

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING VINYL FILMS**

# (Please read BEFORE you apply any EVANNEX® Vinyl Kit)

Installation of an EVANNEX® Vinyl Kit is a moderately challenging DIY project. It requires care, a steady hand, the ability to follow instructions, and the patience to remove and reapply the vinyl, if required. If you're uncomfortable with Vinyl Kit installation for any reason, we recommend that you contact a professional vinyl installer at a automotive custom shop or window tinting outlet and have that person do the installation.

### **Surface Preparation (VERY IMPORTANT)**

- 1. Begin your work in a dust free environment with a temperature of at least 72 degrees F.
- 2. Clean the surface throughly (including all edges and corners) to remove any dirt, dust, finger prints or other substances from the surface. We recommend a mixture of 60 percent water and 40 percent Isopropyl alcohol. It's best to spray the mixture onto a lint free cloth or paper towel and apply it to the surface, rather than spraying the surface directly. CAUTION: If you leave dirt specs on the surface, they will show through the vinyl film as small bumps.
- 3. Make sure the surface is dry before applying the vinyl film. If necessary, use a hair dryer to reduce drying time.
- 4. Once the surface has been cleaned and is dry, apply the film as soon as possible to reduce the amount of dust and contaminants that may accumulate on the surface over time.

## **Application of Each Vinyl Kit Element**

Video installation instructions for each vinyl kit are available at evannex.com. Refer to the specific video and written instructions for the EVANNEX® Vinyl Kit(s) you have purchased.

- 1. **Be sure to follow the order of application that is recommended.** Using a different order may cause complications that can be avoided if proper ordering is followed.
- 2. **Determine which edge(s) should be aligned first** and in what order the surface is to be applied and smoothed.
- 3. Use your fingers and squeegee (provided for most kits) to smooth the surface.
  - a. Be certain that all air bubbles are squeegeed out as you apply the vinyl film. To avoid damage to the vinyl, do NOT press too hard on the squeegee. If an air bubble emerges after installation is complete, use a pin to pierce the surface of the vinyl, squeegee gently to remove the bubble.
  - b. Use the squeegee to push the film into corners, being sure that any air bubbles are forced to the edges with the squeegee and removed.
  - c. If you encounter a difficult corner, you can use a hair drier to heat the film gently, causing it to better conform to a curved surface
  - d. <u>If you encounter "crow's feet" (ripples/wrinkles in the film as you're applying it, you can use a hair drier to shrink the film slightly</u> (be careful not to damage the film). To do this, lift the film slightly and apply heat until wrinkles disappear, then re-apply the film.
  - e. When you wrap a vinyl kit piece around a rounded corner, it's a good idea to gently heat the edge using a hair drier to promote better adhesion at the edge.



- 4. 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. Patience and repetition when needed are required for high quality installation.
- 5. Vinyl Kit pieces are CNC cut to fit a particular surface. However, **small variations in**orientation or alignment while applying the piece and/or stretching during application
  can cause fitment to be off by 0.5 mm to 1.0 mm. If this is a concern, the vinyl kit element
  can be removed (gently and without stretching it) and reapplied for a better fit.

As you are working on the vinyl installation, pieces can be removed by pulling them off, beginning at the edges. However, once a vinyl piece has had time to adhere (~24 hours) removal can permanently stretch and damage the vinyl piece. It cannot be re-applied.

**DAMAGE TO A PIECE DURING INSTALLATION:** Installation of a Vinyl Kit should occur without incident if all general and specific installation instructions are followed. However, damage (e.g., deformation, tearing, permanent creases) to vinyl kit pieces can occur. EVANNEX will provide replacement pieces at a nominal charge. Contact us for details.

### **RETURNS**

Like all EVANNEX® products, you may return any of our vinyl kits <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 shipping is your responsibility.

However, once the white backing has been removed from any Vinyl Kit piece, the entire vinyl kit to which it belongs can no longer be returned for credit or exchange. The reason for this is that the piece and the package cannot be reused or resold. Therefore, please be certain that you're satisfied with the look and style of your Vinyl Kit package BEFORE you remove the backing from any Vinyl Kit piece.

Stated as succinctly as possible, once you remove the backing from any Vinyl Kit piece, the Vinyl Kit is yours—no returns and no credit can be offered.

### **DISCLAIMER**

Although the likelihood of any vehicle surface damage is very low, **EVANNEX®** is not responsible for any damage to automotive surfaces that occurs as a consequence of the application of any **EVANNEX Vinyl Kit**. The cost to repair or replace a damaged surface is the sole responsibilty of the customer.