

Car Care Workshop Part 1 – The Exterior



Above : Members gathering at Obsessive Car Detailing in Malaga

OCD took on a whole new meaning when Porsche Club members visited Obsessive Car Detailing for a Tech Day on how to achieve an immaculate looking Porsche.

The invitation went live on-line to members on Sunday night and it was full by Monday morning! A waitlist was put in place and a second session was filled in no time at all. The Interest from 60 Male and Female members was impressive who clearly wanted to learn how to look after and protect their cars!

And what a treat we were in for, 2007 Club Concours winner Terry Mc Laughlan had offered to provide the tech sessions on looking after and caring for your Porsche. He is the authorised distributor for Swissvax in Australia & New Zealand and has an encyclopaedic knowledge of car care which he was happy to share with fellow Club members.

We met at Obsessive Car Detailing in Malaga and were greeted by owner Ric and Terry. Two Club Concours winners were inside, those being Terry's limited-edition Boxster 550 Spyder Anniversary which won in 2007 and Andrew Raffaele's gorgeous 996 Turbo which won in 2017.



Above : Terry beginning his expert presentation to members

Terry proceeded to enlighten us on Car Care from the basics of what carnauba wax is and even had raw samples for us to view and touch. It certainly is different from the finished processed product we all know. Terry discussed other car detailing options such as glass and other coatings. It was not a hard sell of his own products or Ric's services, but more of an expert information and instruction session on what is available and what an owner can do to properly care for their car.



It was then onto a live demonstration of the correct way to clean your car and avoid scratches, ensuring you keep it in top condition. Our guinea pig was a Range Rover Evoque daily driver that had deliberately not been cleaned for three months.



Above: Terry "on-mike" while Ric cleans rims FIRST, before the car itself



Ric then showed us each stage in properly cleaning your car, with information about products and methods explained by Terry. This involved starting with cleaning your wheels / rims first before an initial clean utilising the “Two Bucket” method, through to a “Snowfoam” power wash, rinse, dry and protective wax. Sounds like a lot, but Ric was finished very quickly and even had time for a ham and cheese toastie from the on-site coffee truck. (Thanks for organising that too guys)



As we were informed, always start with your wheels and rims first. You can see the before and after shots of the same rim – from grime to shine! It was certainly impressive, didn't take long and was a very easy process.



Above : Step 3 - Snowfoam power wash – only after rims cleaned and initial rinse clean of car



After the rims were sparkling clean, Ric cleaned and rinsed the car, then applied the snowfoam powerwash, rinsed that off and then blow dried the car. Yep, Ric did show us some techniques for drying with a microfibre towel (not a chamois), but the professionals use blow dryers and it really flushed water out from all those hard to reach places such as behind your mirrors. Make one of these your next toy or put it on your Christmas list!



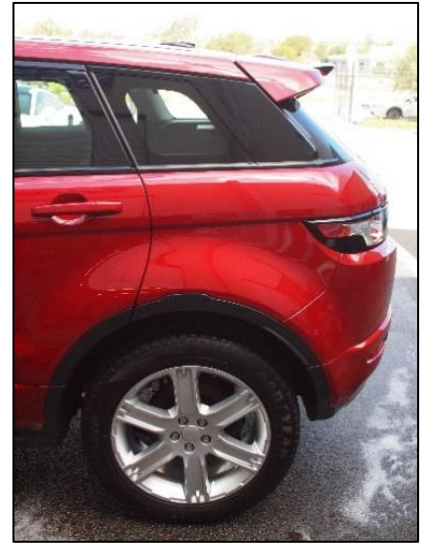
Once dry, Ric applied wax by hand and then rubbed it off with a microfibre towel.

So in a very short time, three months of road grime were removed and we were left with a very clean and shiny Evoque.

Terry then explained the step of decontamination that the Evoque clearly did not need. This was very informative, and I am sure would apply to many members' cars that are driven as daily drivers in all conditions.

There was then a general Question and Answer session with many members fielding questions to both Terry and Ric who were very generous with their time and of course, their considerable knowledge. (Although, they both had no tips on keeping teenage boys clean!!)

A very BIG thank you to both Terry and Ric from the Club and the members who attended both sessions on the day. I cannot wait for Episode Two – Interior Cleaning & Detailing. Stay tuned for dates and get out there and clean your Porsche – you now have no excuse.....



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Happy Detailing

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