

Body Graphics — GT500, Bumpers

Special Tool(s)

 ST1073-A	Heat Gun 107-R0300
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1. Thoroughly wash and dry the vehicle before carrying out removal and installation of stripe decals.
2. **NOTE:** Surface temperature of body panel(s) should be above 10°C (50°F). Avoid carrying out removal or installation of stripe decal(s) in direct sunlight. The following step is applicable to the removal of the stripe decals, regardless of the location on the vehicle.

Warm the stripe decal on the affected panel with a hair dryer or heat gun on the lowest setting, being careful not to heat excessively, as this can melt the decal or damage the paint surface.

- Beginning at the edge or corner of the stripe, slowly lift and remove the stripe, pull at an angle to the body panel. Keep the stripe warm with a heat gun or hair dryer slightly ahead of the area just removed.
- Remove any remaining material or adhesive from the panel surface with an isopropanol cleaner or equivalent.
- An alternate method of removing stripes is with a rubber-wheeled graphic removal tool.

Installation

1. Mix 1 teaspoon of liquid dishwashing soap or equivalent in 1.89L (1/2 gal) of water. Fill a spray bottle with this solution.

NOTE: The following steps detail the procedure(s) for carrying out installation of the front bumper stripes.

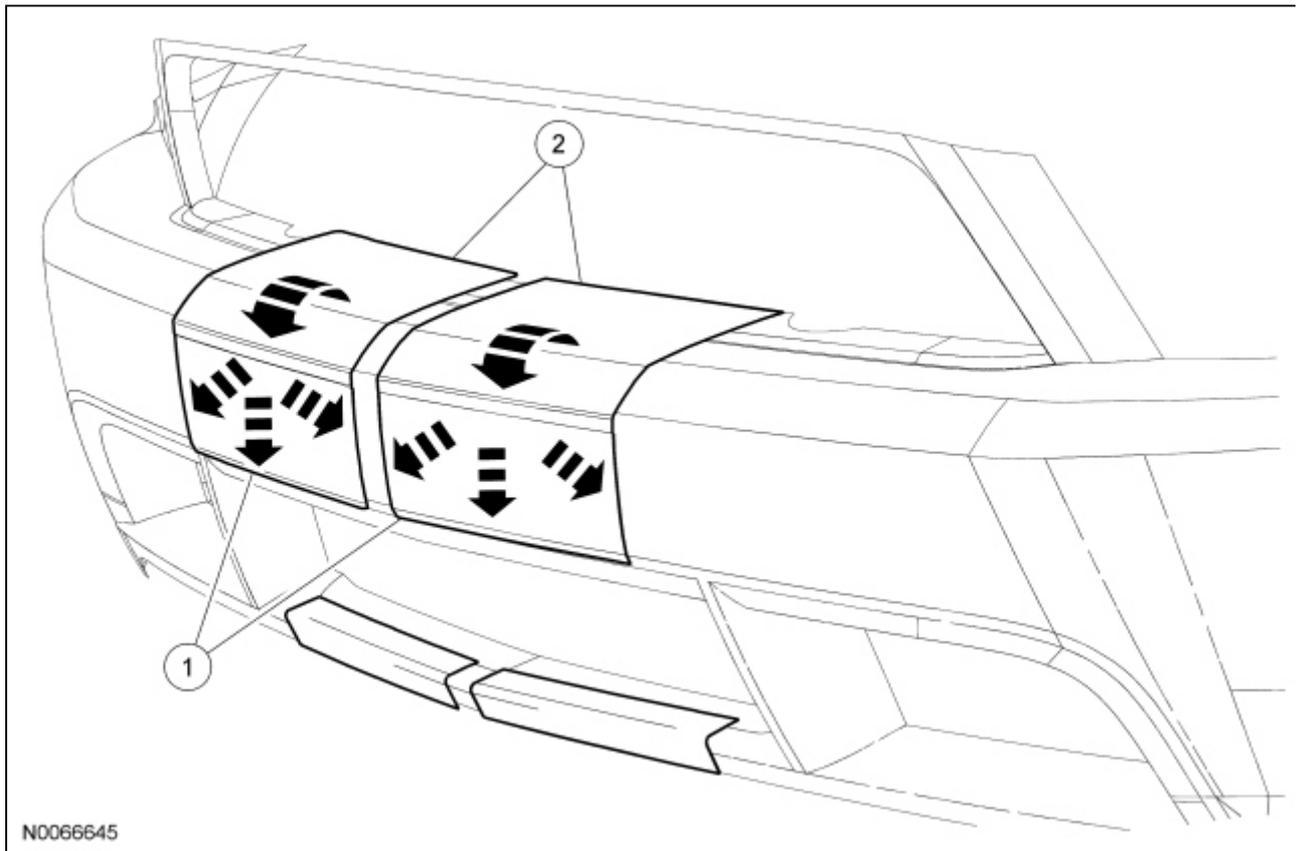
2. Remove the upper and lower grille(s) as necessary. For additional information, refer to [Section 501-08](#).
3. Clean the surface(s) using a commercial wax and grease remover, following manufacturer's directions.
4. Reclean the surface(s) using an isopropanol cleaner.
5. Locate and mark the front bumper centerline at 3 points using a non-staining marker.
6. **NOTE:** The lower portion of the front bumper stripe must be applied first, as the upper portion is designed to overlap the lower.

