# GRIOT'S GARAGE Products for your garage

The directional red tab and car icon ensure your cover is facing the right direction before you unfold it.

PICTURE A



PICTURE B



PICTURE C



PICTURE D



PICTURE E

# **CUSTOM-FIT CAR COVERS**

Thank you for selecting this quality Griot's product. Our **Custom-Fit Car Covers** are intended to shield your vehicle from dirt, dust, tree leaves, sap, bird droppings, salt air, moisture, UV rays and other contaminants. Enjoy the best!

### INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Each cover includes a directional marking to help properly position it on your vehicle. Use these markings to properly align the cover on your car before completely unraveling it. On the left side of the cover (generally the driver's side of the vehicle) a screen printed car logo is positioned above the driver's side door facing forward with a red tab at the base of the cover (see picture at left). Your cover also has the word "front" screen printed along the front edge of the cover and an optional Griot's Garage logo screen printed in the center of the back of your cover.

If your cover is equipped with mirror pockets, it is essential to place the pockets over the side mirrors before stretching the cover over the front and rear bumpers.

Should your vehicle have an outside radio antenna that does not retract all the way, refer to the additional instructions that are included with the plastic grommets.

Once the side mirrors and antenna are covered, proceed by completely pulling the cover over one end of the vehicle (front or rear) and finish by covering the other end.

The elastic at the front and rear of your cover will keep the cover in place. In the case of strong winds, or if you wish to store your vehicle for a prolonged period of time, we recommend you using our Car Cover Clamps (may be purchased separately, item 92451) to secure the cover in place.

If your car is being covered outdoors, we suggest securing your cover with our Car Cover Cable Lock (may be purchased separately, item 92450) to prevent theft.

Some vehicles have very sharp bumpers, hood ornaments, moldings, etc. We recommended reinforce theses areas on the inside of your cover using cloth-reinforced duct tape.

## REMOVAL/STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

To remove the cover from a covered vehicle (**Picture A**), begin by releasing the cover from one end of the vehicle and fold the cover until you are at the center of the roof (**Picture B**). Next, fold the other side until both rolls meet, then fold the rolls together (**Picture C**). Now throw each end of the rolls on either side of the vehicle into the middle so the ends meet at the center of the roof (**Picture D**). Then fold what's left in half, over one another (**Picture E**), and store in your trunk. Make sure to place the folded cover in your trunk exactly how if came off the roof. This will make the unfolding the cover easy next time you use it. Please remember that storing a wet, folded up cover for prolonged periods will create mold and mildew.

### WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS

**COLOR TRANSFER FROM COVER TO CAR**: We do not recommend the use of bright color Weathershield® or Ultra'tect® fabric on light color surfaces. Each dye-lot of Weathershield® and Ultra'tect® fabric is tested for both dry and wet color transfer and certified to AATCC Test Standard ratings of 4 or higher (out of 5) for resistance to color transfer.

**Hot Pipes**: Be careful when installing your cover on a car that has just been driven — the cover should not come in contact with hot exhaust pipes.

**REPAINTED VEHICLES**: If your vehicle has been painted within the last six months, the cover may cause damage to the finish. Please check with your painter or body shop regarding the specifics of how and when you can use this cover.

**High Wind**: When using this cover in high wind (and for prolonged storage), use the loops and rope provided to secure the cover under the center of the car. This should be done even if the optional lock and cable is being used. The cover is not designed to replace a garage and should be checked for flapping in high winds. If wind goes under the cover, it can cause the cover to work loose and come off the vehicle.

**FREEZING WEATHER:** In cases when a heavy rainstorm is followed by an extreme temperature drop below freezing, it is possible for the cover to become frozen to a layer of ice created between the vehicle body and the cover. Do not attempt to remove the cover if this happens. If it is necessary to remove the cover, we recommend pouring warm (not hot) water over the vehicle and slowly removing the cover, taking care to inspect the surfaces of both the cover and the vehicle during the removal process. Stop immediately if you encounter resistance; the ice has not been melted completely and you must pour more warm water over the area.

**Towing:** Never use a car cover when towing a vehicle. Serious damage can occur to the cover, and the paint surface of the vehicle may also be damaged.

**DIRTY VEHICLE**: Be careful when using the cover on a dirty vehicle—the dust and dirt may be dragged along the paint while orienting the cover, creating minute scratches. A quick cleaning with Speed Shine® is recommended for removing light dirt and dust.

**HAZE**: Airborne pollutants may be deposited on the windows or paint while a vehicle is being driven or when parked uncovered. These deposits may become smeared and create a haze when the cover is used. The haze can be wiped off with a damp cloth or washed off with water.

## CLEANING AND WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

Car cover fabric performance can be severely affected by dirt that builds up on and within the material. This can cause the windshield and paint to become dirty and "fogged" as well as create "wicking" where it actually helps pull water through the fabric, nullifying any water resistant properties the fabric may have had. Keeping your vehicle clean will increase the life of the cover.

### **CLEANING WITH A WASHING MACHINE**

- 1. Using a large commercial washer without center agitator, wash the cover using 2 cups of Interior Cleaner (some WeatherShield HP covers are compact enough to be washed in a normal size washer). Put the cover in the washer, pour the cleaner in the tub after it's filled with warm water or pour it directly in the machine (some wall mounted commercial units), and start the machine.
- 2. Rinse the cover twice to remove all the cleaner.
- 3. Air dry (unless otherwise noted below). **Note:** Do not use fabric softener when washing or drying.

### CLEANING BY HAND

- 1. Use Interior cleaner and micro fiber towels to clean the cover.
- 2. Rinse with water until there are no suds and allow to air dry.

### DRYING INSTRUCTIONS

NOAH®, EVOLUTION®,

Air dry only. Do not put the cover in an automatic dryer - the fabric can melt. Do not dry clean.

SUNBRELLA®, TAN FLANNEL, DUSTOP™

Air drying is recommended, but it can be placed in the dryer on the no-heat, air setting only. Do not dry clean.

WEATHERSHIELD HP™, ULTRA'TECT®

Dry in a home dryer using the "Permanent Press" setting. The warmth of the dryer actually rejuvenates the Nextec® finish so Nextec® recommends covers be dried an extra 30 minutes AFTER the regular dry time.

### DISCLAIMER

GRIOT'S GARAGE is not responsible for any misuse of the **Custom-Fit Car Cover** for any injury or damage incurred to any person or object related to the **Custom-Fit Car Cover**.

### ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Should you have any questions about your **Custom-Fit Car Cover**, please call our Customer Service Department at 800-345-5789 or email to info@griotsgarage.com. For a complete selection of quality products or to receive a free Griot's Garage handbook, please call us or visit us online at www.griotsgarage.com.

# Have fun in your garage!\*

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