

Pull out your current policy and check the box next to any coverage you can confirm is already in place — anything unchecked is worth a quick conversation with your advisor. Coverage checklist for shop-based and mobile detailers. Priorities reflect typical exposure; confirm against vehicle values and mobile work.

CORE

PREVALENT

SITUATIONAL

— Core: almost always needed · Prevalent: commonly carried by businesses in this class · Situational: depends on specific exposure

COVERAGE	WHY THIS BUSINESS NEEDS IT	PRIORITY
☐ Garagekeepers	Covers customers' vehicles in the business's care — confirm the basis (legal liability vs. direct) and limit.	CORE
☐ Commercial General Liability	Covers damage to customers' property at mobile jobs and injuries.	CORE
☐ Hired & Non-Owned / Commercial Auto	Covers staff driving customer vehicles and work vans.	PREVALENT
☐ Inland Marine / Equipment	Covers pressure washers, generators, and tools.	SITUATIONAL
☐ Workers' Compensation	Required in most states for employees.	CORE

COMMON COVERAGE GAP FOR THIS CLASS

The most commonly missed gap for this class is garagekeepers coverage sized for the vehicles actually worked on. Detailers handle high-value cars, and a single paint or coating claim can exceed a small limit — while standard GL excludes vehicles in the business's care. Detailers should confirm garagekeepers limits match their highest-value vehicles, photograph condition before work, and capture runoff on mobile jobs.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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