

# WARNING

- These following pages are instruction for C5 CE stripes; however, it is the same method applying vinyl. Please spend time to read thru these pages. At the end, it is your C5 GS1 stripes' instruction.
- All the instructions in this are just from how I have done on my car 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.
- There is a better way to apply these stripes to pre-mask the bigger stripes. You can pre-mask the bigger stripes by yourself by buying those pre-mask tape (like painting masking tape at home depot but these masking tapes are 15" wide) at any local vinyl shop. Or you can bring you big stripes to a local shop and they can pre-mask for you for less than 50\$.
- Trying to keep the price of stripes low so I don't sell these stripes with pre-mask the bigger stripes; however, I now have the option to pre-mask all the bigger stripes for 30\$.
- You will follow the same instructions in next couple pages with pre-mask bigger stripes; however, you will have to wait at least 3 hrs after applying all the bigger stripes to peel off the masking tape.
- Why pre-mask is better? With pre-mask, it will reduce the chance that you squeeze the vinyl and stretch the vinyl too much so the vinyl will shrink back to it original shape. You still have to squeeze the masking tape to get all the water out but still don't squeeze too hard. Masking tape is also paper so they will stretchable in water. Ron(Corvette forum member)'s installer using other method after pre-mask the stripes. I just PM Ron and hope to update these instruction ASAP.
- And again, I still don't guarantee anything. Avery will only guarantee that the vinyl will not fading in 8 years since I'm using Avery high performance vinyl and Avery guarantees the vinyl for 8 years.

# Hood stripes

- Tools needed from AutoZone or any auto parts store: bottle spray, squeegee, a towel that you're using to clean your car up after washing, and baby shampoo (not from Auto parts store).
- Whatever you're doing, make sure the vinyl candle paper is not getting wet or it will permanently stick to your vinyl.
- Wash your car really clean and water it really well to get all the washing soap off.
- Every single piece includes 3 stripes: big stripe, small stripe, and space guide line stripe with "T" shape on both ends (pictures included)
- Using masking tape to mask two ends of the hood with the given measurement minus 1/8 on each side so the vinyl won't overlap the masking tape but instead 1/8 away.
- Mix 3 to 4 drops of baby shampoo with water in 12 oz bottle spray and spray thru out the hood and your hand when touching vinyl.
- Peel the big stripe vinyl off the candle paper and lay it on the hood with the adhesive side faces upward. Spray the adhesive side of the vinyl and the hood as much as possible. The more soapy solution, the easier to apply the vinyl.
- Then apply the wet vinyl to the wet hood and line it up 1/8 to the masking tape. Right now you will know why the more water the easier the job get done since you can move the vinyl around the hood.
- Wrap above wet towel around the squeegee (to avoid scratching vinyl and paint) and squeegee the vinyl downward to position it into place. Get all the bubbles out by keeping the towel wet and squeegee the vinyl.
- Using the same method to apply the space guide line vinyl next and then the small vinyl.
- Do not overlap any stripes include the space guide line stripe.
- Do not squeegee too much on the space guide line stripe since it will be removed right after the small vinyl is in place.
- The stripes will be longer than the hood a bit so you can bend them around the hood but just leave it until the stripes get dried and then message the stripes slowly to bent them around the hood. When bending the stripes inside the hood, you will cut around the big stripes to reduce tension if any.
- **Check next page for step by step with pictures**

- Marking tape



- Apply one bigger stripe first



- Apply the second hood bigger stripes



- Apply the spacer (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 string 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 😊.



# Trunk and roof stripes

- Using the same method as hood stripes
- Wait for the stripes completely dried, cut and bend the stripes around the trunk, roof, etc ...
- Check out some other instructions from these 2 links:  
<http://www.fixedroofcoupe.com/howtodefult.asp?count=0&howto=stripes&pages=15>  
<http://www.speedgraphics.net/docs/vinyl-installation-guide.pdf>
- That is all I can think off ... The project will be much easier if you have a partner to help you to peel off the vinyl.
- Good luck with your project and I'm for sure you will love it since I really like my stripes and I miss counting how many head turns I got a day after gotten my stripes 😊
- Some great tricks from forum members:
  - Tape the vinyl on the garage wall firmly and peel them off slowly
  - You don't have to trace them out for the top of coupe and FRC, coupe hatchback, or FRC rear little part right after the rear glass. Just cut them a bit longer and then trim them off right after put them on the car and then tuck them underneath of the weather stripping. They got at least a 1/4 inch space underneath of the weather stripping. Check this post <http://forums.corvetteforum.com/zerthread?id=805507> for a little more details (the 5th and 6th pictures)
  - If you wax your car before applying stripes, make sure you wash it off using car wash soap and then water and water to get all of the cut grease soapy off the car or vinyl will not stick well.
  - Try to squeeze to get all the water out but don't press it too much since it will stretch the vinyl's and will shrink when dried out and leave some bordering glue. However, goo-gone (at Home Depot) should clean up those glue.
- This is my recently trick to peel off the backing paper:
  - Make sure not to peel off any extra pieces to expose the backing paper.
  - Separate all the pieces: your set comes in a whole big piece which includes hood, roof, and trunk pieces. Cut them all apart.
  - Spray water on the side of the hood/roof/trunk where you are about to apply the stripe.
  - Your hand should be dried with a water bucket next to it.
  - Lay down the vinyl with backing paper faces up to where you just spray water (this is why no expose backing paper because if the backing paper gets wet, it will stick permanently to the vinyl right away). Now with 1 hand holding 1 end up, get another hand wet (should be right hand if you are right handed) and using that wet hand to pop up the vinyl from backing paper by bending the backing paper at a corner of the stripe. You can actually bending this corner prior to put it on the car to make sure you can pop up the vinyl easily from that corner.
  - Just peel up the vinyl and lay it down to the hood where you just spray water. The vinyl now will stick with the hood but you still need to use the wet hand to stick it down to the hood. The other hand keeps peeling the backing paper. When you got the vinyl stick on the hood for about 16"-24" or when you can feel that it will not slide any more, you can start using 2 hands now to peel off the backing paper. So if you have 2 people, it will much easier. One person peeling the backing paper and another person with wet hands holding the stripes.
  - After peeling off the backing paper completely, spray soapy solution on the hood/roof/trunk where you about to apply the vinyl (make sure it is clean again since sometime, when peeling backing paper, it will have some dirt). Spray soapy solution on the stripe and flip it over and start squeeze the stripes.

# C5 Racing stripes

- Remove the front license plate cover and clean the area behind it really well.
- The space between the two stripes are 4”.
- Pop up the hood, install the front fascia stripes first. Do not cut the front extra license plate pieces (will cut later when it's dried out a bit).
- Remove the rear license plate and clear the area behind it real well.
- Pop up the rear trunk/hatch and install the stripes on the rear bumper.
- Pop up the top and install the stripes on the top or the roof of the FRC (fixed roof coupe).
- At this point, the stripes on the front fascia is dried out a bit so you can close the hood and install the stripes for the hood.
- Close the rear trunk/hatch and install the stripes for the rear trunk/hatch
- Put the top back on and install the stripes for the coupe cross bar (B-pillow)
- You will need to use hair drier around the front license plate cover, top corner of the rear bumper, and around the corners of rear license plate. Squeegee the flat surface first. Apply some heat at those corners. After applying heat, the vinyl will be really flexible, spray soapy solution on top of it and squeegee using the squeegee or your finger right away. Work slowly around those area.
- Have fun 😊