

4 - Hardware Removals:

Removing the hardware on a vehicle makes the installation process easier, the quality higher and helps ensure durability. The two main keys to removals are using the right tools and techniques so the vehicle/hardware doesn't get damaged and storing the emblems/hardware in a safe place for easy re-install.

Emblems: Most emblems are fastened to the vehicle with double-sided tape. To remove the emblems, use a wide plastic removal tool or a plastic wire to slowly pry them off. Work methodically in order to remove the emblems in one piece.

* Tip - Be sure to take measurements or pictures to remember the precise position of the emblems. Emblems can easily be reinstalled over the film or back on the body of the vehicle after the graphics are removed. Use outdoor double-sided tape to refasten the emblems.

Adhesive Removal: Adhesive residue is often left behind after the emblems or vinyl lettering is removed. It is very important to find an effective adhesive remover.

Avery Dennison recommends using a ScraperRite blade or similar plastic scraper as an effective way to remove adhesive when used in conjunction with an adhesive remover. Always be sure to wear heavy-duty rubber gloves and wipe off the adhesive residue with a paper towel. After all the adhesive is removed be sure to clean the area thoroughly with a degreaser.

License Plate – Most license plates are easily removed simply by removing the screws. To avoid losing the screws, secure them to the license plate with masking tape.

Windshield Wiper - Windshield wipers can be easily removed with the proper tools. Most windshield wipers have a factory seal so they will be difficult to remove the first time. Be sure to push as closely towards the center as possible to avoid breaking the wiper.

Windshield Wiper Nozzle – Windshield wiper nozzles should be removed. This makes the installation of the hood dramatically easier and the quality higher.

Side Lights – Lights on the fenders and above license plates can generally be removed. Be sure to attach masking tape to the wire and fasten it to the inside of the body. This will keep the wire from falling into the vehicle, which can be time consuming to retrieve.

