

COWLES PRODUCTS

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What type of adhesive is used on your moldings?

We use 3M pressure sensitive acrylic foam tape on most of our moldings. Our U shaped products (Door Edge Molding and Edge Trim) use a pressure sensitive glue.

What is the recommended temperature for molding application?

Molding should be applied at temperatures above 65°(18°).

How do I cut the molding?

We recommend using pruning shears available at hardware stores.

How do I prepare a vehicle for molding application?

Newly painted vehicles should set for 5 days before applying molding. Surface should be cleaned of road film, wax, or other contaminants that may interfere with the bond of the molding to the surface. To clean surface, a 50/50 mixture of rubbing alcohol and water on a clean cloth is recommended. Area must be dry before applying. Allow molding to set for 24 hours prior to washing vehicle.

Can you paint your moldings?

Moldings marked "paintable" may be painted directly. If you would like to paint a molding not marked as "paintable" we recommend the following: Clean molding thoroughly with 39362 SEM Soap and a scuff pad.

Lightly sand or scuff the molding with 400 grit sandpaper. Apply 3834 VINYL PREP (either aerosol or quart). Do not allow VINYL PREP to stand on any painted surfaces as discoloring or lifting may occur. Wipe off with a damp rag. Apply paint system of choice

How do you remove the molding once it has been applied?

If applied with little pressure, it can be removed very shortly after application. For applications that have been installed for longer periods of time, loosen one end of the molding and peel away from the vehicle. Any tape or adhesive residue can be carefully stripped away. For stubborn residue, use a 3M Stripe off Wheel or 3M Prep solvent 70 and 3M General Purpose Adhesive Cleaner.

How do I apply Cal-Stripes?

Surface temperature should not exceed 65°(18°). To cool surface use a damp cloth or sponge. To clean surface, a 50/50 mixture of rubbing alcohol and water on a clean cloth is recommended. Peel backing paper off exposing adhesive. Press onto desired surface. Do not over stretch tape during application. Go over tape with soft cloth to ensure bond. All tapes (except 36') have a clear removable top liner. To remove, pull parallel with the stripe. Not at right angle. Allow at least 3 hours in sunlight before washing, waxing etc.

Can you clear coat over Cal-Stripes?

We recommend not clear coating Cal-Stripes. Over time, the clear coat may cause the adhesive to fail.

What is Cal-Stripes made out of?

Cal-Stripes is made of 2 mil cast vinyl with 7 to 10 year durability.

How do I return a product?

All products should be returned where they were purchased.