

For high quality parts on all of your vehicle maintenance, trust Advance Auto Parts!

BRAKE DUST WAR

Why you should clean brake dust off your wheels and how to do-it-yourself!

What you will need -

- Wheel cleaner
- Clean towels
- Bucket and sponge
- Hose and nozzle
- Shady area
- Liquid wax
- Soft bristle brush

Do-It-Yourself difficulty guide -

EASY AVERAGE ADVANCED

Estimated time required -

20 Minutes

Estimated cost savings -

\$20

Every time you hit the brakes your brake pads clamp hard against the brake rotor. As the material in the brake pads wears it literally turns to dust. Unfortunately, this dust ends up coating your wheels. Nothing looks worse than a clean, shiny vehicle with brake dust caked on the front wheels. Commercial car washes don't budge the gummy brake deposits unless you opt for the optional wheel service, and they build up again in less than 500 miles. Scrubbing the dust by hand gets old quick – especially if your wheels have a lot of nooks and crannies. Fortunately, Advance Auto Parts carries top-line wheel cleaners and car care products to make the job easy.

For hundreds of other do-it-yourself projects and tips visit www.AdvanceAutoParts.com

Standard and accepted safety procedures and precautions (including use of safety goggles and proper tools and equipment) should be followed when making repairs to eliminate the possibility of personal injury or improper service which could damage the vehicle or compromise its safety. Although this material has been prepared with the intent to provide reliable information, no warranties, express or implied including the warranties of fitness for a particular purpose or merchantability, are made as to its accuracy or completeness. Neither is any liability assumed for loss or damage resulting from reliance on this material. In no event will Advance Stores Company, Incorporated or its parent or affiliates be liable for any damages, direct or indirect, consequential or compensatory, arising out of the use of this material.

© 2004 Advance Stores Company, Incorporated. All rights reserved.



We're ready in Advance.

SKU#90004417



appearance

Cleaning Materials

Maintenance Tips

Quick Tips



We're ready in Advance.

D8

why you should remove brake dust from wheels every time you wash your car.



Brake dust deposits not only look bad, but they're also harmful to the wheel itself. If left on, the corrosive nature of the brake dust will corrode the clear coat over time and actually eat into the aluminum alloy wheel surface leaving large pits for which there is no practical fix.

Be sure to pick up an Advance Auto Parts **Service Maintenance Schedule** for information on other important car care projects.



We're ready in Advance.

how to get rid of brake dust *do-it-yourself & save!*



1 Make sure the wheels are cool. Wheels absorb heat from the braking process. Allow the wheels to cool off and do your cleaning in the shade.



5 Rinse off the wheel cleaner immediately after you have brushed the brake dust loose. These cleaners are extremely strong and may affect the wheel's finish if left on too long.



2 Rinse the entire rim to remove any grit that may scratch your wheels during the scrubbing process.



6 Dry the wheel immediately to prevent water spots. Minerals in some types of water will etch into a wheel as easily as corrosive brake dust.



3 Spray the entire rim with wheel cleaner that's safe to use on your wheel and allow to soak for 60 seconds. Be sure to spray into all of the nooks and crannies where brake dust accumulates.



7 Applying a coat of paste wax every six months provides excellent protection against brake dust pitting your wheels. It also makes them easier to clean.



4 After the cleaner soaks for the allotted time, take a soft bristle brush and lightly scrub the surface. Select a brush that fits into all of the recessed areas.



8 Don't forget the inside surface of your wheels. They get the bulk of the brake dust buildup and can be easily seen with open spoke style wheels.