

# **AMERICAN** **MUSCLE** **GRAPHICS**

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## **Installation Instructions for Side Stripes (2005+)**

### **Tools Required:**

Spray bottle with soap & water mixture  
Plastic Squeegee  
Pair of scissors  
X-Acto knife or razor blade  
Painters tape  
Surface cleaner-Mequiars Deep Crystal System paint cleaner  
Needle or pin

### **Prep:**

Clean car well to ensure good adhesion of the decal. Remove any wax from the car using a surface cleaner. Rewash the car to remove anything missed and to rinse any chemicals left behind. Fill a spray bottle with a mixture of water and soap (we use baby shampoo), about 4 large drops per 32 oz. spray bottle of water. Be sure to install decal out of direct sunlight. Also having someone to assist you if you can is very helpful.

### **Step 1:**

Spray the front fender with a generous amount of the soap & water mixture as shown.



### **Step 2:**

Peel the adhesive backing from the vinyl spraying the back of the decal as you go. This is where a helper will be highly recommended on these stripes. Take your time.

**Step 3:**

Position on the front fender using the following measurements:

1.5" From the top body line on the fender.

4.5" Vertically at the body line near the rocker area and from the wheel well to the flat edge of the vinyl.



**Step 4:**

Once your measurements are correct, work your way back on the fender & door to install the rest of the vinyl. Make sure to keep the paint surface well lubricated so you can adjust the vinyl once it's installed. Use the supplied plastic squeegee to remove any air bubbles.



**Step 5:**

Before laying the vinyl over the door handle opening, lay down 2 layers of masking tape covering several inches past the front back and rear of the door handle recess. Lay the vinyl over the tape (making sure that you still have a 1.5" gap from the vinyl to the body line) and use a sharp razor blade to carefully cut out the vinyl for the handle opening. Be careful not to cut through the masking tape and into the paint. You will have to cut the door handle out as installing due to the fact each installation can vary a bit. There is a bit of leeway with the 1.5" and 4.5" gaps stated. Once you have the handle opening cut out, pull the vinyl up and remove the masking tape. Then reinstall the vinyl over the paint. Keep the car wet with solution. Finish installing the side stripe by laying the lower portion over the rocker panel of the car. Use the supplied squeegee to remove any air bubbles.



**Step 6:**

Spray the transfer tape with the solution. The solution will help with the release of the tape.

**Step 7:**

After the solution has been squeegeed out from under the decal and the transfer tape has been wet for about ten minutes start to remove the tape. Pull the tape slowly at a sharp angle back



**Step 8:**

Once the tape is off you can use a squeegee (covered in a cloth that will not scratch the vinyl and keep the vinyl wet) if you need to, but at this point you may need to use a pin or needle to release any bubbles, squeegeeing on vinyl that has been stuck to the surface may wrinkle instead of moving air from underneath the vinyl.



**Step 9:**

Use a sharp razor blade to cut any excess vinyl at the wheel well opening and either cut it flush or tuck it inside the wheel well as shown. Also cut the stripes between the door gaps and wrap the ends around the door and body.

**Step 10:**

Generously spray the lower quarter panel with the soap & water solution and lay the vinyl down using the side marker light cutout as a guide.



**Step 11:**

Follow steps 6 through 9 for the quarter panel part of the decal

Leave several hours, depending on climate, of dry time before cleaning car. Use a quick detailer in a spray bottle for the initial cleaning then hand wash car waiting at least several days for the first time after drying. **Do not power wash vinyl or wax vinyl.**