

Install Stripes with Premask

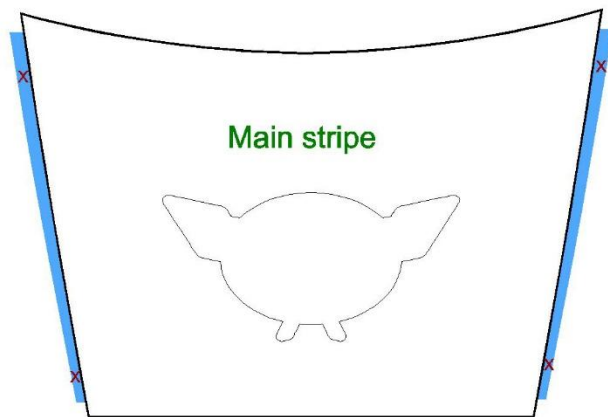
*****Your stripes come with medium tack clear premask. You will need to peel off the premask by lifting up the vinyl back side.**

*****Please check my FAQ on my website to prep your Corvette free of wax or ceramic coating. Vinyl will not stick on surface with wax or ceramic coating*****

- When ordering stripes with premask, you're essentially getting a professional-grade installation kit. Since my vinyl is now wrap-grade, it's also incredibly easy for DIYers to install these stripes. If you order a kit with border stripes in a single color, the premask will hold all the pieces together as a single unit. This means you only need to align the stripes in the center of the panel and line them up with the previous pieces. The premask can reduce installation time by nearly half.
- Since my vinyl is wrap vinyl, you can either install dry or wet.
- Please follow this YouTube video to know how to install dry: <https://youtu.be/AyunT8P0PtW>. If your installer knows how to do dry installation, then he should know what to do with premask installation. If he doesn't, then find another installer 😊
- Please follow this YouTube video for wet installation: <https://youtu.be/4NqSWMjEGK4>

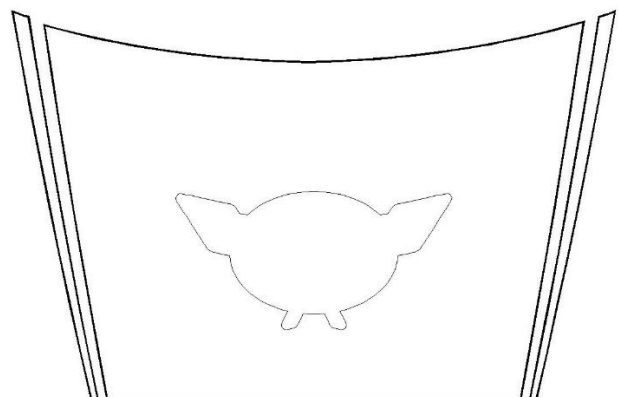
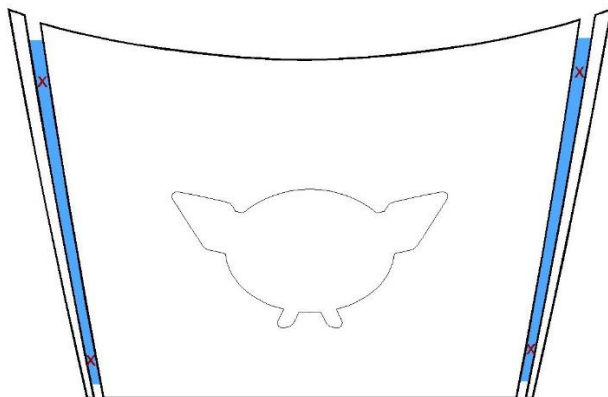
Below are the written instructions on how to install stripes using the premask wet method

- Please check this instruction to know how to mix soapy solution: http://www.vettestripes.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/How_To_Peel_Off_Stripes.pdf
- With premask on top, you cannot see the true color of your stripe. You can peel it off a bit to take a peek, 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 better understand all the steps.
- When ordering **1-color** stripes with the correct option for middle spacers, all your stripes for each panel will be masked together in one piece. For example, one piece for the hood, one piece for the front nose, one piece for the roof, etc...
- When ordering **2-color** stripes, the installation will involve two steps: first, install the main stripes, then peel off the masking tape from the main stripes, and finally, install the outer stripes next to the main stripes. After finishing the installation, remove all spacers. Either the main stripes or the outer stripes will have the spacers masked together.



- On the left-hand side are examples of the spacers (in blue color) masked right next to your main stripe. In reality, the spacers will be the same color as your main stripes.

- Install your border stripes right next to the blue spacers. In reality, the blue spacers are the same color as your main stripe. Remove the spacers, and you will have the final stripes with even spaces.



- There are three layers to your decals: the bottom wax paper (also known as candle paper or backing paper), your decal (vinyl), and premask (clear plastic masking tape). All of my vinyl is now wrap vinyl, so you can install it wet or dry. If installing wet, you must mix a soapy solution using Johnson's baby shampoo, as that is the shampoo I have tested.
- 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. 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!
- 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 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. 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. I have YouTube video for this soon. Please check my instruction page.