean in the plain water and dip it into the shampoo water again. Wash and rinse, over and over again.



**5** Wash the car from the top down. If you're really finicky, use three mitts: one for the top part of the body, one for the bottom, and another for the wheels. That way you will prevent surface damage from contaminants.



**6** Do not wash the car in direct sunlight. It's also important to ensure that the shampoo never dries out.



**7** Only use water from an ordinary hose to rinse the car down, never a high-pressure jet. An ordinary hose washes off the shampoo quicker and more thoroughly.



**8** Dry the car with an air blower (you can use the family hairdryer) or a towel. If you use a towel, drag it loosely across the car body – never press hard. The towel will soak up all the water from the car body in one go.



**9** For the wheels, use a product called Iron, which is a pH neutral cleaner that dissolves iron. That's necessary because iron particles that come off the brake pads are fused onto the surface of all the disks.



**10** Sometimes you only have to spray the wheel cleaner and rinse it off – ideally with a pressurised water jet. Or for better results you can use a brush.



**11** Wash one wheel at a time to stop the cleaning product drying out.



**12** If you have the time and the inclination, add the finishing touch by manually applying a solid wax.

**And one final piece of advice:** regular care is important, as this ensures that the process quicker and easier.