

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 SE stripes' instruction. Please also check out this instruction to know how to peel off stripes, mixing soapy solution, and applying stripes:
http://www.vettestripes.com/Vette%20Instruction/How_To_Peel_Off_Stripes.pdf
- 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.speedgraphics.net/docs/vinyl-installation-guide.pdf>

All of my stripes are precut so you don't have to trim any more but they mean to bend around all the panels or tuck underneath weather-stripping.

- 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:
 - Tape the vinyl on the garage wall firmly and peel them off slowly
 - 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.

C5/C6 SE stripes

- All the small pieces like front nose pieces for all C5/C6/C6 Z06, rear top C5 bumper pieces, hatch and B-pillar pieces for C5 coupe, etc ... using this instruction to peel them off:

[http://www.vettestripes.com/Vette%20Instruction/How_To_Peel_Off_Stripes.p
df](http://www.vettestripes.com/Vette%20Instruction/How_To_Peel_Off_Stripes.pdf)

-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/C6 front emblem. Also make sure the middle point of the stripes right on the middle line of the front nose. For C6 Z06, the top scoop piece will bend around the front scoop 3/8".

- 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 (C5 only).

- Install the stripes on the rear trunk/hatch and then pop the trunk/hatch up (C5 only)

- By this time, the front fascia piece 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-pillar for coupe) (C5 only)

- Close the trunk and make sure the extra go under so you can install the rear top bumper piece and next piece to the rear glass for FRC (C5 only).

- All the side pieces will come with spacers and the installation is just like the CE stripes which is install the spacers first then the actual outer stripes.

- Pop the hood up and let it dried for couple hrs. Bend the extra stripes before closing the hood.