



EXPEDITION TRUCK CAP

A few minutes of care every month will keep your canopy looking sharp and protect it from rust and fading for years.

Wash It Regularly

Use a mild car soap and a soft mitt or brush — skip anything harsh or abrasive. Rinse with a garden hose; if using a pressure washer, keep the nozzle at least a foot away from seams, gaskets, and vents.

Lubricate Hinges, Latches, and Struts

A light spray of dry silicone lubricant a couple times a year keeps everything working smoothly. Avoid petroleum-based oils near rubber seals — they break the rubber down over time.

Protect it from UV and Road Grime

Black finishes show sun fading and chalking faster than lighter colors. A UV-protectant coating applied a few times a year keeps the color rich and helps grime wash off easier.

WHAT TO PUT ON TOP

For the roof/top surface, the best options are UV-protectant sealants made for powder coat and similar hard finishes — not standard car wax, which can leave a hazy film on textured coatings.

Ceramic Spray Coatings for Powder Coat/Matte Finishes

(e.g., CarPro Essence, Gtechniq C2v3 in matte-safe form) — longer-lasting UV and water protection, good for a “set it and forget it” seasonal application.

303 Aerospace Protectant

Easy wipe-on UV protection, safe on powder coat and rubber trim, most popular choice for overland gear.

Power-Coat Protectants

Some suppliers sell dedicated powder coat sealants; these are formulated not to gloss up a matte/textured black finish.

WHAT TO AVOID

Traditional Carnauba Wax or Glossy Silicone-Heavy Products

They can leave streaks or an uneven sheen on textured black powder coat.

Meguiers Black Bottle

This leaves streaks on your black powder coated truck cap.

Touch Up Chips Right Away

A small chip in the coating exposes bare metal underneath, and that's where rust starts. Keep a touch-up pen or matching paint on hand and treat chips as soon as you spot them.

