



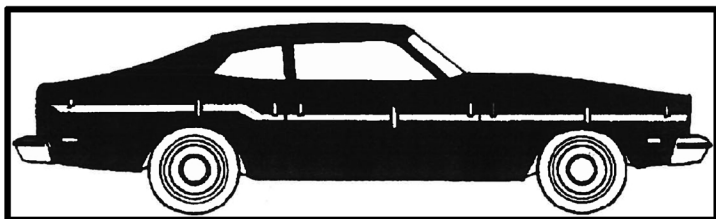
# STRIPING KIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

## GENERAL APPLICATION PROCEDURE

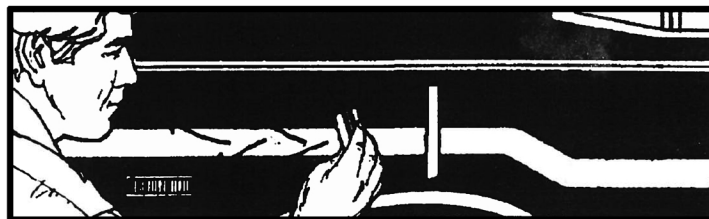
### RECOMMENDED TOOLS:

- 1" Wide Masking Tape
- Plastic Squeegee
- Scissors/Razor Blade
- Axalta Prep-Sol 3919S or similar wax and grease remover
- Heat Gun
- Pin
- Wiping Cloths

1. Lay out all stripes on the vehicle to get each in its proper location. Then place the pieces individually in their position using masking tape to hold them in place. In its proper position, door striping should have equal amounts of overlap at each end. When positioning front and rear fender graphics, allow 1/2" material to wrap the hem flanges.



2. When removing the backing paper from the graphic, it's best to peel away from a corner, ensuring the decal remains on the backing liner. Removing the decal from the backing prematurely can warp or stretch the material. Remove the masking tape as you apply the decal to the vehicle, then peel backing from decal once it has been applied.
3. For easier installation on longer body panels, it's recommended that a piece of masking tape is added mid-way through the stripe to allow the graphic to be installed one half at a time. Remove half of the backing paper and squeegee the decal to the vehicle, remove the tape and apply the remainder of the decal.



4. Use the supplied plastic squeegee to apply the decal to the vehicle. Use firm overlapping strokes, moving outward from the center of the decal.

5. If the decal has been positioned correctly, there should be enough material to wrap around the hem flanges of the vehicle. Before wrapping into this area, ensure that the area has been stripped of all dirt, oils, and wax thoroughly using a cleaning solution. Heating the decal with a heat gun will aid in wrapping the material around the hems. Be careful not to over-stretch or tear the material when wrapping these areas.



6. After applying the decal, remove the transparent transfer paper by slowly pulling the tape back over itself at a 180° angle. This motion will ensure that the decal will not lift away from the vehicle.



7. Inspect the decal for air bubbles. If you encounter bubbles, you can remove them by using a straight pin or razor blade to puncture the bubble at its edge and use the squeegee or a finger to force the air out through the hole.



If you experience any problems or have any questions, please contact us.

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### **Application using the Wet Transfer Method:**

(Should be used on most windshield applications, unless you have done this before.)

Mix roughly one gallon of water with a few drops of dishwashing soap. Use a spray bottle to wet the area where the decal will be applied.

Trim away transfer tape so the tape is within roughly ½" the size of the decal. Remove the backing and place the decal, still attached to the transfer tape, to the wetted surface.

The decal can now be moved and adjusted easily and will slide on the thin film of soapy water between the decal and the paint.

Once the decal is in its correct location, use the squeegee to squeeze the liquid from under the decal. The transfer tape will protect the decal during this process.

### **CAUTION**

Ensure that as much liquid as possible is removed from beneath the decal. Be thorough in removing the liquid or the decal will not adhere to the vehicle properly and may lift when removing the transfer tape.

While a squeegee is recommended for this process, you may use your fingers or a soft cloth as well. When removing the transfer tape, work the edges of the decal with your fingers and a soft, absorbent cloth to remove any remaining liquid. This process is best done in warm weather, but preferably not in direct sunlight.

If there are bubbles present under the decal, a small pin or razor blade may be used to create a hole through which the air can escape. A small hole should not be seen once the air has been evacuated.

### **Maintenance:**

In colder climates, decals may be prone to being damaged when scraping frost or ice. Exercise caution when removing ice from the vehicle.

When cleaning the vehicle, wax can build up on the edges of the decal. Carefully remove the build up using a soft cloth and avoid brushes which may force the buildup under the decal and cause the decal to peel. Normal automotive cleaning products and water will not damage the decal, though it's recommended to avoid pressure washers and automated car washes, which can sometimes reduce the life of the vinyl and affect its appearance. While decals do not last forever, given the proper care, they can last many years.