

Quadratec® Premium Hood Graphic for Jeep® Vehicles

Installation Guide: For Large Hood Graphics

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Prepare your vehicle:

Clean your vehicle to remove all dirt and debris. **DO NOT APPLY WAX.** For best results, use a clay bar to clean the area where you'll install the decal. We recommend you perform the decal installation indoors because even a light wind can make installation very difficult. If you must work outdoors, be sure your vehicle is not in direct sunlight and blocked from wind. Please note, this is a two-person job. Do not attempt to install this large graphic without a helper. You will also need to use quite a bit of an easy-to-mix spray-on mounting solution.

Make your own vinyl decal wet mounting solution:

Mounting solution is a mixture of 16 oz. water with 2 drops of baby shampoo.

1. Fill a spray bottle with 16 oz. (2 cups) of water.
2. Add 2 large drops of baby shampoo to the bottle.
3. Screw on the top of the spray bottle and shake well.

NOTICE

YOU WILL NEED TWO PEOPLE TO INSTALL THIS. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO INSTALL WITHOUT A HELPER. FOR BEST RESULTS, USE A GENEROUS AMOUNT OF MOUNTING SOLUTION.



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1. Open the hood, view underhood area.



2. As shown in Fig.1, remove the hose(s) from the windshield washer nozzle(s). The hose is simply pressed into place, so just pull it to remove. Remove the nozzle(s) from the hood by pressing on the retaining clips on it's sides, then pushing it up through the hood.



3. Use a flat head screwdriver or a v-notch panel puller to remove the retaining clips (Fig.2) that hold the hood silencer pad in place. The hood silencer pad is the soft material fastened to the underside of the hood.



4. As shown in Fig.3, Use a socket wrench to loosen and remove the nuts that hold the footman loop in place. Then remove the footman loop.

5. Remove the windshield bumpers by pushing them up and out of the hood from the bottom, then close the hood.



6. With all of the hood accessories removed, clean hood with soapy water but DO NOT WAX IT. For best results, use a clay bar to get it really clean.

7. Spray the hood area where you'll install the decal with 4-6 ounces of the pre-mixed mounting solution. Expect to use a lot of it, in order to completely soak the hood area. This will help you "float" and position the decal.



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9. With two people, hold the decal vertically so that the end which faces the front of the vehicle is up. Remove the decal from the backing paper.

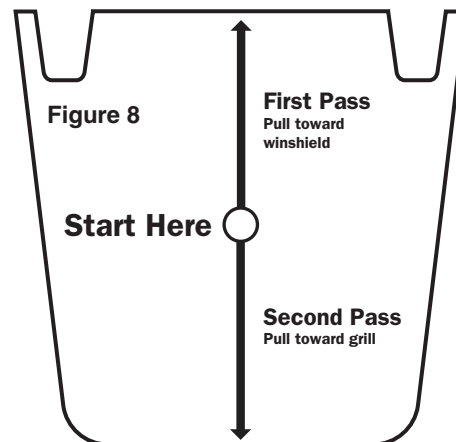
10. Spray the adhesive side of the large decal with more mounting solution.



12. Move the decal to precisely where you would like it by pulling on the edges with your fingers. (Fig. 7) This is most easily done with two people, one on either side of the vehicle.



11. Lay the decal onto the hood but **DON'T PRESS IT INTO PLACE** yet. If you lay it on the hood gently, the mounting solution will make it "float." This is what allows you to move it.



13. Once the decal is positioned where you'd like it, it's time to pull out the mounting solution using the squeegee. The first pass with the squeegee should start from the center of the decal and pull directly toward the windshield.



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14. As seen in Fig. 8, the second pass with the squeegee should start at the center of the decal and pull directly toward the front of the vehicle.

15. Work your way around the entire decal, each time starting from the center and pulling toward an edge. You should cover every square inch of the decal with this technique.



16. Using a small knife, cut holes through the decal where the windshield nozzle(s), footman loop and windshield bumpers are located. In each location, cut an "X" and push the vinyl down through the hole.

17. Reinstall the footman loop, windshield bumpers, windshield nozzle(s).

18. Reinstall the hood silencer pad using the retaining clips removed in step 2.

19. Reinstall the windshield nozzle hose.

Install Complete.

Enjoy the new look of your hood!



Caring for your vinyl decal

Once the decal is installed onto your vehicle, it will last for many years with some proper care.

1. Never use a high pressure washer directly on the decal.
2. You can clean your decal with soapy water using a soft sponge (like the kind you'd use to clean the rest of your vehicle).

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