



## Stainless Steel Panel Installation Instructions

*Congratulations!* You have purchased the finest quality Stainless Steel Panel product on the market! By following these instructions, you will ensure a long-lasting quality installation of your mirror finish trim product. When properly maintained, your new Stainless Steel Accessories Panels will give you many years of trouble free enjoyment. Thank you for your purchase!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY PRIOR TO BEGINNING YOUR INSTALLATION: IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR AREN'T SURE HOW TO PROCEED, PLEASE CALL STEVE AT 612-867-9226 BEFORE BEGINNING THE INSTALLATION PROCESS!**

**VEHICLE SURFACE PREPARATION** – Thoroughly wash the area where the Tank Wrap Panel Kit will be installed. After washing, use Prespol, Xylene, acetone, Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) or a similar de-greasing and de-waxing solution to remove any and all waxes, sealants, oils, tar, and anything else that might interfere with proper adhesion. **Just using a solution similar to Windex is unsatisfactory for this process!** After completing this step, use Rubbing Alcohol to remove any remaining residue that may be left by the de-greaser or de-waxing solution. There must now be a distinct difference between the prepared surface and the rest of the vehicle! If not, repeat the steps over again until there is a distinct difference! Also, ideally, the temperature of the vehicle surface should be between 65 degrees F and 85 degrees F to assure good adhesion.

The Surface Preparation process is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** and needs to be done properly and thoroughly in order to assure good adhesion between Tank Wrap Panel adhesive and the vehicle surface. If this process is not done properly and thoroughly, the possibility exists that the Tank Wrap will not bond properly to the vehicle.

**“DRY FIT” ALL PIECES** – the next important step is to lay out all the Tank Wrap pieces from the package and lay them by the vehicle where they will be attached. Verify that all the pieces necessary are included in the kit. After verifying you have all pieces, the next step is the “DRY FITTING” process. During this process, you will be checking for two (2) things:

**DOES THE CUT OF THE PIECE MATCH THE VEHICLE AREA WHERE IT WILL BE INSTALLED?**

Check to be sure that the pieces are cut properly and that you will attach them to their proper place. Most pieces are cut to be a little “shorter,” generally 1/16” to 1/8” to allow for tank straps and welds. Centering the pieces, so the reveal is approximately the same at the front and back, will give the best look.

**DOES THE CONTOUR OF THE PANEL MATCH THE AREA WHERE IT WILL BE INSTALLED?**

The contour or “roll” of the pieces must be exactly the same as the vehicle where it will be attached! Tank Wrap pieces are over-rolled during manufacturing to allow for normal relaxation occurring during shipment and storage. Stainless Steel has a “memory” of its shape, and if its contour is not checked properly prior to attachment, you may not achieve a good adhesive bond.

**INSTALL THE PIECES** – Install the pieces trying to keep the reveal the same on both ends, as this will give the best looking result. Remove the poly liner from the adhesive and place the piece on the vehicle, being careful not to create a bond until you are sure it is aligned properly. Once you are confident it is in the right place, apply pressure to the entire piece making sure that adequate bonding has occurred. Repeat this process with all the pieces in the kit and then remove the protective PVC covering to expose the polished Stainless Steel finish. Your installation's now complete!

**NOTE: DO NOT WASH YOUR VEHICLE FOR AT LEAST 48 HOURS AFTER INSTALLATION!**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE: It is extremely important that you follow all instructions properly and thoroughly in order to achieve a trouble-free, long-lasting installation! Failure to read and follow these instructions properly could result in an improper installation and could lead to adhesive failure.**



*Thanks for purchasing an original Tank Wrap.*

Proper installation requires a very clean and grease free surface for good adhesion.

3M backing tape will adhere well to most clean, dry and well unified surfaces. Make sure all wax is removed using any automotive wax remover. Final cleaning can be done with 50/50 isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol). Cleaning with just a product such as Windex is not sufficient.

The proper temperature for application is between 65 degrees F and 80 degrees F.

Bond strength is dependent upon the amount of adhesive to surface contact. Firm application pressure develops better tape contact adhesive and improves bond strength.

Bond strength increases during the first 48 hours. Do not subject your new accessory to any extreme weather during this time.

**To install your new fuel Tank Wrap follow the procedure below:**

- 1) Sand tank lightly to remove any nicks or burrs.
- 2) Make sure the tank is clean using the steps above. Start the installation with the smallest piece first.
- 3) Test fit the piece to make sure you have clearance between weld seams and tank straps.
- 4) Make sure the WRAP will fit tightly to the tank, allowing it to fully bond to the tank.
- 5) Mark the starting point of the wrap and tape two 1/8" rods so that the two ends stick into the area where the wrap will start (by about 2"). These will keep the adhesive from making contact to the tank until you have the wrap exactly in correct position.
- 6) Peel back about 2" of the red poly liner covering the adhesive and fold a piece of duct tape over the poly liner so that you will be able to pull the liner back once the leading edge is stuck to the tank. The duct tape should stick out of the side away from the strap if possible.
- 7) Fold back the plastic liner from the edge of the top of the WRAP and position the WRAP on the 1/8" metal rods. You should have help for this.
- 8) Fit the WRAP to the tank making sure that it is exactly where you want it and it fits perfectly tight to the tank.

## **WARNING!**

Before doing this step, make sure the wrap is EXACTLY where it needs to be.  
Once the WRAP is bonded to the tank, removal will destroy the wrap.

- 9) Once you have positioned the Wrap properly, slip out the 1/8" rods and apply pressure to the first two inches of the wrap to bond the adhesive to the tank.
- 10) With the front edge bonded, lift straight up on the bottom of the wrap and pull on the duct tape, removing the protective poly covering.
- 11) Slowly work the wrap around the tank making sure that you work the Wrap all the way around the tank. Bond strength is dependent on the amount of adhesive to surface contact. Firm application pressure develops better tape contact and improves strength.
- 12) Once you are satisfied that you have the Wrap securely in place, remove the protective laser film, stand back and admire the difference the Tank Wrap makes to the appearance of your truck.

**At any time during the installation process and have a question, call Steve at 612-867-9226.**

**Thanks for purchasing your Tank Wrap product, proudly made in America by a trucker for all truckers.**