

## 9 ways detailing a classic car differs to a modern one:

1. **Washing:** classic cars are more susceptible to water damage. A different pressure-wash approach angle avoids damaging electrical components, breaking seals or flooding the engine bay.
2. **Paint:**
  - a) Due to the composition of classic car paint, the colour is more exposed to the elements. They require a different approach for the machine polish.
  - b) Modern ceramic coatings will not bond effectively to period paint types. They require **wax based coatings** (synthetic carnauba hybrid waxes). These coatings bring out the best of the old methods but with cutting-edge durability.
  - c) The depth and consistency of the paintwork is vastly different throughout the entire car. Each panel requires a fresh approach. This level of expertise only comes with experience and training.
3. **Interior:** is fragile and therefore easily stained or discoloured by harsh cleaning products. They need an adaptable approach.
4. **Handling:** require an experienced driver to manoeuvre.
5. **Carpets:** classic fibres are far weaker. Drill brushes will ruin the carpet, they need natural fibre brushes, e.g., horsehair.
6. **Banned (yet commonly used) substances:** pre-wash, acidic wheel cleaner, iron fall-out remover and adhesive remover. All of which will damage a classic car.
7. **Soft tops:** often single skinned so if jet washed will go through the fabric.
8. **Trims:** made of metal rather than plastic; they require specialist products.
9. **Wheels:** have different finishes which need specific cleaning and enhancement services.

In conclusion, classic cars require a sensitive and experienced approach. Contact Rose Detailing at [george@rosedetailing.uk](mailto:george@rosedetailing.uk) or 07368268747.