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Verdict

THERE could only be one winner, as the Collinite's beading was way ahead of the rest. Liquid polish fans should go for Meguiar's Cleaner Wax, while the CarPlan EcoCar is the green choice.

- 1 Collinite No 4765
- 2 Meguiar's Cleaner Wax
- 3 CarPlan EcoCar Polish

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Jewelultra Diamondbrite Protective Glaze Sealant

Price: £9.99 Weight: 500ml

Rating: ★★ ★

24 WE saw no evidence of Jewelultra's on-pack claims of everlasting shine and diamond-hard skin during our test. The former disappeared like all the rest, although this polish's stamina was good.

Armor All Polish & Wax

Price: £6.99 Weight: 500ml

Rating: ★★ ★

25 DULL and weathered paintwork is the target for this Armor All contender, and it was certainly simple to use, buffing easily. It also provided a fair degree of long-term protection, although it wasn't as effective as the best products.

Collinite No476S

Price: £17.50 Weight: 9fl oz

Rating: ★★ ★★ ★

26 **BEST BUY** First time in our tests, and a debut victory. The heart of US paste Collinite's success is its stamina – even the top sealants trailed it. Good value, too, as you use paste slower than liquid waxes.

Armor All Protectant Wax

Price: £6.99 Weight: 500ml

Rating: ★★ ★

27 FOR use on new and good-condition paint, Protectant Wax is less abrasive than Armor All's Polish and Wax (number 25), but performed much the same. Worked until the end, yet could not match the very best.

Mer 4 Her High Gloss Polish

Price: £8.99 Weight: 500ml

Rating: ★★ ★

28 AIMED at women drivers, we suspect that this is simply a pink version of the long-running Mer polish. There was little to choose between the two, and both were beading at the end, if not as quickly as some.

Muc-Off Miracle Shine

Price: £11.99 Weight: 500ml

Rating: ★★ ★

29 FLUORO polymers and carnauba wax are at the heart of the success of Miracle Shine from green cleaner specialist Muc-Off. It beaded strongly throughout and was one of the easiest to apply, and missed out on a top five finish only narrowly.

Simoniz Original Wax

Price: £5.99 Weight: 500ml

Rating: ★★ ★

30 THE liquid version of the Original paste is one of our favourites, especially as it is now one of the simplest to apply. We also like the price, and it was a consistent, if not spectacular, protector.

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Simoniz Diamond Hard Wax

Price: £5.49 Weight: 500ml
Rating: ★★★

17 NOT much to choose between this and Simoniz stablemate Max Wax (number 16), although Diamond Hard Wax did better in colder weather. All three of the firm's waxes were still working at the end.

Turtle Wax Platinum Car Wax

Price: £9.99 Weight: 500ml
Rating: ★★

18 WHILE it saw it out to the conclusion of our test, the price is difficult to justify, as the Platinum trailed other Turtle Wax polishes in the worst winter weather.

Autoglym Aqua Wax

Price: £12.99 Weight: 500ml
Rating: ★★★★★

19 RECOMMENDED The one to go for if you're in a hurry, as Aqua Wax is designed to be used straight after washing, without drying the car. Two microfibre cloths are included, and it has real stamina.

Autoglym Ultra Deep Shine

Price: £18.99 Weight: 1,000ml
Rating: ★★★

20 A DREAM when applying and buffing. Deep Shine also fared better than Autoglym's Super Resin (number one) on our bonnet, finishing just outside the top 10.

Mer

Price: £8.99 Weight: 500ml
Rating: ★★★

21 THE distinctive blue bottle has been around for more than 50 years, and Mer has tweaked the formula recently to improve performance. But it still trails the top products, and some users may be put off by the fact it takes a while to dry.

CarPlan Triplewax Car Polish

Price: £4.99 Weight: 500ml
Rating: ★★★

22 NO arguments about value with CarPlan's long-running 100 per cent extra free packs. And you won't be short changed on performance, either – Triplewax was clearly working throughout our test.

CarPlan EcoCar Polish

Price: £5.99 Weight: 500ml
Rating: ★★★★★

23 RECOMMENDED Our pick of the two new eco-friendly polishes on the market. Buffing took more effort than with some, but EcoCar Polish had stamina and was good enough to finish in the top three.



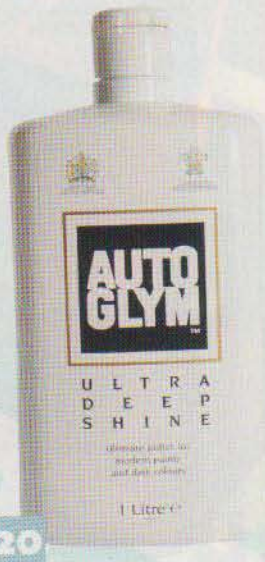
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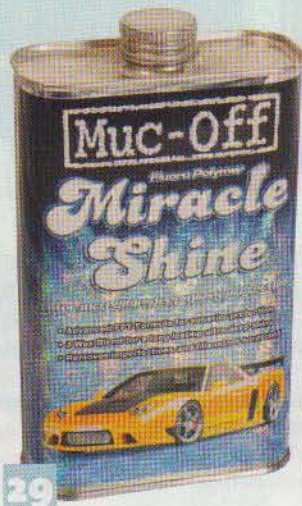
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