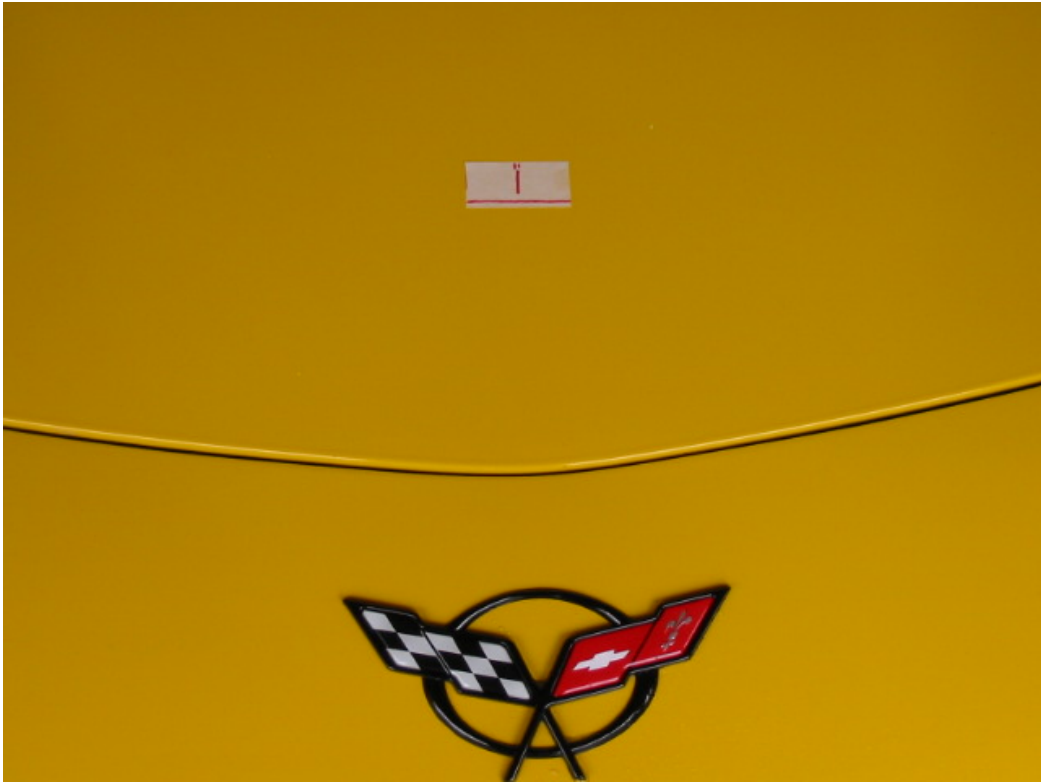# WARNING

- 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 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 ☺.
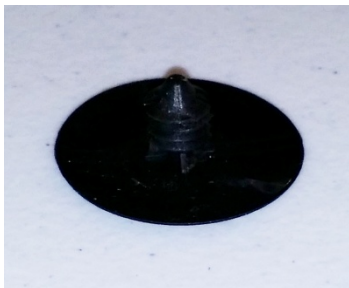

. Same method will be used to apply the roof (for coupe or hard top) and rear deck stripes.

