

## Cleaning and Care of Chromium-Plated and Anodized Ports

### Washing

Clear water and a clean sponge should be used for washing. If a shampoo is given occasionally, the shampoo residue should be rinsed off thoroughly.

**Note:** It is imperative during washing to avoid all impurities or additives such as sand, soap, ammonia, soda, or any strong washing or cleaning agents, and also all types of acids, alkalis, or other chemicals.

### Drying

To dry use a soft chamois leather or a soft cotton cloth (Melton).

**Note:** If the washing water is allowed to dry on, it causes stains.

### Removal of Stains

For removing tar, varnish, paint and adhesive stains, we recommend the careful use of Mercedes-Benz Tar Remover, trichloroethylene, carbon tetrachloride, acetic ester, turpentine, benzine, benzol, or solvents. Care must be taken that no enameled parts or parts made of rubber, plastics, or similar material are damaged in the process.

**Note:** Metal cleaners, metal polishers, emery, polish, abrasives, tools or knives should not be used because of the resulting scratches.

### Preserving

After the vehicle has been washed, it is advisable to preserve the chromium-plated and anodized parts with Mercedes-Benz Brilliant. Brilliant preserving agent should be applied sparingly with a Melton cloth or with polishing waste. After the polish has dried on for a short period, rub up with Melton or polishing waste.

**Note:** During the winter months a larger amount of Mercedes-Benz Brilliant should be applied and in this case it should not be polished after it has dried on, since the preserving agent forms a protective film. During severe wintry spells this protective film should be renewed frequently.

In general it is advisable in industrial areas to clean and polish the chromium-plated and anodized parts more frequently because the air contains a high percentage of noxious substances. As a result of rain, dew, and snow, these substances adhere to the anodized and chromium-plated surfaces and may cause quite considerable corrosion. This applies particularly to the Reflektal parts, such as garnish moldings and windshield frame. In special cases it is advisable to preserve these moldings with colorless air-drying light-metal primer made by the firm of Dr. Kurt Herberts & Co, Wuppertal (R 4106/18366), before the vehicle goes on the road.

Before the primer is applied, these parts should be degreased with benzine or solvents (but not with alkalis). In the case of chromium-plated parts regular preserving with Mercedes-Benz Brilliant is sufficient.