

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS INSTRUCTIONS FOR VINYL CHROME DELETE KIT FOR MODEL 3

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Please read these installation instructions in their entirety BEFORE you attempt to apply the vinyl kit.

Even though it looks easy, vinyl installation can be a challenging DIY project. Small errors in alignment, an inadvertent tear, air bubbles, stretching, or wrinkles that are challenging to remove do occur in some instances.

For that reason, we decided to provide two (2) copies of every chrome delete shape so that you can recover from error, if you make one. In addition, we have provided two vinyl rectangles that you can use to fabricate a fill-in patch piece (cut the shape you need) in case you encounter a small gap in chrome coverage due to misalignment or stretching.

If you're uncomfortable with Vinyl Kit installation for any reason, we recommend that you contact a professional vinyl installer at an automotive custom shop or window tinting outlet and have that person do the installation.

Four (4) INSTALLATION VIDEOs (intro, Window & Door Trim, Mirrors, and Body Accents) for the EVANNEX Chrome Delete Vinyl Kit are available at evannex.com.

Code	<u>Description</u>	
Α	Lower window corner	
В	Rear Top Window trim	
С	Front Top Window trim	
D	Rear Door Frame	
E	Front Door Frame	Placement of Chrome-Delete Vinyl
F	Camera Accent	
G	Front Door Handle	C / B / A
Н	Rear Door Handle	
J	Tesla T Badge	F
K	Mirror—Top Surface	J E U
L	Mirror—Corner Piece	
M	Mirror—Front Edge	
N	Mirror—Rear Edge	
Р	Mirror—Side Bead	
W	Mirror—Bottom Surface #1	
Χ	Mirror—Bottom Surface #2	VAI
Υ	Mirror Trim—Bottom Edge	
Z	Mirror Trim—U-shaped	Mirror K,L,M,N,P,W,X,Y,Z G H
	Bead	

Figure 1. Vinyl Placement on Model 3

IMPORTANT: All chrome delete vinyl pieces are cross referenced in Figure 2 on the following page. Please note that driver and passenger side vinyl pieces are also identified. Use this figure to select the right piece for each of the installation steps that follow.

Recommended tools:

- Squeegees (included)—to help smooth the vinyl and force air bubbles out.
- A retractable knife with snap-off blades (included). If the vinyl stretches during installation or is applied with
 a slight angular or positioning error, this knife can be used to trim any undesired overlap at the edges. The
 blade is also used for other trimming tasks. When you use a blade, be VERY careful not to injure yourself or
 damage the surface of your vehicle.
- Hair dryer (not included)—to heat the vinyl making it more pliable around edges and corners.
- Sharp scissors (not included)
- Alcohol (40%) and Water (60%) mix with a lint free cloth (not included)—to clean the surface just prior to vinyl installation.

INSTALLATION

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: (1) We strongly recommend that you follow the installation steps outlined in the order they are presented. (2) We also recommend that you cut out each piece (including white backing) from the appropriate sheet (Figure 2) as you need it and (for large pieces) peel the white backing off incrementally as you install it.



A layout for each chrome delete vinyl sheet is presented in **Figure 2**. <u>Note that you'll get two (2) copies of each sheet.</u>
The letters shown on each sheet in Figure 2 correspond to the 'car' schematic (**Figure 1**) and legend shown on the first page. Sheet # 1 in Figure 2 contains all accent pieces, including those for the side mirrors. Sheets # 2 and # 3 contain window and door trim pieces. You may choose to start on either the driver or passenger side of your Model 3. Be sure you consistently use pieces designed for the side you choose (see Figure 2).

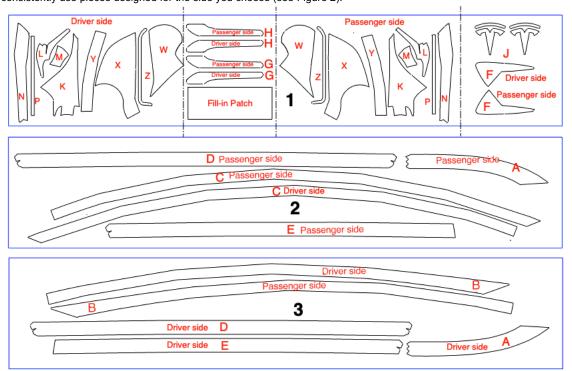


Figure 2. A layout for each chrome-delete vinyl sheet

All further installation steps make reference to Figure 2 above. Four (4) **Installation Videos are** available at **evannex.com** and should be used in conjunction with these instructions.

