

having to pay for a reprint, which they will appreciate. Roll the extra film up and place it in the vehicle for the client to keep.

For color change wraps, these extra pieces can be used for door handles, mirrors, inlays or custom stripes/shapes. Even with SW 900, there can be slight color variation from lot to lot so keeping these scraps can come in handy for repairs.

## **17 - Finishing an Install:**

The install is not complete with the last squeegee stroke or last cut. There are several post-wrap steps to ensure for a long lasting, zero-failure installation.

**Post Heating** - Once the film has been applied to the vehicle the critical areas need to be post heated. These areas are generally on compound curves, recessed areas and overlaps. Specific examples of where these are on the vehicle are: fenders, door handles, license plate area, overlaps and bumpers. When post heating, be sure to point the infrared thermometer at an angle that ensures that the ambient heat doesn't affect the readout. Post heating can take anywhere from 5 to 30 minutes. This may seem like a long time, especially at the end of an install, but post heating is just as important as cleaning and installing the film precisely. Post heating ensures a durable install and saves money over time by avoiding the need to fix or reprint failed film.

The best post heating temperature is between 185-195F. For overlaps it should be 220F. This is to ensure that the bottom layer reaches 180F.