C7 Corvette Stingray Stinger Instruction

- These first couple steps to remove the hood vent are not necessary but I have found them to help installing the Stinger stripe so easy and perfect.
- If you don't remove the hood vent, make sure to slide the Stinger stripe in the middle of the hood vent and your hood panel before start squeeze your stripe down. If you squeeze your stripe down first, you cannot slide your stripe between them without removing the vent.
- Remove the hood vent water drain tray by removing 2 hex screws.
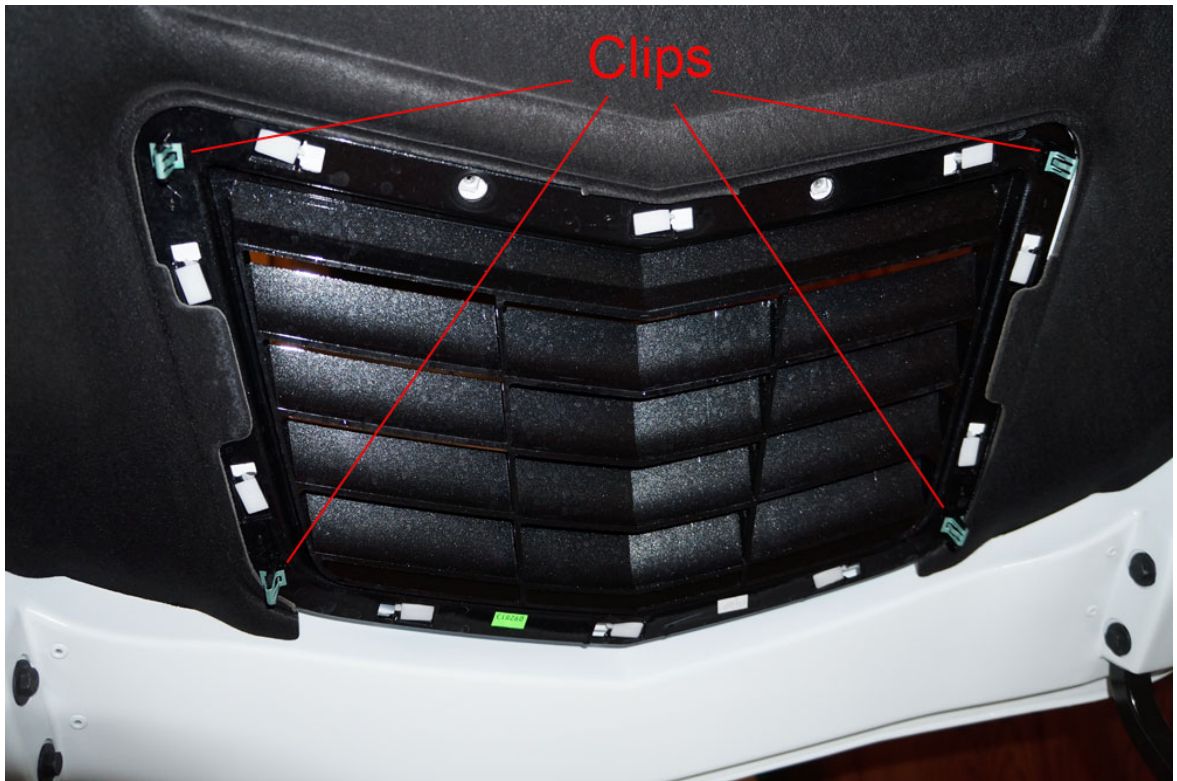