General guidelines for all steps: Begin adhesion of a vinyl piece on the top or bottom edge using your fingers to smooth the vinyl. Be sure to remove any wrinkles or bubbles with your fingers and/or squeegees. Use a hair dryer to warm the vinyl to make it more supple around curves and to help eliminate wrinkles or bubbles. Use the small pink squeegee to force the vinyl into the space between the trim and the car body and the felt edge blue squeegee to smooth vinyl surfaces. If necessary, use a blade to trim any excess vinyl that occurs due to inadvertent stretching. In other cases, use the blade to trim vinyl pieces as indicated in the instructions.

A SUGGESTION: Unless you've had a lot of experience applying vinyl, it's likely you'll encounter very small bumps, tiny bubbles and even a few small wrinkles after you install one or more vinyl pieces. If the piece is aligned properly and is otherwise fine, our advice is to proceed. Remember—people will observe your chrome delete from 5 or more feet away, not from 6 inches. Very small flaws, although personally bothersome, are invisible to the casual observer.

The following installation steps are applied for both the driver and passenger sides of your Model 3. Reference to the location of pieces can be found in the Figure 1. The location of pieces on the vinyl sheet is shown in Figure 2.

Step 1. Wash your entire Model 3 thoroughly. Be sure you have removed all dust, dirt, sand, and oil before proceeding further. Allow the vehicle to dry. **Using a mixture of 40% isopropyl alcohol and 60 percent water, clean all chrome pieces, moldings and accents.** This is **VERY IMPORTANT** for a good result.

Window Trim Application

Note: You can choose to start with either the **driver** or **passenger** side. **Be sure you select the appropriate pieces using Figure 2 as a guide.** Work should be performed in a dust-free area.

Step 2. Place piece ♠ on the lower rear corner trim. The rear end of the piece should bisect the angle made by the bottom and top trim pieces. Be sure to align the top if the piece with the chrome. The bottom may be trimmed with a blade, if desired. Be careful not to damage your vehicle's finish if you use a blade.

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Step 3. Place piece on the upper rear window trim. The rear end of the piece should overlap piece A by a few millimeters. Adhere to the trim top edge first. Fold the opposite end over the edge of the chrome trim and smooth accordingly working toward the front of the vehicle. If bubbles or wrinkles appear, pull up the piece and re-apply.

Step 4. Place piece © on the upper front window trim. The rear facing end of © should overlap B slightly. Fold the opposite end © over the edge of the chrome trim and smooth accordingly. The front end of © will have to be trimmed with a blade and then inserted into the gap between the OEM A-pillar trim piece and the chrome trim.

Step 5. Open the rear door. Place piece ① on the lower rear door trim. Adhere to top edge first. Fold the ends of ② over the edge of the chrome trim and smooth accordingly working toward the front of the vehicle. ② has been designed to provide about 2mm of overlap on the bottom. This overlap should be trimmed using a blade as shown in the photo to the right. Angle your blade so that it does NOT contact the door's surface.

Step 6. Open the front door. Place piece E on the lower front door trim. Adhere to top edge first. Fold the ends of E over the edge of the chrome trim and smooth accordingly. E has been designed to provide about 2mm of overlap on the bottom. This overlap should be trimmed using a blade as show in the photo to the right. Angle your blade so that it does NOT contact the door's surface.



Mirror Trim Application

Note: Chrome delete for the mirror assembly, Steps 7 to 15, is the most complex part of this install. Work slowly, being sure you first clean the mirror assembly surfaces just before you begin. Some of these pieces will require the use of heat (the hair dryer) to make the vinyl more supple as you apply it. If you misalign, pull up the piece and re-install.

Step 7. Open the car door and be sure that mirrors are unfolded. Apply ₭ to the top surface of the mirror arm. Begin at the junction of the arm and the car body, aligning ₭ along the edge. Then smooth outward toward and under the mirror assembly. The mirror can be folded to make installation under the mirror assembly easier.

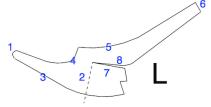
Step 8. Fold the mirror. Apply L to the outer corner area of the top and side surfaces (see annotated photo below). Alignment here is

tricky. Begin with end #1 (see Figure to the right) aligning the edge 1-4 so that the edge 4-5 fits along the mirror support structure and under the folded mirror. Smooth the surface of from 1 to 2 stopping at the dashed line in the figure. Now fit and smooth the surface bounded by 5-6-8, pulling on 6 to hold it taut. Continue smoothing the lower vertical surface from the dashed line outward, overlapping edge 7 and 8. Finally smooth edge 3. Use the hairdryer to make the piece more supple as you install.

