



AMERICAN CAR CRAFT INSTRUCTIONS

C6 Z06 FULL GRADIENT HOOD FADE GRAPHIC PART#042031

PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION RECOMMENDED

You will need:

**32-oz Spray bottle
Household snap knife
Lint free cloth or paper towels
(Bounty) Grease Pencil
Heat Gun or Household Hair Dryer**

Parts Included:

**1-Full Gradient Hood Graphic
2-Lettering Graphics
2-Adhesive Promoter Pack
1-Soft Squeegee
1-Plastic Squeegee**

- 1. Scrub the hood area with household rubbing alcohol to remove all dirt and wax. PLEASE NOTE: Cars that have been treated with a polymer type paint sealant need to be professionally removed with specific chemicals not available to the general public. You will need to take your car to a professional graphics installer.**
- 2. Mix an application fluid of 32oz water (a full spray bottle) and a few drops of pure dish detergent or baby shampoo. Test the solution by spraying a corner of your nose section directly to the paint and look to see if the mixture “sheets” the surface. If the solution “beads” the surface add another drop or two of soap until the mixture “sheets” the surface being careful not to make your solution too soapy as this will cause long term adhesion problems!**
- 3. Once your hood area is thoroughly cleaned, swipe the sides of the bulge in the hood, the very back edge of the hood as well as the rim of the vent opening and the gap between the hood and nose ONLY with the adhesive promoter provided. PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT SWIPE THE ENTIRE HOOD AREA AS THIS WILL RUIN THE INSTALLATION! The application of this adhesive promoter in these specific areas will help the lettering and the edges of the graphic to remain adhered and reduce the possibility of lifting after a long period of time.**

4. Using a grease pencil, mark the very center of the back of the hood as well as the back end of the graphic.

5. With everything set you will use the hood as a spring board to mount the graphic. Spray your solution mixed earlier directly to the hood where the graphic is to be mounted and also to the side. Lay the graphic face down on the wet paint and quickly remove the release liner from the entire graphic as you spray the solution to saturate the entire length of the graphic. Be careful NOT to wet the paper side of the liner as this will cause the release liner to dissolve and chip to the graphic! If this does occur continue to remove the liner then go back to the chips and soak them off the graphic. Once the liner is removed, flip the graphic over onto the center of the hood and line the rear centering marks as well as the front hood vent area up. Once the graphic is in position using your soft squeegee provided firmly squeegee the fluid working from the center out in all directions. Continue to squeegee until all moving fluid is out. Wipe the wetness off the hood and graphics and let stand for about 15 minutes to allow graphics to tack.

6. After you have allowed the graphics to sit you may begin to set the edges using a heat gun or common household hair dryer gently and lightly warm the edges and fold them over you can use the squeegee but you may find that your fingers with a paper towel works better. Carefully slice the gap between the hood and the nose directly in the center and fold the edges into the gap. Warm the hood vent area and gently force the graphic into the ridge of the vent pressing the vinyl firmly to set to the adhesive promoter applied earlier. Wipe the entire installation clean of any remaining solutions.

7. Now you are ready to install your hood lettering. You will notice that the lettering has been made at a slightly narrowing shape. These will need to be separated from the sheet by slicing the two readings apart at the dotted line. They are designed to set at the bulge of the hood placing the wider end of the lettering towards the back of the hood. Before permanently installing carefully line up the lettering reading forward and position it to your best liking. Once you have a good idea of where you want it, peel the release liner and prepare to apply the lettering to a dry surface. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO APPLY WET!** Simply line the lettering up where you want it and press it down with your thumbs. Work the entire lettering down to the paint pressing firmly using the plastic squeegee provided to set it to the adhesive promoter that you applied earlier. Repeat this process for the opposite side.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

Allow 24 hours to set before washing. Never use a car wash with brushes.

DO wash your graphics with plain soap and water or any car wash soap. Rinse thoroughly.

DO keep high-pressure nozzles at least 1 ½ feet from the edge of the graphic. High-pressure spray may cause the edge of the graphic to peel.

DON'T use any aromatic solvents such as acetone, paint thinner, and lacquer thinner on your graphics. Any solvent may soften or smear colors.

DON'T overcoat the graphics with clear paint.

DON'T let gasoline drip or stay on graphics for any length of time. If a spill occurs, wipe off and rinse with water immediately.

DON'T apply wax over graphics, especially if the wax contains any petroleum distillates.

