

# **DASH COVER Installation Instructions**

Congratulations! You have just purchased a unique product which if properly installed and cared for will look great for many years.

Please read and follow the installation instructions very carefully, especially #6 about where to apply the silicone.

And one other quick caution: Everything expands when heated, including the special DASH COVER plastic, so it's a good idea to park your vehicle in the shade.

#### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Some vehicles require special attention prior to installation of the DASH COVER

- 1. Most Mercedes: remove climate sensor air inlet sleeve by prying up with a sharp screwdriver
- 2. Some Mercedes require the removal of the climate sensor before installation.

#### 1. TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED

Utility knife, window cleaner, clean rags, 3 or 4 rolls of paper towels, medium-grit sandpaper, cardboard strips for wedges, screwdrivers, duct tape or masking tape, wads of newspaper. Elastic-type bungie cords may also be useful.

## 2. PRE-FIT THE DASH COVER

Now is the time to try your new DASH COVER on the vehicle to make sure you have the correct model. Push it firmly into place. Does it fit properly? Does the glove box open okay? <a href="NOTE">NOTE</a>: In most states, the VIN number must be visible and you will usually find an opening for this in the DASH COVER, but on certain vehicles the location varies and you need to cut an opening in the cap using a sharp utility knife. Be careful.

#### 3. WARM UP THE ADHESIVE

Place the tube of silicone (which was packed with your DASH COVER) in a glass of hot water. This will soften the adhesive and make it flow easier.

#### 4. HIGH SPOTS

Trim raised areas (if any) on the original dash with a utility knife as needed in order for the DASH COVER to fit as close as possible on the original dash. Be careful to trim only those areas which will be covered by the DASH COVER. Test fit again.

#### 5. SURFACE PREP

Clean the dashboard and the underside of the DASH COVER with window cleaner or water along the outside edges and around vents. All waxes and oils must be removed from both surfaces in order to achieve adhesion. Rough up both surfaces (at adhesive area only) with sandpaper



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## 6. APPLY ADHESIVE

Apply the adhesive to the underside of the DASH COVER around the perimeters of air vents, and the entire <u>outer edge only</u>. The adhesive "bead" should be about the size of a pencil and approximately 1/2" away from the edge.

IMPORTANT: APPLY SILICONE ONLY NEAR OUTER EDGES AND AROUND VENTS. APPLICATION OF ADHESIVE IN ANY OTHER LOCATION CAN CAUSE CRACKING AND/OR WARPING AND WILL VOID THE WARRANTY.

#### 7. INSTALL THE DASH COVER

Place the DASH COVER over the original dash. Push carefuly and evenly in order to seat the DASH COVER and spread the adhesive evenly, near the edges only.

<u>SPECIAL NOTE</u>: It is essential that your DASH COVER be installed while the vehicle is shaded from direct sunlight and in moderate air temperature. A clean and well-ventilated work area is recommended. Please read and observe application and caution labels on cleaning and adhesive products used to install your DASH COVER.

#### 8. REPLACE ANY ACCESSORIES

Replace any previously removed parts, including climate sensors.

# 9. WIPE AWAY ANY EXCESS ADHESIVE WITH A DAMP CLOTH

#### 10. SECURE IN POSITION

Use rolls of paper, cardboard wedges, elastic cords, and weights to hold the DASH COVER firmly in position as needed for at least 4 hours to allow the adhesive to set and cure.

# 11. UNCLAMP AND CLEAN

When the adhesive is cured, remove clamping items and peel away any excess adhesive which may be showing.

# 12. MAINTENANCE

Mild car care products such as window cleaner or soap and water can be used to clean your DASH COVER if necessary.