

“Halt for Salt!”

What will you do the next time there is a storm?

Ordinarily, the last thing anyone thinks about pre- or post-snowstorm is to wash their car. Instead they think about stocking groceries and clearing away sidewalks and driveways. However, given the nature of science, this is the most optimal time to think about washing their car. After all, the road salt, imminent for safe winter driving, is also extremely corrosive and, over time, can cause extensive damage to vehicles, especially to parts unseen.

Did you know that chlorides, a main component of road salt, corrode all metals within 72 hours? Rust is the most common threat from road salt and can cause a variety of issues if no effort is taken to try and remove it. Since the under carriage has the most exposure and is difficult to see any potential or occurring damage, getting a thorough under carriage cleaning, and regular cleanings during inclement weather is recommended.



To avoid or at least mitigate any long-term corrosion to your vehicle, it is recommended to frequently visit a car wash during the winter months, especially ones that provide an under-spray or under carriage wash option. Some washes may also include a chemical that will further aid the removal of salt from the surface and non-visible crevices.

Enjoy the winter without the road salt and worry!

CSI's Lustra Ultra-concentrated cleaner, UF215 Low pH presoak with Salt Halt™, is specifically designed for removal of magnesium/calcium chloride residue and other related contaminations from vehicle surface during winter season.



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UF215 can be used in pre-treatment at tunnel entrance or in first step application as part of a two-step cleaning process in combination with alkaline cleaners. It contains an effective mixture of ingredients for maximum removal of winter season contaminants and dissolves mineral contaminants and assists main presoaks and cleaners in thorough removal of road salt from a car's surface.

The product development for UF215 Low pH presoak with Salt Halt™ was predicated on the idea that, within the snow belt, thorough removal of road salt from vehicles represents the key element of winter car washing. It was designed in response to requests from Lustra® customers around the globe. The product's performance was perfected through extensive testing in variable climates with a myriad of road salt and de-icing “brine” treatments.



It should be noted that UF215 is *not* an additional specialty product that must be added by car washes. It is a premium Lustra® presoak which contains an advanced chemical additive, Salt Halt™, which effectively removes salt, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, and beet juice.

It is important to know what type of chemicals are being used in the presoak under-spray to confirm salt will be removed. The product applied to your vehicle should contain surfactants for wetting and dispersing to dissolve mineral contaminants and assist presoaks and cleaners in removing road salt from the car's surface.

So when preparing for the next storm or recovering from one, remember to “give your car a hug” with a car wash that will provide an under-spray or under carriage wash option and, if available, select the option that includes a chemical that will further aid the removal of salt from the surface and non-visible crevices.

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