

## **Vans™ – Better on the Bright Side – Cleaning and Care**



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**Vans:** a prime staple when it comes to your streetwear presence. Born of the south Cali skate scene, their influence and appeal has transcended – much like the scene – the confines of the skate park. And white vans are the go-to base model – the standard, logo-minimal, morn-fresh take on an often copied and coloured look. So being white means keeping so. You care for them because you always care about that look. **How to clean white vans** is as important as what to wear them with.



<https://www.depop.com/products/jai77-white-vans-shoes-are-in/>

## Get Mean - Get Clean

You've camped out in festival field or worn them 24-7 through a wet winter. However you've punished your Vans, you need a way to get them back to pristine condition without resorting to laser surgery or a hefty dry cleaning tab.



[doodledaisie.tumblr.com/post/36235955751/vans-party-muddy-see-my-white-vans-covered-sad](https://doodledaisie.tumblr.com/post/36235955751/vans-party-muddy-see-my-white-vans-covered-sad)

## Cleaning Do's and Don'ts

Remember - **avoidance is the best form of self-defence**. If you really *are* up for some wet-weather scuffing, choose rubber boots as an alternative footwear solution. **Dirt gets real comfortable without a quick shove**. If you're reading this article, you know *not* to hide your shoes in your garage after muddy japes, but *same day attention* is advice even your ma will give you on **how to clean white Vans**.

### Basics

Water and soap solution will do the trick. But you're a sophisticated child so for basic cleaning, you're going to need ½ tablespoon of hydrogen peroxide (it cleans), ½ tablespoon of baking soda (it scrubs) and some warm water (duh). Firmly use a cloth or toothbrush to wipe away stains and dirt and do the same with your soles. You could use [Avalita](#) cleaner as a finisher too.



<https://monmonland.com/products/magic-white-shoes-cleaner>

## Coked Up

Coke stains require the same procedure with only the baking soda (it scrubs) and lemon juice (it cleans and dissolves that nasty glucose stain, and it washes)

## Colour Me Bad

Now you know **how to wash white vans**, you can punch above your weight on multi-coloured variants. As with prep for a prize fight, you'll have to tape up those bad boys in advance. Going all out with bleaching agents like hg or lemon is fine on white, but it will fade your reds and blues quicker than an eraser on pencil. Cover coloured areas with tape and you can go in hard. Those coloured areas should be treated with water and - at most - a little washing liquid, but don't scrub too hard!



[www.bustle.com/p/where-can-you-buy-vans-patchwork-pack-shoes-clothes-the-line-is-so-fresh-prince-vibes-15864690](http://www.bustle.com/p/where-can-you-buy-vans-patchwork-pack-shoes-clothes-the-line-is-so-fresh-prince-vibes-15864690)



## Check One

Knowing how to clean chequered vans is potentially more difficult than a grandmaster chess tournament. Wash with water, then use an [instant cleaner](#) for the whole shoe (scrub the sole but use a toothbrush on the canvas) before going noir with a sharpie pen on those (dried) black squares. Presto, you're cooler than a Russian winter.



[www.quora.com/What-can-you-do-to-restore-faded-checkered-Vans](http://www.quora.com/What-can-you-do-to-restore-faded-checkered-Vans)

## In a Spin

You wouldn't put your cat in the washing machine and – let's be honest, you love your Vans more than Tigger even if the cat licks *itself* clean. Leather vans should be kept as clear from a washing machine as a Louis Vuitton handbag, but canvas is fine if you use a laundry bag (It'll help the shoes keep their shape and not get snagged) and set the machine to a gentle, low temperature cycle. Buffer them with a few towels and recline in your socks while waiting. And air dry not tumble.

## Laces in (different) Places



<http://hespokestyle.com/white-leather-sneakers-how-to-clean/>

Different material, different strategy. Tied to the boot any residue muck is going to seep into those laces like a sponge. So remove them, wash separately and watch that muck ooze away.

## All-Out Attack

Any cleaning solution will clean, and those white rubber soles on your vans will respond well to alternative cleaning solutions like bleach, nail polish remover, liquid alcohol or any of the specially created products designed to clean sneakers. Just remember to cover the sections of your Vans (the canvas tops or any coloured sections) that you don't want to whiten. Otherwise ... they're going to whiten.

## General Care



[www.homedepot.com/p/HOMZ-6-Qt-Clear-Shoe-Box-Set-of-10-3206CLWHEC-10/301680834](http://www.homedepot.com/p/HOMZ-6-Qt-Clear-Shoe-Box-Set-of-10-3206CLWHEC-10/301680834)

Any sneaker collector will tell you the key to shoe care is *Storage*. The cardboard box your Vans come in will absorb condensation, leaving the contents as dry as a Salt Lake summer, which means the rubber will crack. Invest in a plastic box with a lid, which will also neutralize unwanted odours. Good odourising slip-ins or tablets also do the trick. Always carry around some sanitizing wipes to deal with those little ‘emergencies’ on street corners and, seriously, remember you can always buy another pair. But you’re not worthy of another pair until you Look. After. What. You’ve. Got.

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