

Vinyl Outer Hood Stripes (13-14 All) Wet Application

Time Required: 1-2 Hours

Tools Required:

- Scissors
- Vinyl Squeegee
- Hobby Knife
- Cleaner
- Application Fluid
- Lint-Free Cloth



Preparation:

- 1) Wash your car. It is very important that you apply vinyl to a clean surface. We will clean the area for application later but for now, wash the entire car.



- 2) Trim the vinyl to fit. It is much easier to apply vinyl that has the excess tape trimmed away. Using scissors, carefully cut the vinyl out staying as close to the edge as possible without cutting the vinyl itself.
- 3) Clean the area for application. The cleaner the surface, the smoother the vinyl. Use any ammonia-free household cleaner. Glass cleaner is not recommended.

Tips: It is best to apply out of direct sunlight and in a temperature range between 55°-80°.

Application:

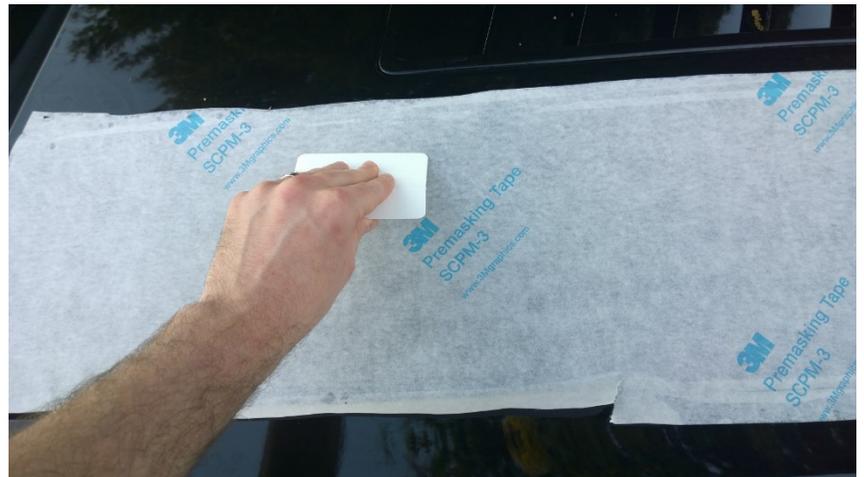
1) Remove the vinyl from the backing and soak the adhesive side and area to apply liberally with the vinyl solution.

2) Place the vinyl adhesive side down and position in place. The vinyl should move freely on the surface of the vehicle.

3) Starting at one edge, hold the squeegee at a 45° angle and press gently down the middle of the vinyl and then out to the edge on each side.

4) Repeat this process moving down the length of the vinyl. Take care as it may try to slide out of place. continue to move up and down the length of the vinyl pressing harder on each pass. As the solution exits the vinyl, it will be more likely to stay in place.

5) Wait 15 minutes.



6) Use the application solution to soak the tape and rub it in. This allows the adhesive to loosen slightly.

****STOP**** This is the most crucial step of the process and where most mistakes occur. The key here is to move slow. The slower you are, the better your results.



7) Begin at one end and gently peel the tape away from the vinyl at a sharp angle. It may come off the car which is ok, just use the squeegee to smooth it back out. As you move away from the edge, it will be more secure but do not move faster!



8) It is important to keep pressure at the edge of the tape. You can use your hand as seen here or continually move the squeegee across the vinyl while applying pressure. This helps to prevent the vinyl from peeling off the car. Continue the length of the car and take extra care towards the end as the vinyl may peel away easier.



9) Tidy up! Wrap the squeegee in the lint free cloth and apply pressure at a 45° angle to push bubbles towards the nearest edge. Don't obsess over tiny bubbles as the sun will dissipate most of them. If they don't go away in two weeks, you can use a pin to puncture them and the squeegee to smooth them out again. If a grain of sand or other tiny debris is under the vinyl, leave it alone. Cutting it out will make it look worse.

Tips:

- Go slow! Spending two hours on application is better than starting over.
- Any time you use the squeegee directly on vinyl, wrap it in the cloth.

