

Got Water Spots?

If your water supply is like mine, you get mineral water spots when you wash the motor home. I tried blow drying with a leaf blower and wiping down with a chamois or towel (which was a pain) but still got terrible water spots.

I bought one of the de-ionizer systems as an experiment that worked like a charm. After some research, I chose the model from Griot's Garage in Tacoma Washington. I liked this one because of the bypass valves on the tank. All you have to do is turn the two valves and water will bypass the de-ionizer if you want raw water. The unit is a bit pricey at \$299, but spread out over the cost of washes, it's well worth the investment. I have a TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) meter and checked our water at 220ppm of dissolved solids. Water coming through the de-ionizer checked out at 0.00ppm. Now I can wash the motor home in direct sun and never get water spots without any hand drying.

<https://www.griotsgarage.com/product/portable+water+deionizer.do>

The resin beads inside the tank do have to be replaced after a while. I found that I got about twenty washes before replacement was needed. The refill is about \$95 so that figures out to about \$5 per wash.



Once the tank is filled with water it gets pretty heavy. Not being one to expend any more energy than I need to, I bought a cheap two wheel cart from Harbor Freight and a hose rack. The cart makes the whole washing system a lot easier to move around.

The other suggestion to minimize water spots is to use a good washing soap such as Rain-X spotless wash. The soap alone won't eliminate water spots if the rinse water has a lot of minerals but the combination of the two works great.