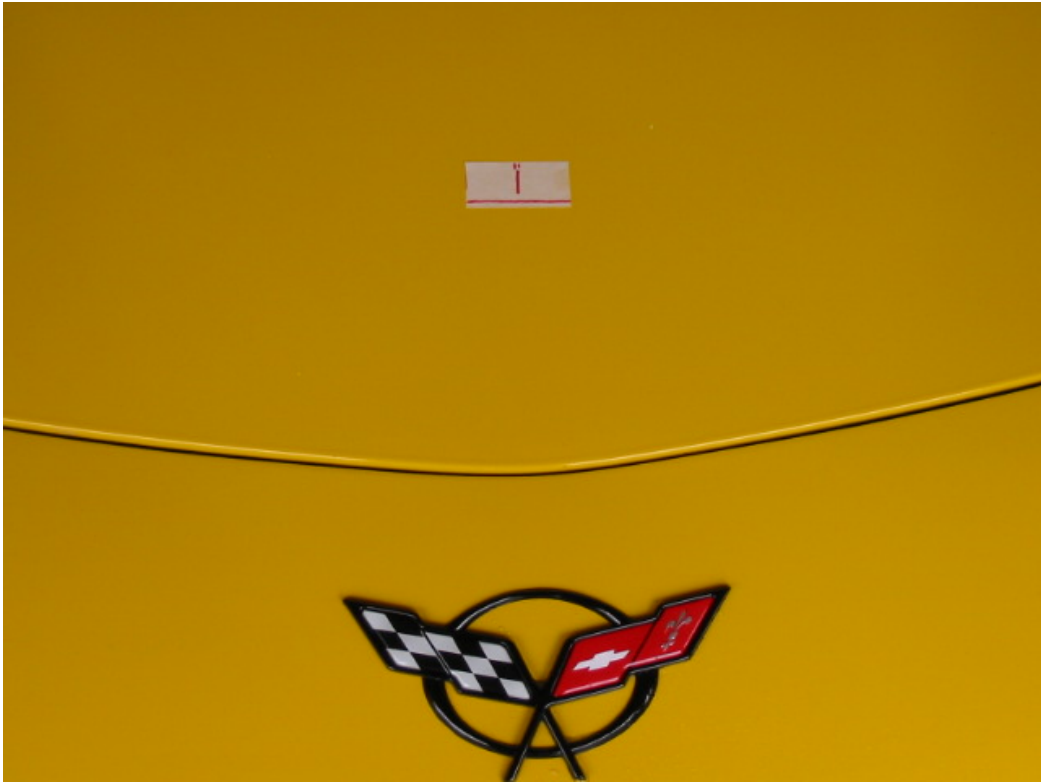# WARNING

- These following pages are instruction for C5 CE stripes; however, it is the same method applying vinyl. Please spend time reading thru these pages. At the end, it is your C7 ME3 Stinger stripe instruction.
- All the instructions in this are just from how I have done on my customer Corvettes so I don't guarantee anything if you follow these instructions and find something is not the right way to apply vinyl. With my instructions, applying vinyl is just simple so you can apply these stripes by yourself and save at least $100 other people charges for installation.
- When you have body shops or sign shops to do the installation, you need to have your stripes premasked (transparent tape). Premask is using 24"-30" masking tape puts on top of your stripes. All body shops and sign shops use hard squeezes and try to install your stripes as quick as possible so they need the stripes premasked to not damage your stripes. Adding premask for full set of stripes starts from $50.
- Trying to keep the price low since most of Corvette owners don't want others touching their vette's, I have option to let customers pick to add premask option .
- All of my stripes are meant to bend around all panels so they are about ¼" longer on each side of each panel.
- And again, I still don't guarantee anything. Avery,Oracal, or 3M will only guarantee that the vinyl will not fading in 7-12 years since I'm using Avery, Oracal, or 3M high performance vinyl and Avery, Oracal, or 3M guarantees the vinyl for 7-12 years (depends on the color selection).
- Please read this instruction for how to apply stripes and all the tool you need to apply stripes before start applying your stripes: (http://www.vettestripes.com/Vette%20Instruction/How_To_Peel_Off_Stripes.pdf)

Some Tips

- Whatever you're doing, make sure the vinyl candle paper (backing paper) is not getting wet or it will permanently stick to your vinyl and ruin your stripes.
- Wash your car really clean and rinse it really well to get all the washing soap off. If you recently wax your car, use 3M wax/adhesive remover to clean up the areas you about to install your stripes. Then wash your car again to clean up all those 3M wax/adhesive remover chemical.
- Using masking tape to mark some spacing. For example the middle of 2 main stripes if your stripes have a space in the middle OR mark on both sides to make sure your main stripe is at middle of the hood, etc … if your stripes are 1 whole piece stripes.
- Using the same method to apply the spacers.
- Do not overlap any stripes include the spacer pieces.
- Do not squeegee too much on the spacers since they will be removed right after the border stripes are in place.
- The stripes will be longer than all the panels a bit so you can bend around all the edges. However, just let the stripes get dried up a bit and then message the stripes slowly to bent them around all the panels (hair drier can speed up the process).
- For installation, body shops are the most expensive and less experience. Sign shops are the second expensive installation shop but they know how to apply vinyl. The right window tinting shops are the least expensive since they don't need masking ($50 saving) and the installation fee is just around $100 - $150 for a whole set of stripes.
- **Check next page for step by step with pictures**

- Marking tape

- Peel off and apply one bigger stripe first

- Apply the second hood bigger stripes

- Apply the spacer guide line (with the T shape at one end)

Apply the smaller outer stripes with the spacer still in place

Do the same thing for the other side and remove both of the spacers and you have this final look

. Some people got problem to align the ends of stripes that facing toward the front because they did not put the marking tape correctly. The outcome would be 1 side sitting lower than other. The trick to tape a little string across the hood as show in picture below, then put down the marking tape and mark it parallel with the string. This trick suppose to be done before applying the stripes ☺.

. Same method will be used to apply the roof (for coupe or hard top) and rear deck stripes.

C7 ME3 Stingray Instruction

- Remove your hood vent to have perfect installation.
- If you order your stripe with premask, the pin stripes and big stripes are masked together. If you ordering with the rear option, both driver side and passenger side are masked together with correct spacing as well. Since you ordering your stripes with premask, I assume you or your installer know how to apply stripes with masking.
- Install your front nose first (if you order with front nose), then install front hood middle spacer to line up with front nose middle space. Next to install the top hood middle spacer at the center of the hood.
- Install the middle spacers on the roof (if you have a coupe).
- Install the stripes on the rear. If you order with back rear bumper option, install those around the rear emblem, the rear spoiler, top rear bumper, and then the hatch.
- Install the front hood stripes to line up with front nose and install top hood stripes. Install roof stripes.
- All of the stripes are meant to bend around all the panels or tuck under panels. Do not trim any!
- If you order your stripes without premask, you should get a digital picture to show all the cut lines of your stripes. Follow this instruction to know how to peel off and separate stripes: http://www.vettestripes.com/Vette%20Instruction/How_To_Peel_Off_Stripes.pdf
- Install the main front nose stripe first using the piece in the middle as the correct space between left and right side stripes.
- Install front nose outer spacer and then install the ¼" pin stripes. After that, remove the spacer.
- Install the front hood center spacer, front hood main stripes to line up with the front nose, outer spacers, ¼" outer stripes, and then peel off spacers.
- Install the top hood center spacer, top hood main stripes to bend or tuck under the hood vents and bend around top hood (bending need to wait until the stripes got dried), outer spacers, ¼" outer stripes, and then peel off spacers.