

Convertible Roof Cleaning (from a retired car detailer)

First of all I really don't rate any of the "off the shelf" products, they're expensive and not very effective.

So, here's what I use...easy and cheap.

"Fabsil" is your friend. Buy it from camping/outdoor type shops, 2.5lts for around £18.00. Apply to a DRY hood with a 2" paintbrush, avoid splashing on paintwork (it won't damage paint - just messy!) And it does have a "restorative" effect deepening colour and giving it a new(er) look.

To clean your hood:

- *Bucket, warm water and some Johnsons Baby Bath.
- *Brush hood with hand brush to remove loose dirt (or vacuum)
- *Soak hood with water and baby bath - work in solution using handbrush.
- *Rinse with a free flow of water from a hose - no nozzle
- *Allow to dry and re-proof with Fabsil. One coat is usually sufficient, though a second coat won't hurt 24hrs later.

Green mould? Use Milton baby bottle sterilising tablets and a soft toothbrush. The fluid will kill any mould spores. Mix as directed and apply solution with a nail brush and gently scrub. Leave for 5 mins and rinse off.

Bird Sh*t on roof? Carry a bottle of carbonated water and some kitchen towel, wipe off what you can with paper towel and trickle fizzy water over affected area... the bubbles will lift cr*p out of hood fabric.

I've tried pretty much everything available from the boutique manufacturers (i.e. eye watering cost) to the low end AG stuff and nothing works as well nor gives value for ££'s as does Fabsil...relatively inexpensive, a doddle to use and does what is needed.

I've tried Renovo - it's not easy to get a good and even finish (and when you do it looks "treated" and less than OEM) I've seen and been invited to rectify a few pretty awful looking jobs after owners used Renovo.

I really do suggest taking my advice and going for the Fabsil! If I could find anything else that was as effective, wallet friendly and as easy to use, I'd be letting you know