



MASKING

BEST PRACTICE

Moldings and Trim

Use trim tape to lift moldings off of the vehicle surface to allow paint coverage under the molding and eliminate a hard paint line. American brand TrimFast tape can fit all moldings and is perforated for easy tearing. Works well on sidelights, back glass moldings and flush mount windshields.

Objective: Allow paint coverage under the moldings and eliminate hard paint edges around moldings and trim



Protect Jamb and Body Apertures

Use premium foam masking tape to protect jamb and apertures from overspray and to produce a soft paint edge. Using masking tape and paper takes longer and creates a hard paint edge. Premium foam masking tape can be applied to fixed or moving parts and the offset adhesive should be applied to the inside of the panel. Close the panel then smooth the tape to the desired depth.

Objective: Prevent paint overspray from penetrating jamb, hood and trunk gutters etc. and to produce a soft paint edge.



Windows

Use masking tape and paper to cover windows, lights and trim within the spray area. Use fine line tape first if you have difficult contours to mask.

Objective: Prevent paint overspray on the glass, lights and trim.



Outline the Spray Area

Outline the spray area with Carborundum white "Paint Check" paper.

Objective: Using the white "Paint Check" paper will not distort the light that reflects into the paint match area, as can happen with colored paper. The coverage test "Paint Check" logo helps to gauge paint coverage.

Tip: To keep the paint area cleaner while spraying, reverse mask the wheel wells with 18" paper. This measure will keep most, if not all, of the dirt that is behind the wheel to stay underneath the car.



Cover the Vehicle

Outline the area to be sprayed with 1-1/2" masking tape. Cover the entire vehicle with plastic sheeting and then cut out the area to be sprayed. Attach the plastic along the cut edge to the tape outline using 3/4" or 1-1/2" masking tape.

Objective: Protect panels that are not being painted from overspray.



Final Check

Double check that all exposed areas are covered, including the wheels using EZ Wrap paintable plastic wheel maskers.

Objective: Prevent costly re-work.



RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

SIZE	PART #
AMERICAN BRAND TM27 TRIMFAST	
50mm x 10m (1.96" x 10.94 yds.)	077922-00268
BLUE FINE LINE TAPE	
1/8" x 36 yds.	055395-30152
1/4" x 36 yds.	055395-30153
1/2" x 36 yds.	055395-30154
3/4" x 36 yds.	055395-99364
PREMIUM FOAM MASKING TAPE	
20mm x 50m (3/4" x 56.4 yd)	055395-99362
FOAM MASKING TAPE	
13mm x 50m (1/2" x 56.4 yd)	055395-99363
AMERICAN BRAND PG MASKING TAPE	
18mm x 54.8m	087143-00310
24mm x 54.8m	087143-00311
36mm x 54.8m	087143-00312
48mm x 54.8m	087143-00313
AMERICAN BRAND AM MASKING TAPE	
18mm x 54.8m	087143-00314
24mm x 54.8m	087143-00315
36mm x 54.8m	087143-00316
48mm x 54.8m	087143-00317
EZ SHEET™ TRI-LAYER PAINTABLE PLASTIC	
12' x 400'	055395-63770
16' x 350'	055395-63769
20' x 350'	055395-63895
OVERSPRAY PROTECTIVE SHEETING	
12' x 400'	055395-70530
16' x 400'	055395-06728
ANCHOR® BRAND HAND MASK FILM	
24" x 180'	087143-00214
48" x 180'	087143-00216
72" x 90'	087143-00217
99" x 90'	087143-00218
MOBILE MASKER	
4 tier-2 up to 12", 2 up to 18"	662610-89212
WHITE "PAINT CHECK" MASKING PAPER	
6" x 750'	055395-70582
12" x 750'	055395-70583
18" x 750'	055395-70584
24" x 750'	055395-99424
36" x 750'	055395-70585
EZ WRAP™ PROTECTIVE PLASTIC	
Wheel Maskers-Fits up to 17"	055395-68511