

WARNING

- These following pages are instruction for C5 CE stripes; however, it is the same method applying vinyl. Please spend time to read thru these pages. At the end, it is your C5/C6 ME stripes' instruction.
- All the instructions in this are just from how I have done on my car 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.
- And again, I still don't guarantee anything. I will only guarantee that the vinyl will not fading in 9 years since I'm using Avery high performance vinyl and Avery guarantees the vinyl for 9 years. If your stripe colors are metallic colors, they will get 2 – 3 years less because metallic series got up to 7 years.
- To keep the cost low and easy installation, my stripes don't come with premasked except side stripes and simple hood stripes.
- If you have body shop installed the stripes for you and need them to be premasked, I can premask for you for \$50 for 1 color stripes and \$60 for 2 color stripes.

Hood stripes

- Tools needed from AutoZone or any auto parts store: bottle spray, squeegee, a towel that you're using to clean your car up after washing, and baby shampoo (not from Auto parts store).
- Whatever you're doing, make sure the vinyl candle paper is not getting wet or it will permanently stick to your vinyl.
- Wash your car really clean and water it really well to get all the washing soap off.
- Every single piece includes 3 stripes: big stripe, small stripe, and space guide line stripe with "T" shape on both ends (pictures included)
- Using masking tape to mask two ends of the hood with the given measurement minus 1/8 on each side so the vinyl won't overlap the masking tape but instead 1/8 away.
- Mix 3 to 4 drops of baby shampoo with water in 12 oz bottle spray and spray thru out the hood and your hand when touching vinyl.
- Peel the big stripe vinyl off the candle paper and lay it on the hood with the adhesive side faces upward. Spray the adhesive side of the vinyl and the hood as much as possible. The more soapy solution, the easier to apply the vinyl.
- Then apply the wet vinyl to the wet hood and line it up 1/8 to the masking tape. Right now you will know why the more water the easier the job get done since you can move the vinyl around the hood.
- Wrap above wet towel around the squeegee (to avoid scratching vinyl and paint) and squeegee the vinyl downward to position it into place. Get all the bubbles out by keeping the towel wet and squeegee the vinyl.
- Using the same method to apply the space guide line vinyl next and then the small vinyl.
- Do not overlap any stripes include the space guide line stripe.
- Do not squeegee too much on the space guide line stripe since it will be removed right after the small vinyl is in place.
- The stripes will be longer than the hood a bit so you can bend them around the hood but just leave it until the stripes get dried and then message the stripes slowly to bent them around the hood. When bending the stripes inside the hood, you will cut around the big stripes to reduce tension if any.
- **Check next page for step by step with pictures**

- Marking tape



- Apply one bigger stripe first



- Apply the second hood bigger stripes



- Apply the spacer (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 string 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 ☺.



Trunk and roof stripes

- Using the same method as hood stripes
- Wait for the stripes completely dried, bend the stripes around the trunk, roof. If you need to tuck the stripes underneath of weather strippings, tuck them while the stripes still wet. Squeeze again after tucking.
- Check out some other instructions from these 2 links:
<http://www.fixedroofcoupe.com/howtodefult.asp?count=0&howto=stripes&pages=15>

<http://www.speedgraphics.net/docs/vinyl-installation-guide.pdf>

All of my stripes are precut so you don't have to trim any more.

- That is all I can think off ... The project will be much easier if you have a partner to help you to peel off the vinyl.
- Good luck with your project and I'm for sure you will love it since I really like my stripes and I miss counting how many head turns I got a day after gotten my stripes 😊
- Some great tricks from forum members:
 - Tape the vinyl on the garage wall firmly and peel them off slowly
 - You don't have to trace them out for the top of coupe and FRC, coupe hatchback, or FRC rear. If you wax your car before applying stripes, make sure you wash it off using car wash soap and then water and water to get all of the cut grease soapy off the car or vinyl will not stick well.
 - Try to squeeze to get all the water out but don't press it too much since it will stretch the vinyl's and will shrink when dried out and leave some bordering glue. However, goo-gone (at Home Depot) should clean up those glue.
- This is my recently trick to peel off the backing paper:
 - Make sure not to peel off any extra pieces to expose the backing paper.
 - Separate all the pieces: your set comes in a whole big piece which includes hood, roof, and trunk pieces. Cut them all apart.
 - Spray water on the side of the hood/roof/trunk where you are about to apply the stripe.
 - Your hand should be dried with a water bucket next to it.
 - Lay down the vinyl with backing paper faces up to where you just spray water (this is why no expose backing paper because if the backing paper gets wet, it will stick permanently to the vinyl right away). Now with 1 hand holding 1 end up, get another hand wet (should be right hand if you are right handed) and using that wet hand to pop up the vinyl from backing paper by bending the backing paper at a corner of the stripe. You can actually bending this corner prior to put it on the car to make sure you can pop up the vinyl easily from that corner.
 - Just peel up the vinyl and lay it down to the hood where you just spray water. The vinyl now will stick with the hood but you still need to use the wet hand to stick it down to the hood. The other hand keeps peeling the backing paper. When you got the vinyl stick on the hood for about 16"-24" or when you can feel that it will not slide any more, you can start using 2 hands now to peel off the backing paper. So if you have 2 people, it will much easier. One person peeling the backing paper and another person with wet hands holding the stripes.
 - After peeling off the backing paper completely, spray soapy solution on the hood/roof/trunk where you about to apply the vinyl (make sure it is clean again since sometime, when peeling backing paper, it will have some dirt). Spray soapy solution on the stripe and flip it over and start squeeze the stripes.
 - Papy shampoo is the best to mix with water. This way, you can mix a bit more shampoo to make the installation much easier.

C5 ME stripes

- Pop up your hood, clean up all the dirt around the hood seal.
- Install the front nose piece first. Just align it so the precut emblem got even gap around the C5 front emblem. Also make sure the middle point of the stripes right on the middle line of the front nose.
- Let the extra vinyl of the front piece sits on the hood seal at the moment.
- Pop up the top and install the stripes on the top or roof of the FRC.
- Install the stripes on the rear trunk/latch. If it is the FRC or convertible, after the rear trunk installation, pop up the trunk and open it up.
- By this time, the front facia pieces have dried up a bit so you can close the hood. Install the hood piece. Slide it down until it's line up with the front nose piece.
- Start squeeze the area close to the front nose piece on hood piece to hold it there. Continue to squeeze toward the windshield from the middle out.
- Pup the top back on and install the cross bar (B-pillow for coupe).
- Close the trunk and make sure the extra go under so you can install the next piece to the rear glass.
- All the side pieces will come with spacers. The spacers are next to the side pieces and the installation is just like the CE stripes which is install the spacers first then the actual outer stripes.
- Peel off the spacers, cut the outer stripes apart from the hood and front facia. Pop the hood up and let it dried for couple hrs. Bend the extra stripes before closing the hood.

