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Skycamp Hardshell Care and Maintenance

iKamper Skycamp roof top tent shells are crafted from FRP (Fiber Reinforced Polymer) due to its lightweight, strength, and durability. We believe FRP is the best material for roof top tent shells, offering a resilient yet manageable surface for outdoor adventures. The Skycamp hard shells are available in two finishes: **Gloss Black** and **Rocky Black**.

Gloss Black Finish

The **Gloss Black** finish features a gel coat layer, similar to finishes used on fiberglass boats, offering a high-polish look. While this glossy gel coat is durable, it requires periodic maintenance to stay in pristine condition:

1. **Wash regularly** just like the Rocky Black finish using mild soap and water, applying a soft cloth or sponge. Avoid stiff brushes, as they could scratch the smooth gel coat.
2. **Dry completely** with a soft cloth or microfiber towel.
3. **Apply protective wax** once a month after washing. Use the wax included with your tent, which is formulated for FRP and gel coat surfaces. If unavailable, a gel-coat-specific wax, like Meguiar's Flagship Marine Wax, is a good substitute.

To prevent potential damage from weather and keep your shell looking new:

- **Avoid letting snow or ice rest on the shell** for long periods, as this can cause mineral deposits which can cause stains.
- **Protect from water spots** by following regular cleaning and waxing routines, which will minimize mineral deposits from rain, snow, or dew and help combat photo-oxidation from sunlight.

If your Gloss Black shell has already been affected by water damage, such as calcium deposits, you can restore its finish as follows:

- **For mild damage:** Apply a gelcoat cleaning and polishing compound, such as Meguiar's One Step Compound 67, with an electric buffer/polisher to restore the gel coat's shine.
- **For heavy damage:** There is a 2-step process:
 1. Apply an oxidation remover, such as Meguiar's Oxidation Remover 49, with an electric buffer/polisher.
 2. Follow with a gelcoat polish, like Meguiar's High Gloss Polish 45, using the buffer again.

After restoring the shell, continue with regular Gloss Black maintenance to preserve its like new condition.

Rocky Black Finish

The **Rocky Black finish** resembles a ruggedized truck bed liner, providing a low-maintenance, durable surface that hides wear well. With regular cleanings, you can keep your tent looking fresh.

Follow these steps:

1. **Rinse the shell** with water to remove excess dirt and any loose debris.
2. **Soak** the shell using car wash soap and water.
3. **Scrub gently** with a soft-bristle brush, loosening dirt and contaminants without damaging the textured finish.
4. **Rinse thoroughly** with water to remove all soap residue.

Since the Rocky Black finish is durable, it resists scratches and stains, so no additional treatments are typically necessary.

Customizing Your iKamper RTT Shell

Want a unique look? You can always customize the finish and color of your rooftop tent. Check out our article, [Customizing Your iKamper RTT Shell: Vinyl, Paint, and More](#), for more information.

FAQ

The Skycamp's hardshell is made from lightweight, durable Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP), available in two finishes: Rocky Black and Gloss Black.

The Rocky Black finish, resembling a rugged truck bed liner, is low-maintenance and resists scratches and stains. Simply rinse off dirt, wash with car soap, scrub with a soft-bristle brush, and rinse again. No additional treatments are usually required to maintain its tough, textured surface.

The Gloss Black finish, featuring a gel coat layer for a polished look, requires more care to retain its shine. Wash regularly with mild soap and a soft cloth, dry thoroughly, and apply protective wax monthly to prevent water spots and oxidation. Use gel-coat-specific wax for the best results. For existing water damage, polish the surface with gelcoat restoration compounds and a buffer, then return to regular cleaning and waxing routines to keep it looking new.

Regardless of the finish, avoid letting snow or ice accumulate for long periods, as mineral deposits can cause staining.

More detailed instructions can be found on the Skycamp product pages.