

Get your mitts on a clear winner

Wash gloves make it easier to clean your classic. We put seven of the best through their paces



KENT MICROFIBRE NOODLE 2-IN-1 WASH MITT £4

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BEST PRODUCT
CLASSIC
★★★★★

Availability www.carcare.co.uk; 01892 837070 **Materials** 80%

polyester, 20% polyamide
Excellent water-retention, comfortable and secure thanks to the elasticated cuff, this mitt cleans brilliantly. The twin-layer mesh on the reverse isn't really needed due to the thoroughness of the noodles. Machine-washable too.



NEW ECONOMY 2-IN-1 MICROWOOL WASH MITT £1.99

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Availability www.carcare.co.uk; 01892 837070 **Materials** 80% polyester, 20% acrylic
This mitt boasts microwool and mesh surfaces, yet its cleaning power doesn't really stand out. Similarly, water retention is acceptable rather than brilliant and the elasticated cuff a bit too flimsy to hold it in place. Budget in price and performance as well.



MEGIUAR'S LAMBS WOOL WASH MITT £9.99

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Availability www.megiuars.co.uk; 08702 416696 **Material** lambswool
While this mitt didn't retain lots of water, it proved to be a good all-round choice. Lambswool is undeniably softer on treasured paintwork but the wide elasticated cuff turns on your hand. The mesh on the reverse helps with stubborn marks but this caresses paint instead of shifting grime.



HALFORDS COTTON WASH MITT £3.49

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Availability www.halfords.com; 08450 579000 **Material** cotton
The mop-like construction of this product means that it soaks up water well but feels heavy and cumbersome. Too much moisture is left on the bodywork and results in streaking and the need for extra drying effort. It looks as if the dirt is shifted around rather than lifted and, considering the price, there are more effective alternatives on the market.



VO20 SPONGE MITT £1.49

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Availability www.carcare.co.uk; 01892 837070

Material synthetic sponge
This is a neat idea: a sponge sewn into a mitt. Easy to use, it excels with the best water retention of those tested. It works well but is perhaps a little too harsh for more sensitive paintwork.



MEGIUAR'S MICROFIBRE WASH MITT £9.99

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Availability www.megiuars.co.uk; 08702 416696 **Materials** not stated
Another reliable all-rounder that, although soft and confidence-inspiring for delicate surfaces, fails to justify its price. It's machine-washable and well-made, which bode well for longevity, but the elasticated cuff doesn't secure the glove to your hand as well as you would hope.



KENT PINK MICROFIBRE NOODLE 2-IN-1 WASH MITT £3

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Availability www.carcare.co.uk; 01892 837070 **Materials** 80% polyester, 20% polyamide
At the risk of sounding sexist, perhaps this is one for the ladies – not just because of the colour, it is also smaller than the blue item. The hand opening is also more accessible without the cuff but it has a sewn-in divider that helps your hand to grip and move the mitt around. Its cleaning ability is compromised only by size but, with a lower price, it is still an excellent option.



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BEST PRODUCT KENT MICROFIBRE NOODLE
WHY? Outstanding performance and effectiveness for a keen price. Turns car-washing into an attractive prospect!



BUDGET CHOICE VO20 SPONGE MITT
WHY? A bargain-priced twist on the good old sponge that works well but needs more elbow grease than the others.