

# 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 full racing 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 .
- 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 (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/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/How To Peel Off Stripes.pdf](http://www.vettestripes.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/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 wash 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 spacer guide line.
- Do not overlap any stripes include the spacer guide line pieces.
- Do not squeegee too much on the spacer guide line stripe since it will be removed right after the small vinyl is in place.
- The stripes will be longer than all the panels a bit so you can bend around them. However, just let the stripes get dried up a bit and then message the stripes slowly to bent them around all the panels.
- 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 😊.



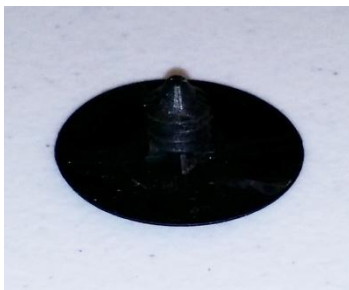
. Same method will be used to apply the roof (for coupe or hard top) and rear deck stripes.

# C7 Racing Stripe Instruction

- These first couple steps to remove the hood vent are not necessary but I have found them to help installing the racing stripe so easy and perfect.
- If you don't remove the hood vent, make sure to slide the 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 and pull it out. You can use flat head screw driver to pop it out at the top corner but making sure to have someone catches it or lay a thick towel under it to prevent scratching when it falls down.



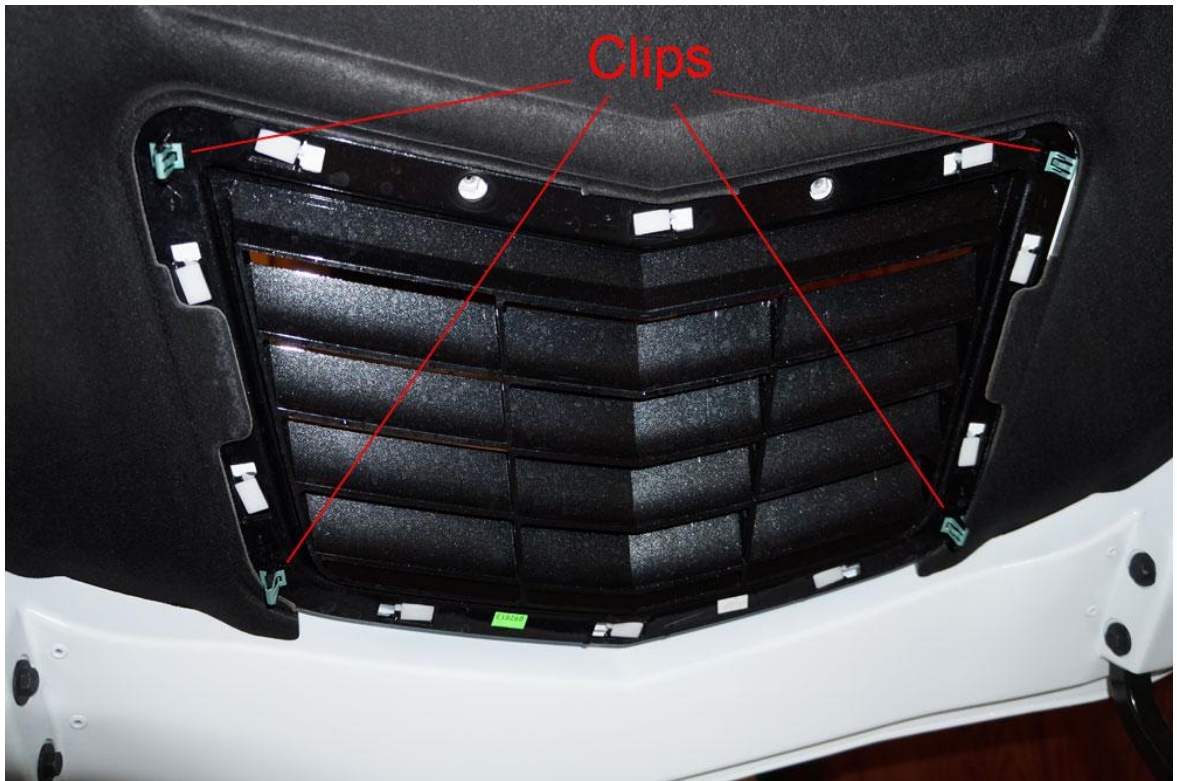
- Remove the hood liner by removing 6 plugs using the plastic plug removing tool (AutoZone has this tool for \$6 or so). You can use small flat head to lift up the plug to slide in your pry tool.