Screws

- Remove the hood liner by removing 6 plugs using the plastic plug removing tool (autozone has this tool for $6 or so)
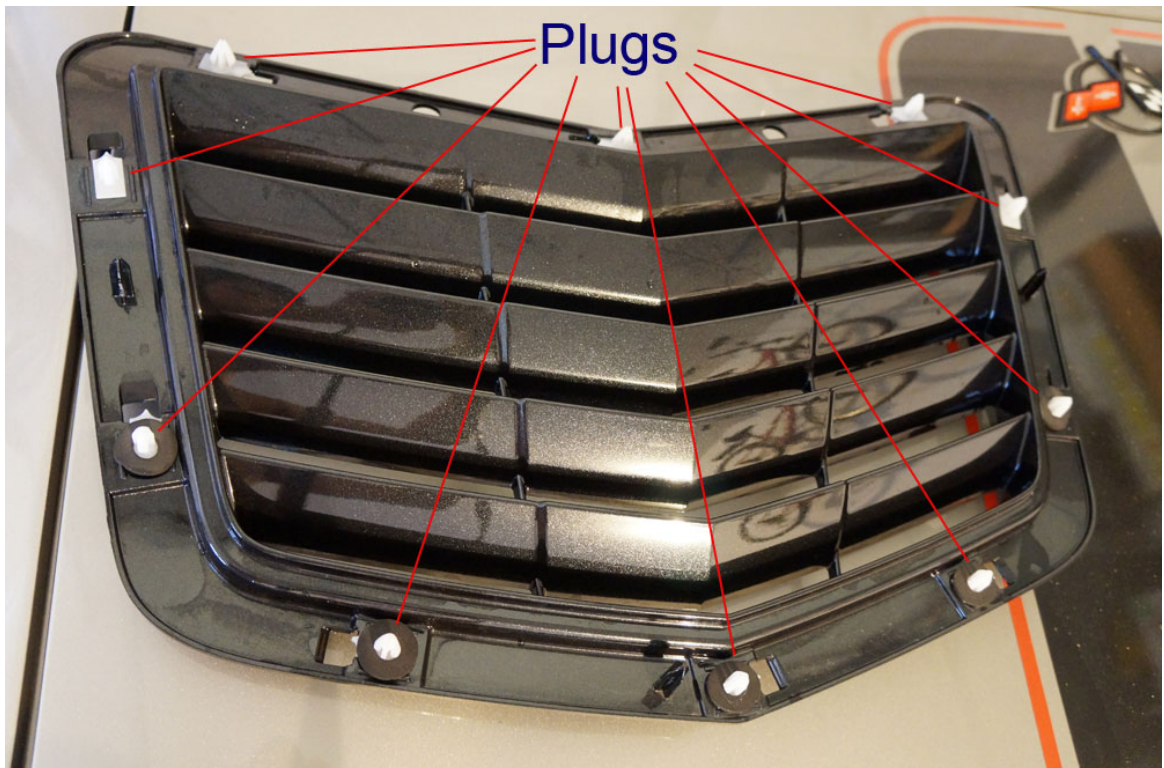
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- This water drain tray got held by 4 clips so just pull it out.
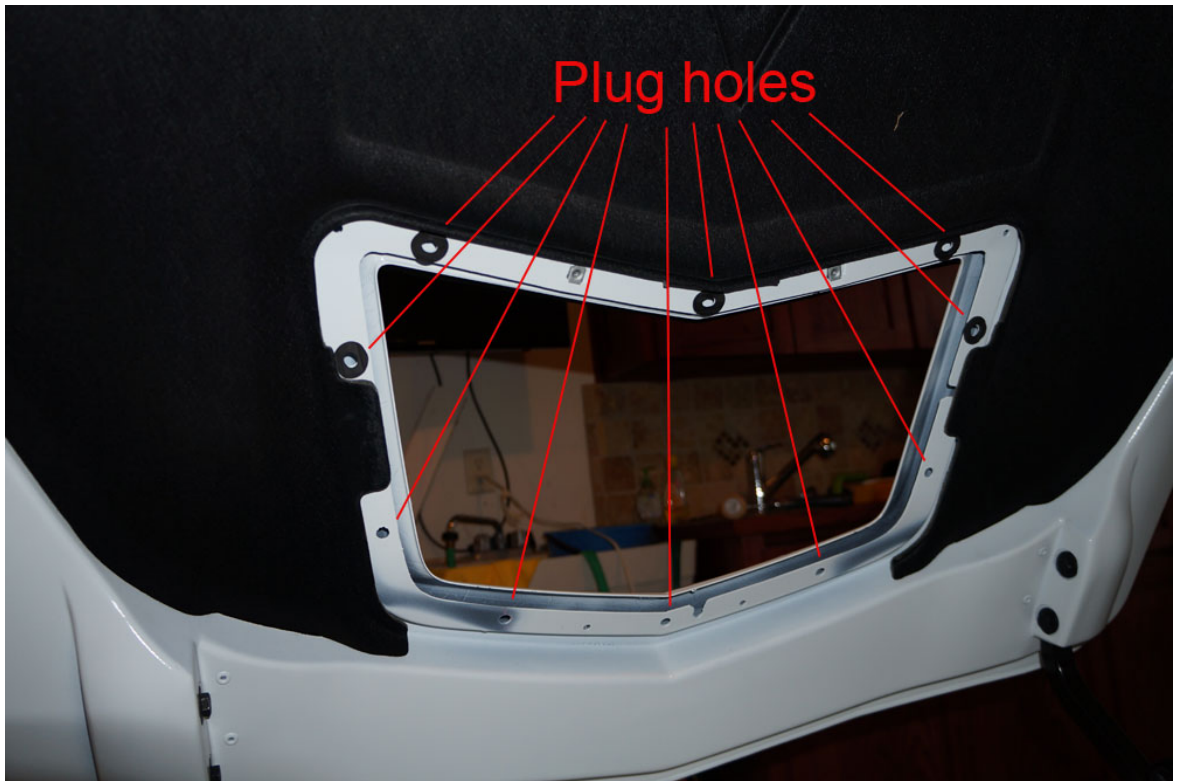

- Your vent got held by 10 plugs so also just pull it out after removing the hood liner.

C7 Corvette Stingray Stinger Instruction

- These are 10 plus holes.

Plug holes

- Get something to cover your engine bay and install your stripe.

C7 Corvette Stingray Stinger Instruction

- Wait until it dried and bend around the vent hole and top of the hood.

- Put back the vent. Remember the hood liner is on top of the vent. Two people will get this job much easier and watch out not to kick up your stripe.