



Clear Vinyl Shield Removal Overview:





The vinyl shield you are about to remove from your vehicle is an especially thick & difficult to remove adhesive backed vinyl. It is weathered and probably appears cracked. Remember that in any removal process, heat is your friend. Heat further opens the surface of the vinyl to allow Vinyl-Off[™] to migrate thru this layer and loosen the adhesive from the vehicles surface. Move the surface into direct sunlight if practical and allow it to heat up prior to beginning removal. A secondary heat source (steamer, propane torch, heat gun, even a good hair dryer) will also assist in removal. Please use caution and a heat source tool with which you are already familiar.

What you will need:

Vinyl-Off[™] ~ Adhesive Remover ~ Heat Source ~ Scraping Tool ~ Fine Grit Sandpaper (optional) Instruction Sheets for Vinyl-Off[™]

Step by Step Instructions:

- 1. **TEST:** in a small, inconspicuous area first.
- 2. **APPLY VINYL-OFF™:** only on the material to be removed using a cotton cloth, T-shirt Rag or Fine Nap Paint roller (avoid headlights and fog lights). Refer to directions on the product label and the "How to Use Vinyl-Off™" instruction sheet.
- 3. ALLOW PRODUCT TO DWELL: Allow at least 15 minutes dwell time. Using longer dwell times may be necessary depending on vinyl condition and age. In some cases the Vinyl-Off[™] may need to dwell for 30 minutes to 1 hour.
- 4. **RE-APPLY:** Apply another layer of Vinyl-Off[™].
- 5. **APPLY HEAT:** Apply a secondary heat source (steamer, heat gun, hair dryer, propane torch) to about a 2 square foot area. A secondary heat source may not be necessary if ambient temperatures are above 60°F
- 6. SCRAPE & PEEL: Using a plastic scraper, start with a top outside corner and lift an edge and pull at 35° angle.
- 7. **REPEAT:** Keep heating the area you will remove next, lifting an edge & pulling. Adjust your area to be heated, the amount of heat, and the angle of your pull, based on your results (every removal is different because each surface has weathered differently)
- 8. **APPLY ADHESIVE REMOVER:** Once you have removed the Clear Shield you may be left with a layer of adhesive that is thick and sticky. Apply an adhesive remover on the layer of adhesive following the manufacturer instructions.

Troubleshooting, Tips & Tricks:

- If the shield will not remove after the first application: Re-apply: Wipe Vinyl-Off onto only the material to be removed, apply your heat source and re-try the removal.
- $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$ $\ensuremath{$ It may also be necessary to increase your dwell time or the amount of heat
- Some have had success by also roughing up the vinyl shield with a fine grit (100+) sandpaper to open the surface prior to applying Vinyl-Off[™]
- Once adhesive is removed if there is any small amount of material left on the painted surface, use a small amount of hand rubbing compound to remove it, leaving the surface clean and polished.

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