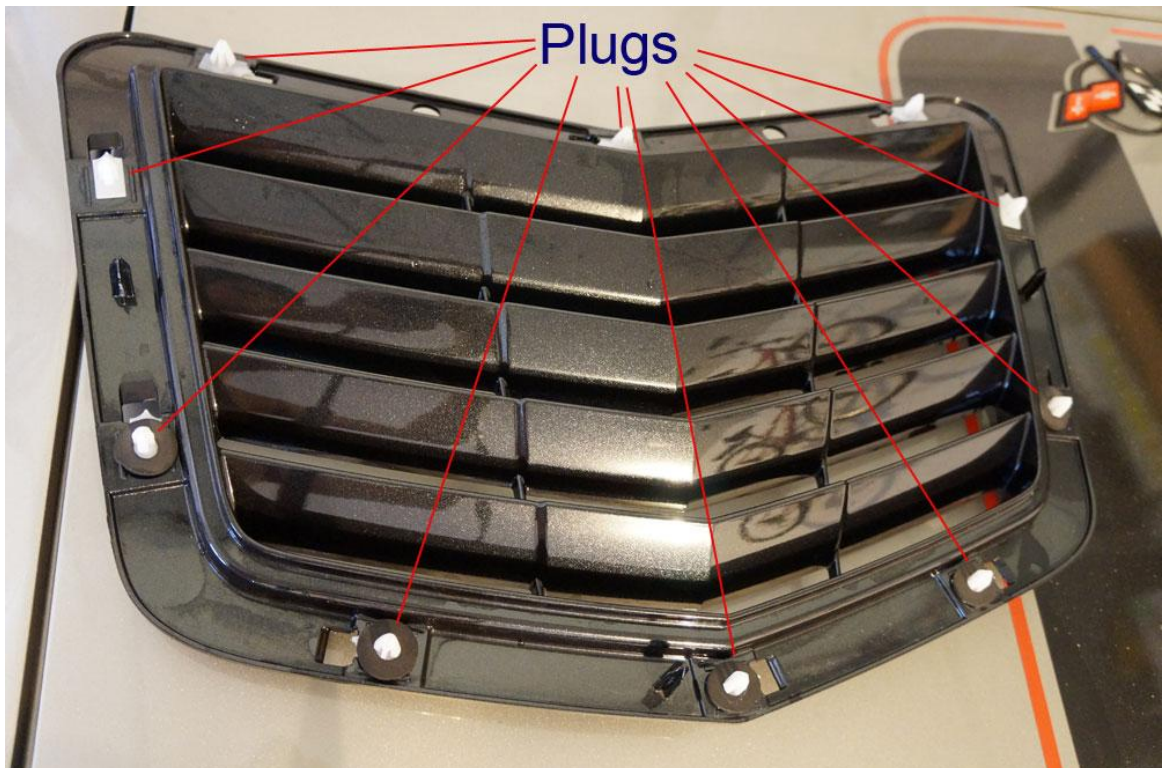


# C7 Racing Stripe Instruction

- 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 Racing Stripes 2 Instruction

- It is a bit harder to pull out the vent than the water tray. You can use flat head screw driver and using some masking tape to tape around the head and pry out the plug of the vent. Insert the screw driver right next to the plugs. You don't have to pry the bottom front of the hood because by the time, you be able to pull it out easily already. The vent is super strong so you would not be able to break it. Motortrent has tested it and praised GM's made a super strong vent.
- If you order your stripes with premask option, the installer should know when to remover the masking tape after installation! Driver side and passenger side stripes are masked together with the correct spacing in the middle and 1/4" spacers on the outsides.
- You will install main stripes with spacers all together first. Do not get the paper masking tape wet during squeeze (I think the installer should know this but I want to put a note in case someone does not know). Depending on the weather, you can peel off the masking tape in about 15 minutes. Before peeling them off, you can start spraying soapy solution on paper premask to let water soaks thru to make peeling off masking tape much easier!
- After peeling off masking tape of the main stripes, do not peel off the spacers. Install your pin stripes right next to the spacers. After peeling off pin stripes' masking tape, you can peel off the spacers as well. Now you will have all correct gaps around the whole stripes!
- If you have a **convertible**, install your stripes in these orders: front nose, waterfall, back rear bumper (pieces around emblems), hood, rear spoiler, lower front nose, top rear bumper, trunk lid, vert lid, top waterfall. Be careful when opening your convertible top during install your stripes.
- If you have a **coupe**, install your stripes in these orders: front nose, back rear bumper (pieces around emblems), removable top (take your top off), hood, rear spoiler, lower front nose, top rear bumper, hatch, halo (after put the top back).
- Your body shop or sign shop should know when need to peel off the masking tape. Do not trim anything but bend them around all the panels after peeling off the masking tape.

# C7 Racing Stripes 2 Instruction

- If you order your stripes without premask option, please follow the same steps as above for premasked stripes; however, you will add 2 more steps:
  - Install middle spacers at the center for each of the stripe first and then install both driver and passenger main stripes.
  - Install ¼" spacers (using the piece in the middle of main stripes and outer stripes) next to the driver and passenger side main stripes. Install the ¼" outer stripes next to ¼" spacers.
  - For example, to install the front nose stripes, you must install the spacer in the middle of the front nose before installing passenger side and then driver side stripes. You then install the ¼" spacers on both sides and then install front nose outer stripes on both sides. Peel off all spacers right after installation since those can be reused for next panels.
- Your stripes will come with the reusable middle spacers. They are reusable since after done install on the roof stripes, you can take off that spacer and use it for the back, etc ...
- To separate spacers, please read this instruction:  
[http://www.vettestripes.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/How\\_To\\_Peel\\_Off\\_Stripes.pdf](http://www.vettestripes.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/How_To_Peel_Off_Stripes.pdf)