

# **OG Innovations** Installation Instructions

Thank you for your purchase of an OG Innovations graphic package from Scott Drake for your vehicle – the best way to make you and your ride stand out from the crowd.

# KIT INCLUDES:

- Complete graphics kit for vehicle
- Installation guide
- Squeegee tool

# **TOOLS REQUIRED\*:**

- Squeegee (included)
- Vinyl blade/exacto knife
- Car cleaning products: microfiber rags and detail spray
- Knifeless tape string or Painter's tape (optional)
- A buddy to help hold the graphics in place
- And PATIENCE. Take your time with installing this kit. On average, you can expect to spend 3 hours to complete. When properly installed and cared for, it will last for years.

# **PREPARATION:**

## **CLEAN YOUR VEHICLE**

This is arguably the most important step in the entire process because any dust or dirt can be a big problem on vinyl as it can be seen underneath once it's installed on the vehicle. Waxing is not necessary as it will make it more difficult for the graphics to stick to the paint. A light spray wax however, is acceptable.

Also, it is important to make sure the floor and workspace around you is clean and dust free.



# INSTALLATION:

#### 1) POSITION ON YOUR VEHICLE

Using our reference picture/layout paper showing the approximate graphic position, grab a buddy to help you hold the graphic up against the vehicle BEFORE you peel ANY papers off.

Position the graphic on your vehicle in a way that YOU like best. Over the roof, hood, whatever angle/positioning you choose. (Figure 1)

(A Note for Professionals) Use knifeless tape around the taillights and door handles in order to cut the vinyl with the string in those areas (if and only if the vinyl is covering that area), instead of cutting the vinyl on the car and risk cutting into the paint.

Another alternative is to layer painter's tape to cut and cushion the blade from touching the paint.

## 2) TAPE GRAPHIC TO THE VEHICLE

Use painter's tape to help hold the graphic to your vehicle once it is in the desired position. (Figure 2)

## 3) WIPE THE VEHICLE

By wiping off the vehicle, you will ensure that no dust from the tape and positioning contaminated the surface.

# 4) PEEL BACK HALF OF THE BACKING PAPER

Starting from the front of the graphic (closest to the front of the vehicle), peel back the first HALF only of the backing paper. This will expose the "sticky side" of the vinyl, while leaving the vinyl applied to the sticky main wax paper. (Figure 3)

Cut off the peeled front half of the backing paper which is now just dangling.

## 5) PULL THE GRAPHIC STRAIGHT TOWARDS THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE

**Gently** pull the graphic straight towards the front of the vehicle while your buddy holds the back half against the vehicle. And LIGHTLY apply the main section of the front half of the graphic to your vehicle.

**NOTE:** By having your buddy pull the graphic tight, it should remove all or most of the wrinkle or saggy parts of the paper which will make the install cleaner and easier.



(Figure 1)



(Figure 2)



(Figure 3)



#### 6) SQUEEGEE

Now that some of the material is on the vehicle, use the included squeegee to gently smooth out the vinyl in a uniform fashion (front to back of vehicle is recommended). (Figure 4)

#### 7) CONTINUE TO APPLY VINYL

Continue to apply the vinyl in the direction that it "flows." If you get a wrinkle, gently peel the vinyl back (in that area), and then reapply it.

#### SOME HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

- As you continue to lay the vinyl on your vehicle, begin removing or ripping away small pieces of the wax paper holding all of the vinyl together. But ONLY in areas where the vinyl is applied to the car smoothly and completed. As you rip away small pieces of the wax paper, it will "free up" or relax any stressed vinyl around the rest of the graphic to help mold the graphic to the shape of your vehicle. (Figure 5)
- Be patient and continue to work your way along the side of the graphic and vehicle. Peel off the rest of the vinyl backing as you make your way towards the back of the vehicle.
- Always work in a front to back direction.

#### 8) WHEEL WELLS

Once you reach the wheel well of your vehicle, there should be an excess of material that will not be used. This is completely normal.

With the blade or vinyl knife, remove the material from the wheel section while leaving approximately 4 inches of overhang over the tires to ensure you have enough material to "tuck up" inside of the wheel well. (**Figure 6**)

You can either throw the cut vinyl away or save it if you want to apply it somewhere else on the vehicle.

#### 9) CONTINUE TO APPLY VINYL

Continue to apply the vinyl in the direction that it "flows." If you get a wrinkle, gently peel the vinyl back in that area, and then reapply it. Remember to peel the wax paper away in pieces off of the areas that are completed and applied to the vehicle.

Using your knife/blade, slice it/run it between the cracks of door jams and bumpers or wherever the vinyl graphic covers the car to allow the opening and closing of doors, gas cap covers, etc.



(Figure 4)



(Figure 5)



(Figure 6)



Once cut, gently use the squeegee to apply the vinyl into the crack of the door jam, bumper or fuel door. Use your fingers to roll the vinyl over smoothly and tuck it in to the crevasses of the vehicle.

## **10) TAILLIGHTS**

You have three choices:

**1.** Use knife-less tape to cut through the overlapping vinyl that goes over your taillights.

**2.** Cut the parts of vinyl around the taillights to give it a good fit. Use painter's masking tape to protect the paint and clear coat.

**3.** Simply cut the vinyl in the gap between taillight housing and body panel and tuck the cut vinyl into the crevasse.

And that's a...wait for it...WRAP!

At this point, you should have completed the first half of the vehicle! The second side is always easier and should go faster, but take your time and be patient.

