

# Vehicle cleaning

## REPAIRING MINOR PAINT DAMAGE

Regularly inspect the paintwork for damage. Any stone chips, fractures, or deep scratches, in the paint/bodywork should be repaired promptly. Bare metal will corrode quickly, and if left untreated can result in expensive repairs.

## ALLOY WHEELS

- ! Only use approved wheel cleaning products.

## THE EXTERIOR

- ! Never use cleaning products which are not approved for use on vehicles.
- ! To avoid damage to the bonnet, do not lift the wipers when they are in the normal parked position. See **198, WIPERS SERVICE POSITION.**
- ! Following cleaning of the vehicle exterior (particularly with a pressure washer), it is recommended that the vehicle is taken for a short drive in order to dry out the brakes.
- ! Some high pressure cleaning systems are sufficiently powerful to penetrate door and window seals, and damage trim and door locks. Never aim the water jet directly at the engine air intake, heater air intakes, radiator cooling fins, body seals, cameras or at any components which may be damaged.

Do not aim the water jet directly at any rubber gaiters or seals on suspension joints.

Make sure that the water jet nozzle is more than 300 mm (12 in) away from vehicle components.

## SENSORS AND CAMERAS

- ! When washing the vehicle do not aim high pressure water jets directly at any of the sensors and cameras. Do not use abrasive materials or hard/sharp objects to clean the sensors and cameras. Only use approved vehicle shampoo.

Park assist and Parking aids sensors should be kept clean to maintain accuracy and performance.

If required, the cameras should be cleaned using a cloth moistened with a small amount of glass-cleaning product.

## PAINTWORK

- ! Substances which are corrosive, such as bird droppings, can damage the vehicle's paintwork and should be removed as soon as possible.

## USING AN AUTOMATIC WASH

- ! Commercially operated automatic car washes, jet washes and power-operated mops, are not recommended.

## ENGINE COMPARTMENT

- ! Do not use a high pressure washer or steam cleaner in the engine compartment.
- ! Make sure that the brake fluid reservoir is kept dry at all times. Only use a clean, dry cloth to clean the brake fluid cap and reservoir.

## GLASS SURFACES

Clean the rear window with a soft cloth to avoid damaging the heating element. Do not scrape the glass or use any abrasive cleaning fluid.