

ICI STAINLESS STEEL ROCKER PANELS INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



CONGRATULATIONS you have purchased the finest quality Stainless Steel Rocker Panel product on the market! By following these instructions, you will ensure a long-lasting quality installation of your automotive trim product! Additionally, please read the use and care instructions provided on a separate sheet. When properly maintained, your new Stainless Steel Rocker Panels will give you many years of trouble free enjoyment. Thank you for your purchase!

<u>IMPORTANT NOTICE:</u> PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY <u>PRIOR</u> TO BEGINNING YOUR INSTALLATION! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR AREN'T SURE HOW TO PROCEED, PLEASE CALL ICI CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 800-626-8746 BEFORE BEGINNING THE INSTALLATION PROCESS!

<u>VEHICLE SURFACE PREPARATION</u> - Thoroughly wash the area where the Rocker Panel Kit will be installed. After washing, use Prespol, Xylene, Acetone, Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) or a similar de-greasing and de-waxing solution to remove any and all waxes, sealants, oils, tar, and anything else that might interfere with proper adhesion. **Just using a solution to similar to Windex is unsatisfactory for this process!** After completing this step, use Rubbing Alcohol to remove any remaining residue that may be left by the de-greasing or de-waxing solution. There must now be a distinct difference between the prepared surface and the rest of the vehicle! If not, repeat the steps over again until there is a distinct difference! Also, ideally, the temperature of the vehicle surface should be 65 degrees or above to assure good adhesion. **A REMINDER: Taking the extra time to complete this step properly will minimize the probability of poor adhesion and assure a quality installation!**

The Surface Preparation process is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT and needs to be done properly and thoroughly in order to assure good adhesion between Rocker Panel adhesive and the vehicle surface. If this process isn't done properly and thoroughly, the possibility exists that the Rocker Panel pieces will not bond properly to the vehicle!

"DRY FIT" ALL PIECES - The next important step is to layout, count and then "dry fit" all the Rocker Panel pieces. Remove the pieces from the package and lay them by the vehicle where they will be attached. Verify that all the pieces necessary are in the kit. All the pieces are marked where they are to be installed on the vehicle. A "D" indicates the Driver side and a "P" indicates the passenger side. The pieces are also numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. Piece number 1 starts at the front of the vehicle and could either be the front fender piece or the front finn piece, where applicable. The highest numbered piece will be the rearward most piece on the vehicle and could be either before the rear wheel well or behind the rear well, where applicable. After verifying you have all pieces, the next step is the "DRY FITTING" process. During this process, you will be checking for two (2) specific things.

DOES THE CUT OF THE PIECE MATCH THE VEHICLE AREA WHERE IT WILL BE INSTALLED?

Check to be sure that the pieces are cut properly and that you will attach them, to their proper place. Most pieces are cut to be a little "short", generally 1/16" to 1/8", to allow for door openings, body side molding lengths, ground effects, etc. Centering the piece so the paint reveal is approximately the same at the front and back will give the best look.

DOES THE CONTOUR OF THE PANEL MATCH THE AREA WHERE IT WILL BE INSTALLED?

The contour or "roll" of the pieces must be exactly the same as the vehicle in the area where it will be attached! ICI Rocker Panel pieces are over-rolled during manufacturing to allow for normal relaxation occurring during shipment and storage. Stainless Steel has a "memory" of its shape, and if its contour is not checked properly prior to attachment, you may not achieve a good adhesive bond.

The "DRY FITTING" process is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT and needs to be done properly and thoroughly in order to assure good adhesion between the Rocker Panel adhesive and the vehicle surface. If this process isn't done properly and thoroughly, the possibility exists that the Rocker Panel pieces will not bond properly to the vehicle!

INSTALL THE PIECES - Install the pieces trying to keep the paint reveal the same on both ends, as this will give the best looking result. Remove the poly liner from the adhesive and place the piece on the vehicle, being careful not to create too great a bond until you are sure it is aligned properly. Once you are confident it is in the right place, apply pressure to the entire piece making sure that adequate bonding has occurred. Repeat this process with all the pieces in the kit and then remove the protective PVC covering to expose the polished Stainless Steel finish. Your installation is now complete!

NOTICE: DO NOT WASH YOUR VEHICLE FOR AT LEAST 48 HOURS AFTER INSTALLATION!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: It is extremely important that you follow all instructions properly and thoroughly in order to achieve a trouble free long-lasting installation! Failure to read and follow these instructions properly could result in an improper installation and could lead to adhesive failure. Our warranty does not cover product failure due to improper installation!

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