

**Mer Rainaway**  
Price: £6.99 Pack size: 500ml  
Rating: ★★★★★

GREAT price helps make the Mer our pick of the conventional repellents, as its performance fell away only at the finish of the test. You need two applications, but it buffed easily and the big 500ml bottle would last years. Starred early on – we struggled to fill its section with water – and only at the end did its resistance to the hose begin to slow down.

Mer 01920 465041 www.merproducts.com

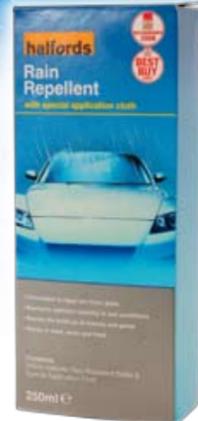


**Halfords Rain Repellent**

Price: £5.90 Pack size: 250ml  
Rating: ★★★

FORMER champion Halfords struggled in our longer test this year, and was trailing at the finish. You could see its winning form at the start, as it was beading water rapidly. Still worked at the end, if not as fast as some rivals. As with Rain-X (right), you apply and buff twice – but with this, a fine cloth is included in the package.

Halfords 0845 762 5626 www.halfords.com



**Rain-X**

Price: £6.48 Pack size: 200ml  
Rating: ★★★★★

BIGGEST name in the sector, and as the test progressed, we could see why. Easy to apply and buff, and while you need to do this twice, the finish lasts longer than the two to three weeks claimed. At the end of the test, it was the strongest performer among the repellents that claim to last weeks rather than months, if not by a big enough margin to be a contender.

Rain-X 0161 935 7490 www.rainx.co.uk



**Diamondbrite Rainscreen**

Price: £9 Pack size: 250ml  
Rating: ★★★★★

**RECOMMENDED** In terms of performance, this was best of the rest behind the nanotech products, and offers an attractive alternative to applying frequent top-ups. Higher price than conventional rivals, but only one coat is required. Up there with our winner and Dodo Juice from the start, and fell back only in the final weeks of the test.

Diamondbrite 01622 815679 www.jewelultra.com



**Turtle Wax ClearVue Rain Repellent**

Price: £4.99 Pack size: 300ml  
Rating: ★★★

LONG-established ClearVue underestimates its own stamina. The maker suggests two to three weeks between top-ups, yet the formula was still working several weeks later. As with Halfords and Mer (opposite), it was struggling at the end, but at this price you can afford to reapply. Sprinkle water on before buffing for an easier shine.

Turtle Wax 01695 716610 www.turtlexeurope.com



# SHOWER POWER

Boost visibility in wet weather with a rain repellent. We take our pick from 10 of the best...

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A GOOD rain repellent does exactly what it says on the tin. Apply one to your screen or side windows, and water just runs off, making wipers pretty much redundant. Some drivers can't live with the opaque mist that follows the blades when you use a repellent, but these products keep side and rear glass clearer for longer, and make shifting ice easier in winter.

Since our last test in Issue 1,038, reigning champion ProVision gel has been dropped from the Comma line-up. Plus, detailing specialist Dodo Juice has launched its own kit, while the Australian EnduroShield formula has been revamped. We applied 10 to pick a clear winner.

## The test

SOME treatments claim to last up to a year, so we more than doubled our testing time to 10 weeks. Once again, we divided a car's screen into sections and applied each product according to the maker's instructions, under a wiper blade's sweep.

We assessed water beading throughout the test, plus checked progress on the road during showers. Ease of application was also a factor, and we rated value for money, too. All the prices quoted exclude delivery.

## Verdict

REVISED EnduroShield formula takes the honours in this test as it delivers remarkable stamina. Throughout our assessment, this

product showed absolutely no sign of flagging. Diamondbrite secures the second spot on the podium, and bridges the gap between the super-durable sealants like our winner and the conventional products that need topping up every few weeks.

Rounding out our top three is Dodo Juice. While its Supernatural treatment is the most expensive and tricky to apply, it repels rain as well as our winner. Our budget choice and pick of the conventional repellents is the brilliant-value Mer Rainaway.

1. Trico EnduroShield
2. Diamondbrite Rainscreen
3. Dodo Juice Supernatural Glass Sealant

**Trico EnduroShield**

Price: £14.95 Pack size: 50ml  
Rating: ★★★★★

**BEST BUY** Our sample of this revised formula was one of the first to arrive in the country, and it works. Australian-made EnduroShield uses nanotechnology – its minuscule particles provide a stronger bond with the treated surface – and was the stand-out performer alongside the Dodo Juice (opposite). Right to the end of the test, it beaded water from our screen. As with Supernatural, a cloth is included in the package, but this is less fussy to apply. A keener price seals the victory.

EnduroShield 0845 299 6229 www.enduroshield.co.uk



**Bluecol Max Vision**

Price: £3.99 Pack size: 500ml  
Rating: ★★★

LOW price makes this look attractive as you get a repellent coating as you clean. Works in the same way as the Rain-X Weatherbeater (right), and you see a similar difference compared to untreated glass. Conventional repellents work faster and are more durable. While it's the cheapest on test, it trails the Rain-X as you need to buff after wiping each section.

Bluecol 0161 764 5981 www.tetrosyl.com



**Angelwax H2GO**

Price: £3.50 Pack size: 100ml  
Rating: ★★★

NEW to our test, H2GO proves there is more to the Angelwax brand than just carnauba body waxes. Developed and produced in the UK, this sealant was a match for more established rivals. It went on easily, although you do have to wait 15 minutes for it to dry before you apply the second coat. As with rivals, it beaded rapidly during our test, until the last couple of weeks, when it slowed down noticeably.

Angelwax 0141 886 6732 www.angelwax.co.uk



**Rain-X Weatherbeater**

Price: £7.48 Pack size: 500ml  
Rating: ★★★

AS a rain repellent, this glass cleaner and Rain-X combination is no match for the real thing. It certainly works, but much slower than purpose-made rivals, and the effect doesn't last anywhere near as long. But it's easy to use, and you can top up the repellent coating as you clean the glass. Simple spray and wipe application makes this a better choice than the Bluecol (left).

Rain-X 0161 935 7490 www.rainx.co.uk



**Dodo Juice Supernatural Glass Sealant**

Price: £19.95 Pack size: 50ml  
Rating: ★★★★★

AS with our winner (opposite), this uses nanotechnology to provide a highly repellent finish that could last up to a year. Judging by our test, this is quite possible, but you have to work to get that finish with extensive preparation of the glass and careful application. Hard to separate from the EnduroShield on the screen, but Dodo Juice is pricier and not as simple to use.



Dodo Juice www.dodojuice.com