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Corvette Car Covers:

Several weeks ago one of my 'car guy' friends came over with his red, 2015 Corvette. He wanted to know why he couldn't polish out the white rings on his hood. I tried to identify them but found it difficult to do so. No other white rings were present on the remaining panels.

After further questioning, he informed me that he put his outdoor car cover on just before it started to rain. At that point I knew what happened. Some of the rain was still on the hood, which he could not see at the time. The rain stopped and the sun came out and made the hood turn into a toaster oven. The rain, heat, along with airborne contaminants caused the clearcoat to react.

He was fortunate that the clearcoat was not deeply penetrated. We used a fine rubbing compound, followed by a polishing compound, and Mequiars carnuba wax, the result was a great finish and added protection.

Car Cover tips:

Before installing your car cover, make sure your Corvette is clean and free of dust. By covering a dirty vehicle you

are simply scratching the clearcoat. And of course do not cover a wet or recently painted vehicle. (> 6 months)

When I install my car cover, I start by placing the cover on the hood and roll it towards the rear. Then unfold the sides so that the cover is over most of the car. My cover is equipped with mirror pockets so I install them first. Then the front, and finally the back end. I also want to caution you when you stretch the cover over the back end to watch the exhaust tips. Some have very sharp edges and can tear the cover quite easily. And of course, NEVER cover a **hot** exhaust tip. Some covers can melt onto the tip causing painstaking removal/cleaning.

After months of use your car cover inevitably will become soiled by the elements from which it was designed to protect your Corvette. Wash your cover in a large commercial washing machine. If it's really dirty, use a mild detergent. Do not dry your cover in a dryer, hang it out to air dry. (always refer to MFG's directions)

One last word of caution, if windy conditions are present, don't cover your Corvette. The excessive wind can cause the material to flap and may damage the finish.

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