



Magnets: Magnets are an excellent, time saving tool that can be used to hold the panels on the vehicle in lieu of masking tape. There are a wide variety of magnets available. Be sure to use magnets that are strong enough to hold a panel and that the side that comes into contact with the film/application surface is soft rubber. Note that magnets can leave marks on the film when they are removed. These marks, in most cases, fade as the adhesive layer settles.

Masking Tape: Masking tape is used primarily to reduce surface energy on the vehicle so the film doesn't stick on tricky areas during the installation process. An installer should have a variety of different widths on hand from ½ an inch to 2-inches to get the best results. Masking tape can be used on: windows, molding, lights, antennas, door handles and windshield wipers.

Tape Measure: To make the panel straight and precise use a tape measure. When done measuring, place the tape measure in a pocket or tool bag. Avoid securing the tape measure on the front side of the body as it can scratch the vehicle during the installation process.

Application Glove: Application gloves are a safe and effective way of working the film into hard to access areas like recessed areas or door handles. In addition, the glove protects the hand from heat, and reduces friction allowing smooth application of graphics. Do not apply the film with a dry application glove, as it will grab the film causing it to wrinkle. The application glove should be moistened with a soapy solution. Make sure that the application glove is form fitting and thin enough to allow the finger to form the film into place.

Baby Shampoo: The best soap to use for a soapy solution used to moisten a glove is baby shampoo. Baby shampoo doesn't have acid in it, which means it won't compromise the adhesive. Some dishwashing soap has acid in it, which can compromise the adhesive on some films. One large squirt of shampoo in a one-quart spray bottle is adequate to create an effective soap solution. It is better to error with more baby shampoo then less because the shampoo acts as a lubricant.

Basic Tool Set: A basic tool set is key for removing hardware on vehicles. A proper tool kit should include screwdrivers (flathead and Phillips), pliers, a ratchet set, and a Torx wrenches. These tools will assist in prepping a vehicle to remove obstacles prior to application of vinyl graphics.

Edge Seal-It pen: Edge sealer is used on windows and underneath the vehicle to form a seal which keeps moisture from getting under the film. Sealing these edges with edge sealer helps ensure durability.