

CAMOUFLAGE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



STEP 1 - SURFACE PREPARATION

Wash and dry the vehicle thoroughly. The cleaner the vehicle is, the better the Camouflage wrap will adhere. After washing, wipe the entire vehicle down with 70% isopropyl alcohol or wax and silicone remover. Use kitchen paper towel off the roll. Do not use shop towel/rags. Remember ... the more attention you pay to the surface prep, the better your end result will be. Camouflage will not stick well to rust or to flaking paint.



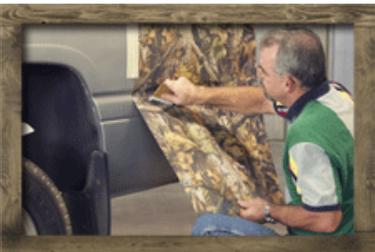
STEP 2 - POSITIONING THE WRAP SHEET

Leaving the paper release liner on the decal, position the first panel, holding it in place with small pieces of masking tape on each edge. Position the panel leaving the maximum amount of excess material to trim off. In other words, if you're covering a 2' area with a 5' piece of material, try to save the entire 3' excess. Note: It's always best to begin applying camouflage at the rear of the vehicle, moving toward the front with subsequent panels. Using the approach, panel overlap will occur from front to rear, helping to eliminate the effects of wind against the seams.



STEP 3 - PLACING THE WRAP SHEET

Apply a masking tape "hinge" across the entire width at the top of the sheet, half on the wrap sheet, half secured to the vehicle (2" wide tape works best for this). Using this hinge, lift the bottom of the decal and remove the paper release liner. (In lieu of a tape hinge, fold back 2"-3" of the paper liner and rub it in place by hand.) Let the decal drop against the vehicle. Don't worry... the decal is produced using 3M's Comply™ Performance adhesive system, so it won't stick until you want it to stick.



STEP 4 - APPLYING THE WRAP SHEET

Using your felt edged squeegee tool, squeegee the wrap in place, beginning in the center at the top of the decal. Your squeegee strokes should be smooth, firm and overlapping moving from the center out, alternating left and right. Try holding the squeegee angled approximately 10° to 20° toward the open or unsqueegeed area. Do not angle the squeegee toward an area that has already been squeegeed, because this will trap air and create bubbles and wrinkles. Until the squeegee has pushed the decal firmly against the surface, you can lift the decal away from the surface to reposition it, if necessary.



STEP 5 - COVERING CONTOURS AND MOLDING

When approaching vehicle body contours and moldings, squeegee strokes made perpendicular to the contour are more effective. Squeegee the decal into a crease or body line as shown at left. Do not squeegee the decal on both sides of a concave contour and then attempt to stretch it into the contour. The idea is to apply the decal while minimizing stretching the material. Once you've passed the contours, revert to the normal side-to-side squeegee patterns.



STEP 6 - TRIMMING

When you reach the end of a section, trim the excess material with a sharp knife. Save the excess for patching any troublesome areas you may encounter later. Part of the beauty and appeal of camouflage coverings is their removability. However, because they're produced using removable adhesive, there are some areas where adhesion may be somewhat limited. This occurs mainly where the decals are applied to compound contours. In order to maximize adhesion to these compound contours, adhesive promoter could be applied to ensure proper adhesion.



STEP 7 - RELIEF CUTS

Compound contours present the greatest challenge to camo application, but following a few easy steps will make it much more successful. Apply as much of the camo as possible to the flat surface(s) approaching the compound contour area. When you can no longer squeegee the decal without creating wrinkles or creases, it's time to apply heat to soften the film and help it conform. A heat gun is recommended but a hair dryer sometimes works. As a last resort, in some cases it may be time for a relief cut. A relief cut is a horizontal/vertical slice in the material where once cut you would lay one flap down and overlap with the second.



HOW TO MAKE YOUR SHEET OVERLAP INVISIBLE



1. Wrapping certain things with camouflage film (like flair for your fender) can sometimes be tricky. Every little tip helps! Here's how to overlap camo film so the seam will disappear.

2. Before you apply the film, cut fingers like you see above on the overlapping sheet. By cutting these fingers it will make the overlap where to two sheets cover each other virtually seamless and invisible.



• Once the bottom section of the Camouflage has been applied and before you apply the finger cut edged film over top, be sure to re-wipe the application surface with alcohol to prevent any contamination where the 2 sheets will overlap.

Your end result will be a seamless overlap that is virtually impossible to see.