Step 9. Unfold the mirrors. Apply the front edge piece, N, along the length of the front edge, beginning where the mirror arm meets the door body. Adhere to the trim top edge first.

Step 10. Apply the rear edge piece, M, on the portion of the rear edge that was not covered by K. Alignment here is tricky. It's a good idea to use the hair dryer to make the vinyl supple as you mold it to the surfaces.

Step 11. Apply bottom trim, W, to the bottom surface of the mirror arm. The leading edge of W should overlap the lower edge of N and the corner piece, L by a few millimeters, so that no chrome is visible. Be sure the mirror arm and door body edge are properly aligned, and then smooth the remainder W.







Step 12. Apply

 to the U-shaped chrome bead (see Figure on preceding page). Use a hair dryer to make the vinyl supple as you mold it to the bead surface. If the piece stretches, trim the ends using a scissors or blade.

Step 13. Apply X (see Figure on preceding page) to the remaining uncovered bottom surface of the mirror arm. Align the leading edge of X with the mirror housing, beginning with the narrow part of X that wraps upward nearest the door. IMPORTANT: There is a small drainage hole in this area (see Figure on preceding page). Once you cover the hole with vinyl, use the point of your blade or a sharp pencil point or paperclip to create an opening in the vinyl for drainage.

Step 14. Apply Υ (see Figure on preceding page) to the outside bottom leading edge of the mirror arm. The bottom edge of Υ should overlap the outside edge of X by a few millimeters, so that no chrome is visible. Use a hair dryer or a heat gun to make the vinyl supple as you mold it to the bead surface.

Step 15. Apply side bead mirror trim, (see Figure on preceding page) to the side trim chrome piece. Use a hair dryer to make the vinyl supple as you mold it to the bead surface.

INSTALLATION NOTE: We have provided two vinyl patch squares that you can use to fabricate a fill-in patch piece in case you encounter a small gap due to misalignment or stretching. In general, you won't need to use these.

Application of All Accent Pieces

Step 16. Apply the side camera accent, F, beginning at the top edge. Use a hair dryer to make the vinyl supple. This will help eliminate wrinkles and bulges.

Step 17. Apply ℍ to the rear door handle, aligning the front surface of the handle with the dashed surface outline on the vinyl piece as shown in the figure to the right. Fold over edges You may need to press the door handle to gain access. Use the pink squeegee to press the



edges into place. Use a hair dryer to make the vinyl supple as you mold it to the door handle surface.

Step 18. Apply 6 to the front door handle using the same approach used for Step 17.

Step 19. Apply pieces J to both the front and rear Tesla T badges. Use the pink squeegee to help adhere the edges and the hair dryer to be sure that the side edges adhere properly. Note that there are tiny cuts in the corners of the T to assist in folding over the edges for better fit and coverage.

Repeat Steps 2 - 19 for the opposite side of your vehicle. Your installation is then complete.

GENERIC GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING EVANNEX VINYL FILMS

- 1. Clean the application surface thoroughly. Follow the order of application that is recommended.
- 2. **If you find that you've misaligned the vinyl piece or you encounter wrinkles or air bubbles** (these events are not uncommon) **as you do the install,** pull the piece off gently to avoid stretching, and reapply.
- 3. Be certain that all air bubbles are squeegeed out as you apply the vinyl film. Work toward the edges.
- 4. If you encounter "crow's feet" or "fingers" (ripples/wrinkles in the film as you're applying it), you can use a hair dryer to shrink the film slightly (be careful not to damage the film). This will eliminate some, but not all, crow's feet. If flaws remain, pull up the film, heat it with your hairdryer to make it smooth, and then reapply.
- 5. If the vinyl has stretched as you apply it but is otherwise a good install, trim the excess using a blade or a sharp scissors.
- 6. Small variations in orientation or alignment while applying a piece and/or stretching during application can cause fitment to vary.

RETURNS

Like all EVANNEX® products, you may return the Chrome Delete Vinyl Kit <u>unopened and unused</u> for a period of 30 days from delivery. You must have an RMA number for proper processing of a return. The cost of return packaging and <u>shipping is your responsibility</u>. However, once the white backing has been removed from any Vinyl Kit piece, <u>the entire vinyl kit to which it belongs can no longer be returned for credit or exchange</u>. The reason for this is that the piece and the package cannot be reused or resold. Therefore, <u>please be certain that you're satisfied with the look and style of your Vinyl Kit package</u> BEFORE you remove any vinyl piece from the backing. Stated as succinctly as possible, once any vinyl piece is removed from the backing, the Vinyl Kit is yours—no returns and no credit can be offered.