



## BLACKOUT HOOD DECAL INSTALLATION

Our hood decals are cut on high quality matte black vinyl. These instructions will help as a guideline for successful installation. If you are not confident with your ability to install this graphic please have it installed by a professional. There are many videos available on YouTube for hood decal installations. Each has its own technique. Our directions are based off what works best for us. We accept no liability for ruined decals.

Video tutorial also available at: [www.youtube.com/AlphaVinylDecals](http://www.youtube.com/AlphaVinylDecals)

### Tools Required:

- Decal Application Fluid (provided)
- Squeegee (provided)
- Utility Knife (provided) & Scissors
- Cleaning Supplies (surface prep)
- Microfiber towel to wrap plastic squeegee to prevent scratching vinyl
- Painters tape
- Small socket set or wrench to remove hood tie down hoop (footman loop)
- A friend to help is **STRONGLY** recommended
- Patience

### Directions:

1. Open hood and remove windshield washer sprayers. Each make model has a slightly different method but they pop out. If you cannot get yours out please Google how to do so online so you do not break anything.
2. Remove hood hoop (footman loop). This requires small socket or small wrench. 9mm for JK, 8mm TJ. Might require removal of hood insulation.
3. Remove rubber hood bumpers.
4. Clean the entire hood. Remove wax if needed. Surface needs to be wax free.
5. Position your graphic in place.



6. Use painters tape to secure one side. Stand on your bumper and look down on your graphic to ensure it is positioned where you want it.



7. Have one person hold the corners of the decal while the other pulls off the backing. Pull off about 1/2 of the backing.



Use scissors to cut away the ½ side of the backing paper.



Generously spray the sticky side of the decal and exposed side of the hood with application fluid.



Slowly lay out the decal back onto the hood.



8. Starting one inch from your cut line squeegee the completed half of the hood decal. Start in the center and work outwards.



9. Once the first half is down remove the tape from the other half and remove the backing tape and repeat the process for the other side. The first side might still be able to move so do not tug on the vinyl. Use squeegee from center out to remove application fluid and bubbles.
10. Allow vinyl to dry.
11. Use provided utility knife to slit the vinyl where the bumpers, wiper nozzle, and footman look attach. Use an X pattern cut like shown below.





Note: **DO NOT** use the plastic squeegee directly on the vinyl decal as it can cut and scratch the vinyl decal. Wrap a microfiber cloth around the squeegee. If you squeegee your hood from center outwards you should work any and all air bubbles out of the vinyl.

TIPS:

- Do not install in extreme heat or cold. If your hood is hot to the touch it is more than likely too hot to install. 50-80 degrees is ideal. A garage is the best atmosphere as it is shaded and protected from elements.
- When you apply pressure with the squeegee you are not trying to kill the vinyl. Just briskly brush over the decal with light pressure. Do not rub the plastic squeegee over the actual vinyl (wrap in microfiber towel). Hold squeegee at a 45 degree angle when applying the decal.
- Have a friend help you. This can be done solo but is MUCH easier with two.
- Application fluid is your friend. Make sure to use it generously on the hood and decal so that you can easily move you decal if needed.

We are always willing to answer any questions you may have via email. Send us pictures of your finished product for or online gallery.

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