Clean the front bumper cover stripe decal as necessary. Wet the bumper surface with the water/soap solution. Remove the liner from the adhesive side of the new decal and wet with the water/soap solution.

- Position and apply the lower center portion of the bumper stripe decal (No. 1) first. Align in position with the front bumper center line mark. Beginning at the center of the stripe decal, use a plastic squeegee to remove the excess air and water/soap solution until the decal is firmly adhered. Wet the release paper with the water/soap solution and slowly remove the release paper, pulling at 180 degrees and a diagonal to the stripe decal.
- Remove the liner paper from the adhesive side of the new upper section of the front bumper stripe decal, and wet with the water/soap solution. Position the upper section of the front bumper stripe decal (No. 2), being careful to overlap with the lower center stripe decal. Beginning at the center and working outward to the edges, use a plastic squeegee to remove the excess air and water/soap solution until the decal is firmly adhered. Wet the release paper with water/soap

solution and slowly remove the release paper, pulling at 180 degrees and a diagonal to the stripe decal.

- Carry out installation of the lower stripe decal as above.



7. Repair blisters or air bubbles by piercing them with a small pin or needle at one end of the bubble. Work the trapped air out through the pin hole using a soft plastic squeegee, thumb or finger. Move toward the pin hole and press the stripe firmly against the panel. It may be necessary to preheat the panel slightly to soften the adhesive. Heat may also be applied to assist in removal of small creases or irregularities.
8. **NOTE:** The following steps detail the procedure(s) for carrying out installation of the rear bumper stripes.
Clean the surface(s) using a commercial wax and grease remover, following manufacturer's directions.
9. Reclean the surface(s) using an isopropanol cleaner.
10. **NOTE:** If the luggage compartment stripes are installed and the rear bumper stripes do not correctly align, the LH and RH bumper stripes may be separated and applied individually.
Locate and mark the rear bumper centerline at 3 points using a non-staining marker.
11. Clean the rear bumper cover stripe decal as necessary. Wet the bumper surface with the water/soap solution. Remove the liner from the adhesive side of the new decal and wet with the water/soap solution.
12. Align the rear bumper stripe with the centerline locators but do not press in place at this time.
13. **NOTICE:** Location No. 3 on the associated illustration must be the last portion of the rear bumper stripe to have air and soap/water solution removed. If this direction is not followed, risk of trapped air and wrinkling of the stripe is dramatically increased.

Install the rear bumper stripe. When point No. 1 is complete, continue to squeegee at point No. 2. Location No. 3 (top edge) must be squeegeed last or risk of wrinkling and trapping air is dramatically increased.

1. Beginning at point No. 1, carefully squeegee all air and the soap/water solution from under the decal outward and down the decal.
2. Continue working trapped air and the soap/water solution from under the decal at location No. 2.

3. When the lower portion of the decal is firmly affixed, finish removing air and the soap/water solution at point No. 3.
 - Wet the release paper with the water/soap solution and slowly remove the release paper, pulling at 180 degrees and a diagonal to the stripe decal.

