



**KEYSTONE**  
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## **FOR KEYSTONE MODELS WITH MATTE FINISH**

### **HAND WASH ONLY**

- **Pre-Wash:** Always pre-wash using a pre-wash chemical or snow foam specifically designed for matte finishes. This helps remove as much dirt as possible before washing.
- **Shampoo:** Use a shampoo specifically formulated for matte finishes, ensuring it contains no gloss-enhancing agents or waxes. Avoid using dish soap, bleach, or other household products, as they can cause drying and cracking of the matte surface.
- **Washing Tools:** Use only a microfiber wash mitt to wash the trailer. Never use sponges or brushes as they can cause scratches.
- **Contamination:** Do not use a wash mitt that has been dropped or contaminated with dirt, dust, or grease. Always lubricate the panels with plenty of water or soapy solution when using the mitt.
- **Washing Technique:** Gently wipe away dirt-do not scrub.
- **Drying:** Use a microfiber towel to dry the surface.
- **Decontamination:** You may chemically decontaminate the matte paint, but do not use a clay bar as it can damage the finish.
- **Protection:** Use only sealants or ceramic coatings designed for matte paint. Avoid traditional waxes, sealants, or coatings that can alter the matte finish.
- **Avoid Harsh Chemicals:** Harsh chemicals can strip protectants and cause scratches in the matte finish.



### **SPOT CLEANING & PROTECTING**

- **Spot Cleaning:** For occasional debris removal, use matte-specific soaps or detail sprays. These can be applied as needed.
- **Wax and Sealants:** Do not use regular wax paste, as it may ruin the matte effect. Instead, use a matte sealant that can be applied on a wet surface without requiring curing time, and will not leave residue on trim or emblems.
- **Sealant Application:** Matte finishes should be sealed every 6-9 months.
- **No Polishing:** Do not polish the matte finish, as abrasive polishes or glazes will create shiny spots, permanently altering the appearance.





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## **IMPORTANT NOTE ON ROOF CLEANING FOR MATTE FINISH MODELS**

Many owners commonly use regular soaps like dish soap to clean their RV roofs, and sometimes bleach to clean unsightly black streaks at decking seams. For Keystone models with matte finishes, this practice is strongly discouraged. Using regular soaps and/or bleach, especially on the roof, can cause run-off onto the trailer's matte finish, leading to damage such as drying, cracking, or unwanted gloss spots.

### ***To clean your roof without harming the matte finish:***

#### **■ Use Only Mild,**

#### ***Matte-Safe Cleaners:***

Ensure that any cleaning products used on the roof are matte-safe, particularly when there is a risk of run-off reaching the side panels.

#### **■ Avoid Harsh Chemicals:**

Refrain from using bleach, dish soap, or any household cleaners, as these can permanently damage the matte finish on your trailer.



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