

Silverado Tailgate Decal Inserts Installation

Thank you for your order. Please read the installation instruction completely before applying your vinyl decals.

This installation should take about 45 minutes. Here is what you will need:

Denatured or Isopropyl alcohol
Spray bottle
Water
Dish soap
Masking Tape (painters tape)
Soft towel

Proper cleaning and preparation of the surface prior to vinyl application is critical to the success of the decals. The following cleaning and surface preparation conditions must be followed immediately prior to application. Failure to adhere to these requirements can cause adhesion loss and therefore reduce the durability and performance of the decals.

1. Position your truck in a well-lit area away from direct sunlight. The optimum temperature range for vinyl adhesion is 60 to 80 degrees F.
2. Clean the embossed letters on the tailgate with denatured or isopropyl alcohol to remove any dirt, wax, or oils that may exist. Be sure to test in an inconspicuous area on the vehicle first to make sure the alcohol doesn't damage the paint.

To ensure proper alignment within the embossed letters on the tailgate, we recommend the "wet" application method. Apply one decal at a time and be patient! We include one extra "practice" decal letter (C) to familiarize yourself with the application process.

1. Make a soap solution by filling a spray bottle with water and adding 5-6 drops of dish soap for every 12 oz. of water.
2. Spray the embossed letter on the tailgate with the soap solution, ensuring that the entire embossed area is wet.
3. Attach a small square of masking tape to the left edge of the "C" decal letter and gently pull up to separate the vinyl from the paper backing. DO NOT get the paper wet or attempt to peel the decals from the paper like conventional stickers. Doing so may damage the decals.
4. Lay the decal in the palm of your hand or on a dinner plate with the adhesive side up and thoroughly spray it with the soap solution.
5. With wet fingers, pick up the decal and carefully apply it within the embossed "C" on the tailgate and position it so that it is centered in the deepest area of the embossed letter. The soap solution will help you move the decal to the desired position before the decal sticks to the vehicle. It will be like trying to stick a wet noodle to your truck. Just keep it wet so that you can position it correctly. You can gently remove the masking tape from the decal at this time.
6. Anchor a corner of the vinyl decal "C" with your thumb and gently slide your other thumb across the "C" to push out the water from under the decal. Do this lightly at first to allow you to reposition the decal as needed. The vinyl will begin to adhere to the vehicle as the moisture is removed with each pass of your thumb.
7. Gently blot the excess moisture from the area with a soft towel to remove any excess moisture.
8. Repeat these steps for the remaining letters. Please note the proper orientation of the "H" and "O". The letters are slightly wider across the bottom. Also, please note that the "R", "EV", and "ET" each have "helper" tape applied to them to help hold them together while handling them. This tape can be removed immediately after the decals are applied to the tailgate, when you remove the masking tape.
9. After all the vinyl decal letters have been applied return to the first decal and use a bit more pressure with your thumbs to squeegee out any remaining moisture. Repeat this final step on the remaining vinyl decals.

Please allow 24 hours for the vinyl decals to completely dry and properly adhere to the tailgate. Do not get the vinyl decals wet during this time.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about installing them on your Silverado.

Thank you for your business!

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