



Instructions for Hood Blackout Install

Installing Vinyl Graphics is not very hard but requires some patience. These instructions are only a guide, I recommend you have a local window tint or Graphics pro install it if you are not confident. There are many different methods and tricks that people use, I am not responsible if you mess this up ;)

Tools

- Squeegee
 - Microfiber Cloth (To Wrap the Squeegee)
 - Scissors & Exact-O knife
 - Cleaning Supplies (To Prep the Surface)
 - Application fluid in Spray Bottle (3 drops of Dish Soap to a cup of water)
 - Blue or Green Painters Masking Tape
1. Open the hood and remove the washer squinters
 2. Clean the surface with mild soap and water, you may want to use a wax remover to ensure that the surface is clean, finally go over the surface with isopropyl alcohol to ensure it is free from contaminants.
 3. Most Blackouts are designed to wrap the rear most ½” around the rear of the hood ensure this area is clean. (alternatively you can trim this area flush with an razor blade)
 4. Position the Graphic in place and use tape to secure one side of the decal. Stand back and ensure that the graphic is straight and in the correct place. (Look for even distribution of gaps to the body lines. Take your time with this step!)
 5. Now Fold the un-taped side back on top of the secured side and Peel the Backing off of the Vinyl exposing the adhesive. Laying the backing down on the hood. Soak the adhesive side with Application fluid. Use Scissors to cut the backing close to the center and discard.
 6. Soak the hood and adhesive with application fluid, and slowly lay out the decal back onto the hood.
 7. Starting an inch from the scissor cut line squeegee out the water up and down adjacent to the cut line, and work your way down the hood towards the end of the graphic.
 8. Once one side is down, remove the Tape, and Repeat the procedure with the last half of the decal.
 9. Use an Exact-O to cut out the washer squitter holes and reinstall the Squirters.

Tips

- Hold squeegee at ~45 degree angle while removing bubbles
- Our 3M Vinyl has Control Tack Adhesive, and is repositionable until you apply pressure. Until you apply pressure it can be repositioned.
- Ensure the ambient and surface Temperature is 50-80 Degrees
- Have a friend handy, especially when peeling off the backing.
- Use a Microfiber cloth wrapped around the squeegee to avoid scratches in the finished product

