



STRIPES & DECALS

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Before we start, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your purchase. We sincerely appreciate the business and support. Upon first unpacking your new TOUGE NATION stripes you may notice that the stripes appear to have creases from being rolled up. Do not be alarmed...this is normal. The vinyl is perfectly fine! The creases you see are a symptom of differing material tensions between the vinyl backing paper and top sheet application paper. When you cut out the stripe sections and remove the application paper with the vinyl attached from the backing paper it will become apparent that the vinyl will lay perfectly when using the instructions provided below.

IMPORTANT: If you choose to install your stripes later, it is important that you store your stripes in a clean and dry location. Ensure that the stripes are placed back inside the bag and box supplied. Failure to do so may lead to dust entering the channels created by sheets being rolled up which may contaminate and compromise the vinyl glue surface. **DO NOT** lay flat for any significant period of time prior to installation, they must be rolled in the same direction as supplied to ensure the integrity of the over-laminate.

Installing your decals can be intimidating at first, but if you take your time and follow a few key steps you will find that it really is not that hard and when you are all done you can stand back and marvel at your work. The instructions below detail a "wet" install, we do NOT recommend you undertake a "dry" installation method. Just like it sounds we are going to use water with a tiny amount of dish soap to temporarily prevent the decal from sticking while we position it on the car.

Tools needed:

1. Hobby knife or razor blade
2. Squeegee (A credit or ATM card will work just fine!)
3. Tape measure / Ruler
4. Masking tape
5. Spray bottle full of water (we usually fill the bottle with water and two drops of dish soap liquid.)
~ **IMPORTANT NOTE** : The ratio of water to dish soap is 2 drops per 250ml/1-Cup
6. A roll of paper towel

Step 1:

Clean the vehicle surface thoroughly. If you have recently waxed your car or used a silicone product like Armor All you will need to make sure it has been removed completely. Using a Isopropyl alcohol after cleaning is ideal.

Step 2:

Unpack your stripe package and carefully cut each panel section out. It is handy to write on the application paper which panel section goes where on the car (eg: Qtr-Panel, Fuel Door, Front Fender etc.)

Step 3:

Lay a line of masking tape down the length of the car where the stripe decal edge is to butt against. It does not matter if this edge is top or bottom. This edge will ensure that each panel section decal is correctly aligned.

Step 4:

Select a panel section to work from, it's easier to work front to rear as you tend to visualise the stripe as you install it. Wet the panel down with the water solution. Peel the backing paper and generously spray adhesive side of vinyl with water / soap solution.

Step 5:

Place on the vehicle carefully and position. The water / soap mix will give you time to position and align with your mask edge.

Step 6:

Firmly squeegee vinyl in place, working from centre out being careful not to move the decal from its position. Blot excess water with paper towel.

Step 7:

Spray the application tape (the translucent top cover that is keeping the decal together) with water to loosen and let sit for 5 minutes. The actual time may vary depending on ambient temperature, colder conditions will take much longer.

Step 8:

Carefully peel back masking / transfer tape, keeping it flat with the surface so you do not peel up the fresh vinyl. Go very slowly and carefully! Don't be alarmed if you have any bubbles or creases you can deal with them after the application paper is removed.

Step 9:

Once application paper is removed you can now focus on any bubbles or creases. Bubbles can be removed by using your squeegee do push them to edges, in turn pushing out the water trapped under the vinyl. Creases will require you to remove the vinyl section from the body and laying that section by hand, be sure to spray some water solution on the panel again to make vinyl realignment easier. Then use the squeegee to remove the water underneath. Pesky bubbles can be carefully popped with a needle or corner of razor blade.

Step 10:

Trim extra overlap along edges and panel gaps with razor blade if needed. Do **NOT** attempt to fold panel edges around the the corner of the panel. Laminated decals are not designed for this and it will only lead to continuous lifting of the vinyl and possible damage.

Step 11:

Let it dry thoroughly before driving the vehicle. Do **NOT** under any circumstances use any assisted form of drying like a heat gun or hair dryer. Do no wash for several days and avoid power washing the decal itself.

For more help, we strongly advise consulting YouTube. There are many videos online demonstrating what we mention above. Simply search "Vinyl Graphics Wet Install".

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