## **Tacoma Side Marker Decal Installation**

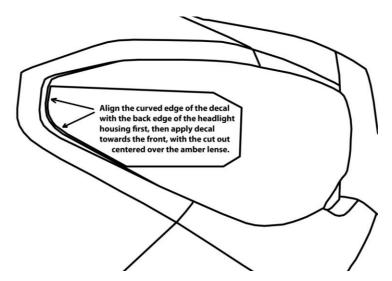
Thank you for your order. Please read the installation instruction completely before applying your vinyl decals.

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 side of the headlight housing with rubbing alcohol to remove any dirt, wax, or oils that may exist.
- 3. Before applying the decals cut out and hold the templates (attached) over the side maker to see how it will fit over the side marker lights and surrounding chrome frame.
- 4. Follow the appropriate steps below for either the wet or dry installation method depending on the decals you received.

## Wet Method:

- 1. Versions without transfer tape are installed wet. Make a soap solution by filling a spray bottle with water and 5-6 drops of dish soap.
- 2. Spray side of the headlight assembly with the soap solution.
- 3. Attach a small piece of masking tape to the forward edge of the decal and slowly lift up. The decal should separate from the backing paper with the tape.
- 4. As you peel the decal from the paper, spray the adhesive side of the decal with the soap solution to prevent it from sticking to itself and your fingers.
- 5. With the decal completely removed from the paper spray it thoroughly with the soap solution and apply it to the headlamp assembly a shown. The soap solution will allow you to slide the decal into proper positon.



- 6. Hold down the curved end of the decal and gently slide your wet finger across the decal to push out the water from under it. The decal will still move easily at first but will begin to stick to the headlamp assembly.
- 7. Use a soft towel to soak up the remaining moisture
- 8. Allow 24 hours for the decal to completely adhere to the headlamp housing. Do not get the vinyl decals wet during this time.
- 9. Any bubbles that remain should disappear within about 7-10 days.

## **Dry (Transfer tape) Method:**

- 1. Versions with transfer tape installed over the decal are applied dry. Place the decal on a flat surface and slide the edge of a credit card or similar plastic edge over the decal to ensure the transfer tape has adhered to the vinyl, and then slowly peel the transfer tape from the backing paper. The vinyl decal should release with the transfer tape. If the decal does not release then use a bit more pressure with the credit card.
- 2. Align the curved edge of the decal with the curved edge on the headlight housing, ensuring that the decal is centered over the chrome "frame" that surrounds the amber side maker light (see diagram below). Apply the curved edge first then run your hand across the decal as you lay it down on the headlight housing. Do this slowly to avoid trapping bubbles under the decal.

- 3. With the transfer tape still applied slide the edge of a credit card or similar plastic edge over the entire decal to ensure that it is completely adhered to the surface of the headlight housing. If any large bubbles exist try to push them to the nearest edge using the credit card.
- 4. Slowly peel back the transfer tape back on itself (180 degrees) to remove it.
- 5. Any bubbles that may exist should go away after a couple of weeks. You can also poke them with a pin and then pressing down on them with your fingers. DO NOT using the credit card or plastic edge on the decal after the transfer tape has been removed. Doing so will damage the decal.
- 6. Please allow 24 hours for the decal to completely adhere to the headlamp housing. Do not get the vinyl decals wet during this time.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about installing these decals on your Tacoma.

Thanks for your business!

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