

This is the cleanest our Z4 has been in ages



Tender loving care



Start by spraying a bit of Waterwise onto a small surface...



... spread the solution with a clean cloth, preferably a microfibre one, which is incredibly soft and leaves the surface smooth for the next step...



... wipe the bodywork clean with the unused side of the cloth, leaving the surface 'washed' and polished...



A tyre scrubber and polish puts the finishing touches on your rubber, removing any dirt and mud

clean sweep

Daniel M Johnston goes 'green' and checks out a car wash that omits one usually crucial ingredient – water. But is it any good compared to a conventional wash? Images: Christopher List

It doesn't help that our BMW Z4 and Audi TT are black, which means they are presentable for about one day in a week.

We decided it was time to treat our Beemer to a longer-lasting shine, and check out the waterless car wash. Yes, I did say waterless. So how does Waterwise's eco-friendly solution stack up against a run-of-the-mill manual car wash at the local petrol station?

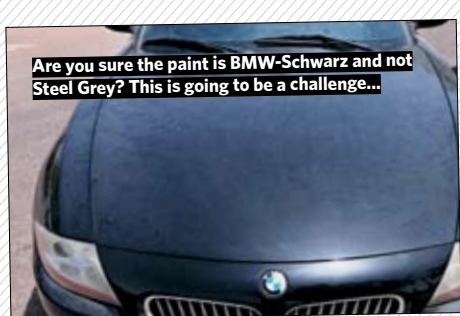
THE BATTLE

The BMW Z4 was designated to be washed without water due to its extreme cleanliness

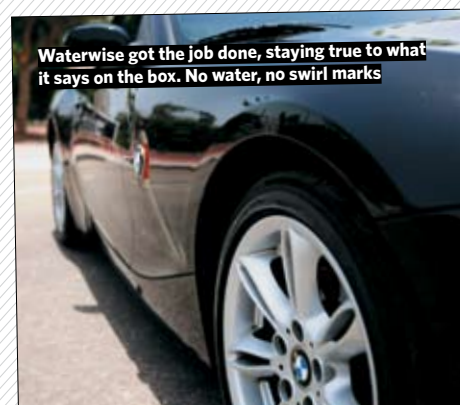
(cough) and the Audi TT was to be cleaned at our local petrol station.

While the Audi was waiting for its first splash of water, the Beemer was well on its way to a new spotless experience with the first application of Waterwise. It was simple — the Waterwise boys spray their "Dry-wash" fluid onto the body of the car, leave it on for a few moments and simply wipe away the grime.

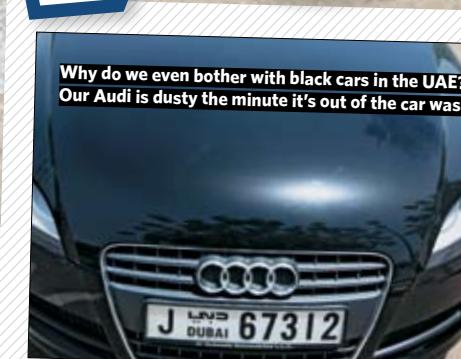
Meanwhile, over at the petrol station the little Audi had only just received its first beating of water from the jet washer. However, the Z was almost done. After having the waterless



Are you sure the paint is BMW-Schwarz and not Steel Grey? This is going to be a challenge...



Waterwise got the job done, staying true to what it says on the box. No water, no swirl marks



Why do we even bother with black cars in the UAE? Our Audi is dusty the minute it's out of the car wash



The petrol station hand-wash got rid of a lot, but the cobwebs and swirl marks remain

eco-friendly product applied, the fluid was lifted off with dirt (and I do mean dirt) in tow with a microfiber cloth. With one application of this bio-degradable fluid and a wipe, the paint work, windows and alloys could see daylight for the first time in weeks.

With the TT done almost half an hour after the BMW and with water seeping from the cracks, spoiling the clean look almost instantly, the result was obvious and the comparison complete.

Waterless is better, although not as quick if you go for interior cleaning as well. It is, however, more cost effective than a standard wash. Most importantly, it's eco-friendly and that's the winning argument for us. 