

Installation Directions

Rear Fascia ILLUSION Graphic

*You are about to install a vinyl graphic. The finished result will be a direct representation of a blackout of the rear fascia of your car. **The finished result will only be as good as your installation, take the time and patience required to install the product correctly. ...You will be glad you did.***

It is strongly suggested that you wash and clean the area to be installed thoroughly so that it is free from any dirt, bugs, etc. If not, they may show through the vinyl.

You will need some simple tools to install this graphic. It is suggested that you have them ready to use before you start the installation.

- 1- soapy water in a spray bottle (Windex works well too)*
- 2- ½ inch socket / ratchet wrench with 8"-12" extension.*
- 3- Decal squeegee application tool (a credit card will work too)*
- 4- Sharp razor blade or Exacto knife.*
- 5- A dry soft terrycloth rag (a hand towel works fine)*
- 6- Scissors*
- 7- (optional) Portable light with extension cord.*
- 8- (optional) Hair dryer*
- 9- (optional) Rhino Ramps*

*Before you can install the graphics you must cut them out of their sheet. Use your scissors or razor blade and cut them out leaving about ¼ each of space around them.. **DO NOT** cut the graphic. Place them aside until you need them.*

OK, you're ready to start. First get the rear of the car up in the air at least 12 inches off the ground. This is where the Rhino Ramps come in OR you can jack up the car and set the car on the jacks. Be sure all is secure. With the ½ inch ratchet remove the 2 nuts securing the mufflers to the car frame. They are located just behind the rear fascia vents. There are 2 nuts for each muffler. You will need to get on the ground to see them. You need to lower the tailpipes so that you work around them. Not bad so far, you're now ready for the installation of the graphic. The graphics are configured in 3 main pieces, a left, a right and a center. There are also 4 inserts for the vents. You may want to arrange or dry fit them on the car so you will understand where they should be located.

Alignment of these pieces is absolutely critical for the finished product to fit correctly. Take your time ! !.

Once you feel comfortable with the layout of the pieces you will need to start on the center piece first. You may want to spray lightly some soapy water on the underside of fascia above the tail pipes so that you can move the vinyl into place. (Some of you that feel that you don't want to use the water may get the job done faster but the ability to move the decal in the correct position may be harder to do.) You can now peel off the paper backing leaving the clear backing and the decal itself. The correct placement will be obvious but you will need to apply the vinyl with the flats of your hands and smooth out with a dry towel or squeegee. The front edge of the vinyl should just wrap around the beginning of the upward contour towards the license tag about ½ inch. The vinyl can be removed several times without the water but you will eventually stress the adhesive. You'll need to remove all the air and water from between the vinyl and the car's finish. Continue to stroke the vinyl from the center outward until the vinyl is affixed to the car. You may use a hairdryer to hasten the drying time. Be sure that the decal is in position before you remove the clear backing. Once you remove the backing you have little chance of correcting placement. So be sure it's right!

OK, take a break and look at your work from a few feet back. So far, so good. Let's continue.

The next piece you will apply is the left side. **The alignment of the vent openings and the left edge alignment are critical here.** Take your time here and adjust as required. You have three edges to align, Top, side and the vent openings. Once aligned tap the top edge in place and begin to smooth out removing all air and moisture. Work the top smoothing out upwards. This is what you will see so it needs to be tight and smooth. Continue to smooth out the edges removing all moisture and air. You can now tap the vinyl at the separation of the vents and fold over the excess vinyl to cover the ribs of the vents. Again, smooth as much as you can. Work towards all the edges and open areas. This will eliminate the need to cut and prick the vinyl later removing any tiny bubbles or small creases. You can use your fingers and the towel to dry and be sure everything is in place. Once you're satisfied with the installation you can use the hair dryer to assure that the decal is properly dried and affixed, only then you can remove the clear backing.

OK, Take a break, you've earned it!! Take a few steps back and take a look that the alignment is correct and that all is secure. It's beginning to take shape now and you can visualize the finished product. It's looking good. Let's continue....

Basically you are going to repeat the same steps on the right side. Again it's essential that everything aligns and the complete graphic is symmetrical (in another words, balanced!) You want the right side center portion to overlap at the seam about 1/8 -1/4 inch. You want the vent openings to line up and you want the right edge to follow the

natural contour edge of the fascia.

Once you have installed the right side and are happy with the look, remove the clear backing and look for any small creases and tiny bubbles. Sometimes you just can't avoid them but we will take care of that later. The quality and texture of the vinyl will hide many of your installation sins but attention to details now will lessen the amount you have to deal with later on. OK, .Let's continue.

Now we have the four inserts to install. They are fitted for all the vents. You may have some trimming to do depending on your installation accuracy but there is enough material to cover up the exposed area of the inserts. Start on the long part of the insert and curl inside the vent to apply. I find my fingers do the best job to get the corners and make sure everything fits nice and tight.

At this point, review your work. Take the light and hold at an angle close to the surface to pick up any small bubbles and or small crease you have left in the application. I have found that many of the bubbles will virtually disappear with a small prick of the razor and just rub it smooth, all gone. Repeat as necessary holding the lamp to see what you have cleaned up. Any creases that you have created can also be eliminated by carefully cutting the underside of the crease and smoothing out. Again, repeat this process until you are satisfied that you have removed all that you can. The sunlight and heat will take care of the rest that are too small to work on. Remember you're looking close up to the surface under a light. Most of what you are seeing will be invisible to the naked eye under the natural sunlight and from several feet away at eye level.

OK, Let's get the mufflers back up and tight. Back the car off the ramps or down from the jack and get the car on the driveway where you can appraise your installation.

Looks Good. Huh!

*Your all done for now. The sunlight and natural heat will secure the graphic long term and it will be safe to drive away and show off your unique appearance modification to your car. **Enjoy!***

WARNING : DO NOT use a high pressure power washer on this product. Normal hose pressure and your favorite car wash will work just fine.

IMPORTANT: This product is under the protection of a U.S. Patent pending and I would hope that you will respect the research and development that went into the design of the product. Any duplication of product design for resale or distribution is prohibited and punishable by law.

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