



How to Remove Scratches from Your Car

This guide will show you how to successfully remove scratches from your car.

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**TOOLS:**

- [Orbital Buffer](#) (1)
- [Sanding Block](#) (1)

**PARTS:**

- [Shoe Polish](#) (1)
- [Rubbing Compound](#) (1)
- [Sandpaper](#) (1)

Step 1 — How to Remove Scratches from Your Car



- Shoe polish can be used to visualize the scratches. Rub a small amount of dark shoe polish over the scratch.

Step 2



- Wipe the shoe polish over the panel. This fills the scratches with polish.

Step 3



- Block sand the panel with 2000-grit wet/dry sandpaper and plenty of water. Sand until the shoe polish disappears.

Step 4




- Polish out the sanding scratches with rubbing compound.

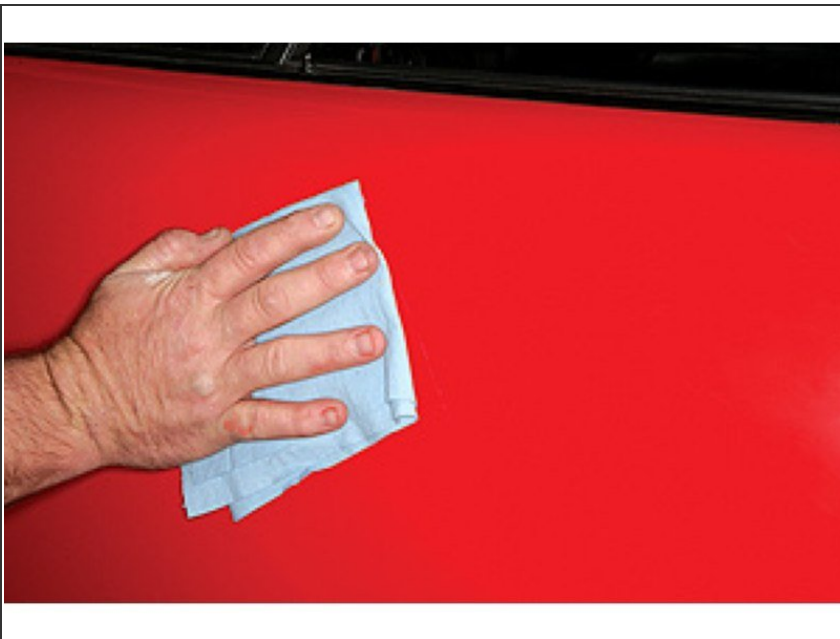
Step 5



- A polishing wheel makes short work of bringing the shine back. An oscillating polisher is less aggressive than this rotary polisher.

 Don't buff through the paint into the next layer, especially on high-crown or sharp edges.

Step 6



- Finish with light hand buffing to remove the last of the compound. Follow with car wax.