How To Peel Off and Apply Stripes

This will show you how just one person can peel the stripes off the backing paper easier than 2 people ⁽³⁾ However, if you got 2 people, I still suggest to have 2 people doing the job ⁽³⁾

How To Separate Spacers & Mixing Soapy Solution



- Most of your stripes come with spacers to help spacing correctly between rail stripes and main stripes.
- The spacers are in the middle of main stripes and rail stripes if you got 1 color stripe kit.
- If you got 2 color stripe kit, the spacers are right next to the rail stripes.
- To separate spacers, use a sharp blade to T shape around both ends of the spacers.
- When installation, always peel off/installing the main stripes first, then spacers, and then rail stripes.
- To mix soapy solution, the best to use baby shampoo since it is slippery and not that strong so it will not affect vinyl adhesive. Mix about 12 – 15 drops to 1 qt of water.
 - Get the 12" wide squeeze from Bed, Bath, and Beyond which is used to clean bath tub. It is only \$8 but will help to speed up the installation.

How To Peel off Stripes ©

• When you receive your stripe set, it will come in a whole roll. Using scissor to separate pieces by pieces. This is a piece of stripe which I just cut off from the roll with white backing paper. Do not peel anything off. Do not let it got wet before next couple steps.



Find a flat spot on your car near where you about to install the stripes or the BEST to use a folding table put next to your vette. Spray some soapy solution on that area just enough to get it wet. Too much will get

water soaks paper



up to backing

How To Peel Off Stripes (Cont.)

• Put the vinyl face down to where you just sprayed some soapy solution. The vinyl will stick a bit to the wet surface.



Wet both of your hands and lift up one of the corner and find the stripe cut out corner. Fold it a little bit at the stripe cut out corner to pop out the stripes. Using 1 hand holding down the stripe on the flat wet surface and another hand peeling off backing paper. Make sure your hands are wet so the vinyl will not stick on your hand. Since the vinyl sticks a bit on wet surface, you can use both hand to peel off the backing paper if need to.



How To Apply Stripes

- After peeling stripes off the backing paper, spray soapy solution on both the body panel and the adhesive side of the stripes which is currently facing up.
- Wet your hand, flip over the stripes, and put it into place.



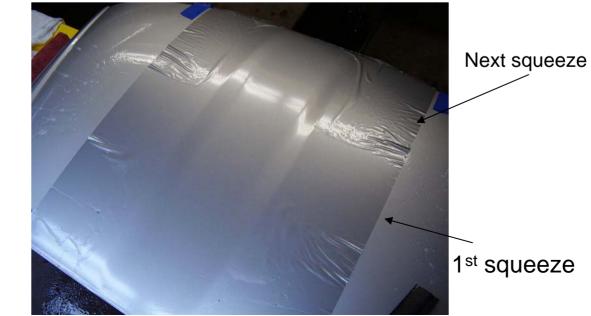


How To Apply Stripes (Cont.)

- Spray good amount of soapy solution on top of the stripes so when you squeeze the stripes, the squeeze will slide easily.
- Squeeze the center of the stripes straight down after got the stripes right into place



Squeeze the from the middle out side and just always middle to outside for the rest of the stripes. For example, after the 1st squeeze at the middle, you will be at the center of the stripes likes this below picture. The next squeeze will be the middle from 1 end to where you just squeezed ©



How To Apply Stripes (Cont.)

The reason we are squeezing middle out for all the part because we are trying our best to spread the vinyl evenly around the panel. Our Corvette panels are not flat out like other cars so the edges of the stripes always try to lift up and that why we trying to spread them out as much as possible instead of gather them into 1 place. This picture below shows you after squeezing the whole panel, you may get something like this which is fine [©].



- . That why make sure kept spraying good amount of soapy solution during squeezing so it will not cease the stripes.
- . Now, if you got those lift-up spots like the above picture, spray soapy solution on top and squeeze at the middle of it to spread out those spots as much as possible.
- . After couple tries with good amount of soapy solution on top and they are not permanently staying down, wait 5 minutes to let the vinyl dried out a bit and then spray good amount of soapy solution and squeeze them down. If they are still not staying down, wait another 5 more minutes.
- . You can speed up by using hair drier but I love to do thing naturally ©
- . Wait couple more hrs and message the extra vinyl around the edges slowly to bend them around all the panels.
- . If you don't install your stripes with premask, keep the car inside the garage overnight to let the stripes dried up naturally.