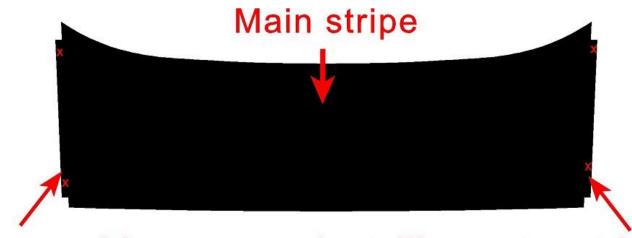
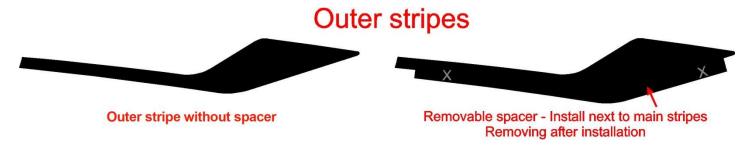
## **Install Stripes With Premask**

- Please check this instruction to know how to mix soapy solution: <a href="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</a>
- With premask on top, you cannot see the true color of your stripe. You can peel it off a bit to take a peak but it may damage your stripes if you don't know where that part will go on your Corvette.
- Please read through these instructions and watch my YouTube video to understand better all the steps.
- When ordering **1 color stripes** and correct option with middle spacers, all your stripes for each panel will be masked together in **1** piece. For examples **1** piece for the hood, **1** piece for the front nose, **1** piece for the roof, etc ...
- When ordering **2 color stripes**, they will be 2 steps installation: install main stripes first, peel off masking tape from the main stripes, and then install outer stripes next to the main stripes. Removing all spacers after finish installation. Either main stripes or outer stripes will have the spacers masked together.
- Below is the example where your spacers are masked together with main stripes. This is just an example since your main stripes and your spacers may have different shapes.



## Removable spacers, installing outer stripes next to this, removing these spacers after finish installation to have perfect spacing.

- Below is the example where your spacer is masked with outer stripes. This is just an example since your outer stripes and your spacers may have different shapes.



\*\*\*If you are ordering a full stripe package instead of some letters or some decals, please check those 2 pictures above. Your stripes will either have the spacers masked together with main stripes or with your outer stripes. The 2 pictures above are just some examples. You will see us mark "X" to those removable spacers. If your spacers are masked together with main stripes, install the outer stripes right next to those spacers and then remove all of those spacers after finish installation. If your spacers are masked together with outer stripes, install outer stripes with spaces right next to main stripes. Remove all those spacers after installation.

- There are 3 layers of your decals: bottom wax paper (candle paper or backing paper), your decal (vinyl), and premask (paper or clear plastic masking tape). If your stripes are 2 mils high performance supercast wet application vinyl, they will have paper premask on top. If your stripes are 3.5 mil wrap vinyl, they will have a clear plastic premask on top. Wrap vinyl stripes can be installed wet or dry (only Avery Supreme wrap vinyl is suggested to install dry by me).
- Prep your car surface well by cleaning it up, clay bar it, wash it, and clean well with rubbing alcohol. Using a piece of masking tape to stick to that area, if it would stick well, then you are ready to install. If the masking tape is not sticking well, clean more with rubbing alcohol (just too much wax on your car).
- In this whole installation process, DO NOT get the wax paper wet before peeling off your decal and TRY YOUR BEST NOT TO get the top of the paper masking tape wet (unless it is plastic masking tape). If the wax paper got wet, it will permanently stick to your decal and you will need to throw your stripes into the trash can! If the paper masking tape got wet, sometime, it will pull your decal and mess up the intended shape of your decal and make it harder to install!
- You must have a big folding table where the tabletop is at least double the length of your stripes or double the width of your stripes. The table must be really clean to prevent dirt from sticking to your stripes.
- Make sure your garage door is close so the wind will not flow dirt flying around. Your floor must be clean as well so when you walk around, you will not kick up all the dirt. Spray the floor wet is one trick and make sure to wear the right shoes without slipping when walking around!
- Lay your stripe on top of your dry table with the masked stripes facing down. Peel off the backing paper in which the stripes adhesive will face up.
- Spray the soapy solution on the adhesive side of your decal. If you have paper premask, make sure do not overspray too much to the table which it will spread into the paper premask.
- Spray a good amount of soapy solution on the surface of your car where you are about applying your stripes.
- Bring over to your car and lay it down to the location you are supposed to install your stripe (adhesive side faces down to the car).
- Using a hard squeeze (or using your credit card for a small decal) to apply good pressure on the masking tape to get all the water out. Keep doing that a couple of times to get all the water out. If you don't apply good

pressure, the water is still staying underneath your stripes. When they dry up, they will become bubbles. You won't be able to see any bubbles since the masking tape is blocking your view; therefore, making sure to squeeze all the water out with good pressure to avoid bubbles when peeling the masking tape off. Since it is a wet application, if you install it over a curve, the stripe will try to pop up ... so just wait a couple of minutes and keep squeezing down all the way to the nearby edges to get the water out!

- Using a towel to clean up all the water around the stripes to prevent water from running into the stripes and create bubbles. Squeeze all over again before waiting to peel the premask off.
- I will have a YouTube video for install premask wrap vinyl stripes dry method. Please check my instruction for that.

## How do you know when is the right time to peel off premask?

- Since water is running down; therefore, always test a little on top of your stripes unless the surface is leveled. If you lift a bit of masking tape at the top of your stripe and it did not lift the stripe up, then you can start peeling off the masking tape.
- For paper masking tape, depending on weather, wax left on your Vette, and how much you have squeezed water out, you can peel your masking tape off in about 20 minutes. Get a sponge and soak it up with water. Go over your paper masking and squeeze it a bit to let the water start soaking into the paper masking tape. When the water got soaked into paper masking tape, it will start separating more the adhesive. Give it a couple of minutes to let the water soaking thru the paper masking tape. Try at a little corner and if the decal comes off with the masking tape, squeeze it down and wait more time (do the same sponge soaking water). If you see the masking tape separates from the stripes, it is time to peel it off. Start peeling the masking tape off parallel with the surface like the picture below. If it is the right time to peel the masking tape off and the water soaks thru the masking tape, you got almost zero effort to peel the masking tape off. I will have YouTube video for this soon. Please keep checking my instruction page.
- For clear plastic masking tape, depending on weather, wax left on your Vette, and how much you have squeezed water out, you can peel your masking tape off in about 30-45 minutes (when my garage is about 80 degrees, it took me 55 minutes to be able to peel it off). When you first squeeze all the water out, you can see the clear plastic is clear. After squeezing all the water out, there will be a tiny amount of water left around the edges of your stripes. Those waters will try to evaporate. During that process, it will separate the masking and vinyl around your stripe edges. When masking tape and vinyl got separated, the clear masking tape will look really cloudy. It is time to test to see if you can peel it off. If it is the right time, you got almost zero effort to separate them. Therefore just keep checking! If you are too late, then all the water will evaporate and the masking tape will stick as hard as the beginning. If this happens, you can still peel your masking tape off but it may leave the adhesive residue to your stripes which you will need goo gone to remove it. You will need to keep squeezing your stripes down every 10-15 minutes especially around the edges to get all the water out. Every time when squeeze the stripes down, you can test a little to see if you can peel your masking tape off now. When peeling the masking tape off, peel it parallel with the surface and don't peel it 90 degrees which

will easily lift up your decal as well (picture below). I will have YouTube video for this soon. Please keep checking my instruction page.

