

CERAKOTE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

DEALERSHIP NEW VEHICLE CERAMIC PROTECTION · PROCESS 01–05 · ONE SHEET PER VIN

VIN	YEAR / MODEL	TECHNICIAN	DATE

01 NEW VEHICLE ARRIVES

- ☐ Confirm the unit is on the eligible-inventory list for the program.
- ☐ Record VIN, year, model and trim on the coating record.
- ☐ Walk the vehicle and note any transit damage, overspray or existing defects.
- ☐ Take a full set of "before" photos of the paint, including any noted defects.
- ☐ Confirm the vehicle is not scheduled for paintwork, PPF or accessory installation that would need to happen first.
- ☐ Stage the unit for the application bay.

02 SURFACE PREPARATION

- ☐ Move the vehicle into a clean, well-lit bay and out of direct sunlight.
- ☐ Wash the full exterior and dry with clean microfiber towels.
- ☐ Decontaminate as needed to remove bonded transit contamination.
- ☐ Perform any necessary paint correction to remove swirl marks, water spots, scratches and contaminants.
- ☐ Wipe all painted surfaces with a cleanser — isopropyl alcohol works well — to remove polish and correction residue.
- ☐ Mask or protect trim, badging and adjacent non-target surfaces per shop practice.
- ☐ Inspect the panels under multiple light sources and confirm the surface is clean and dry before moving on.

03 CERAKOTE APPLICATION

- ☐ Shake the Cerakote Professional Ceramic Paint Coating bottle for thirty seconds.
- ☐ Plan the panel sequence for the whole vehicle before starting (e.g. door, hood, trunk lid) and have a timer ready.
- ☐ Lay out several high-quality microfiber towels for hand buffing.
- ☐ Wearing chemical-resistant gloves, apply a liberal amount of coating to a high-quality microfiber or suede applicator block.
- ☐ Wipe the coating on in a cross-hatch pattern — top to bottom, then side to side — making sure every area of the panel is covered.
- ☐ Add coating to the applicator as needed to keep the surface wet; if the applicator stops gliding smoothly, add more coating.
- ☐ Watch for the coating to sweat and bead up — typically within 1 to 3 minutes and up to 5 minutes. That is the visual indicator it has flashed and is ready to buff.
- ☐ Lightly hand buff with a clean, high-quality microfiber towel in small circular motions until the surface is slick and glossy.
- ☐ Repeat panel by panel until the planned coverage is complete.

04 QUALITY CONTROL

- ☐ Walk the vehicle and inspect the paint under multiple light conditions to confirm all excess coating has been removed.
- ☐ Check for high spots, streaks and missed areas at panel edges, mirrors and door jambs; correct before sign-off.
- ☐ Confirm masking has been removed and trim and glass are clean.
- ☐ Take the "after" photo set for the coating record.
- ☐ Record product used, applicator name, date and QC inspector on the coating record against the VIN.
- ☐ Sign off the checklist.

05 CURE & CERAKOTE PROTECTED

- ☐ Let the coating fully cure for two hours before the vehicle is driven.
- ☐ Keep the vehicle away from water for at least one day after application.
- ☐ Do not wash, rinse or run the unit through a car wash during the cure window.
- ☐ Apply the Cerakote Protected hangtag and place the customer explainer in the vehicle.
- ☐ Mark the unit as Cerakote Protected in inventory so sales can present it accurately.
- ☐ Brief the customer at delivery on long-term care: hand wash with a high-quality automotive soap; no maintenance topcoat is required, though Cerakote Platinum Rapid Ceramic Paint Sealant can be used for added gloss and slickness.

06 BAY SETUP CONFIRMED

PRODUCT	APPLICATION	ENVIRONMENT & INSPECTION
☐ Cerakote Professional Ceramic Paint Coating	☐ Microfiber or suede applicator blocks / pads	☐ Clean, shaded, well-ventilated bay
☐ Isopropyl alcohol or equivalent panel-wipe cleanser	☐ Several high-quality clean microfiber towels	☐ Handheld inspection light
☐ pH-neutral automotive wash soap	☐ Chemical-resistant gloves	☐ Camera or tablet for before / after photos
☐ Optional: Cerakote Platinum Rapid Ceramic Paint Sealant	☐ Timer	☐ Printed technician checklist per unit
	☐ Masking tape	

APPLICATOR SIGNATURE

QC INSPECTOR SIGNATURE

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