

General Cleaning Procedure

Accuride Standard Polish and Extra Polish Aluminum Wheels

Regular cleaning of your Accuride Standard Polish or Extra Polish aluminum wheels is recommended to keep the wheel finish bright and shiny. The use of an aluminum wheel polish or carnauba wax will protect the polished wheel surfaces, will help prevent corrosion and pitting on the aluminum wheel surfaces caused from natural environmental contamination, and will make future cleaning and polishing easier.

To keep your Accuride Standard Polish or Extra Polish aluminum wheels looking their best follow these simple steps:

CAUTION: Do not use these instructions to care for an Accu-Shield® or Accu-Armor™ aluminum wheel. Refer to Accuride Technical Bulletin W2.025 and W2.026 for the general cleaning procedures for Accu-Shield® and Accu-Armor™ aluminum wheels.

1. Rinse the wheel with high-pressure water to remove any debris, grit or dirt particles. High-pressure water is recommended.
2. Use a 100% cotton cloth dipped in a mild soap solution to help remove built up dirt and grease.
3. Rinse the remaining soap residue from the wheel.
4. Dry the wheel thoroughly with a 100% cotton cloth.
5. Use metal cleaner/polish that is compatible with aluminum to remove spots, stains, and aluminum oxide/corrosion from the surfaces of the wheel as necessary.
6. Apply carnauba wax to the visible wheel surfaces. Carnauba wax should be reapplied on a regular basis to maintain the wheel luster.

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Please see page two of this bulletin for “Do’s” and “Do Not’s” when cleaning your Accuride Standard Polish or Extra Polish aluminum wheels.

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Do's for cleaning an Accuride Standard Polish or Extra Polish aluminum wheel:

- Rinse the wheel with water to remove any debris, grit or dirt particles. High-pressure water is recommended.
- Use a mild soap solution with a 100% cotton cloth to remove stuck on or built-up dirt and grease. Commercially available dish soap or automotive carwash soap is recommended.
- Thoroughly rinse the wheel. High-pressure water is recommended. Residual cleaning solutions can stain aluminum wheels.
- Dry the wheel with a clean, dry 100% cotton cloth.
- If necessary or desired, apply a high-quality metal polish that is compatible with aluminum to remove spots and stains from the surface of the wheel. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Use a clean, dry 100% cotton cloth.

NOTE: Water spotting and/or contaminants which cause surface spotting may require additional polishing to clean. Repeated applications of a polish may be necessary.

- If desired apply a high-quality carnauba or automotive wax. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Use a clean, dry 100% cotton cloth.

NOTE: Failure to apply a protective polish/wax/sealant will leave the polished surface susceptible to water spotting and/or pitting from environmental contaminants.

NOTE: Refer to the General Cleaning Procedure for Accuride Accu-Shield® aluminum wheels to clean and maintain an Accu-Shield® aluminum wheel (Accuride Technical Bulletin W2.025).

Do Not's for cleaning an Accuride Standard Polish or Extra Polish Aluminum Wheel:

- **Do not** scrub the wheel before rinsing off loose particles with high-pressure water. Rubbing debris against the surface of the wheel can result in scratches.
- **Do not** use synthetic cleaning pads. Synthetic cleaning pads can result in streaking of the polished aluminum surface.
- **Do not** use wire brushes to remove dirt or grime from the wheel surfaces.
- **Do not** use strong detergents, alkaline or acidic cleaners to clean an Accuride aluminum wheel. These solutions can etch the surface of the aluminum and leave dull areas.
- **Do not** allow soap solution to dry on the surface of the wheel.
- **Do not** use overly abrasive polishes or polishes not recommended for aluminum to polish your aluminum wheel.

ATTENTION: To avoid accidents, OSHA regulations require employers to train their personnel who service multi-piece and single-piece rims/wheels. Contact your local OSHA area office or Accuride for safety information and charts. For free safety manuals, charts and videotapes write to Accuride Corporation, 7140 Office Circle, Suite 200, Evansville, IN 47715. Or visit us on the web at www.accuridecorp.com. For more information on Accuride Wheels call (800) 823-8332.