


## Body Graphics — GT500, Hood

### Special Tool(s)

 ST1073-A	Heat Gun 107-R0300
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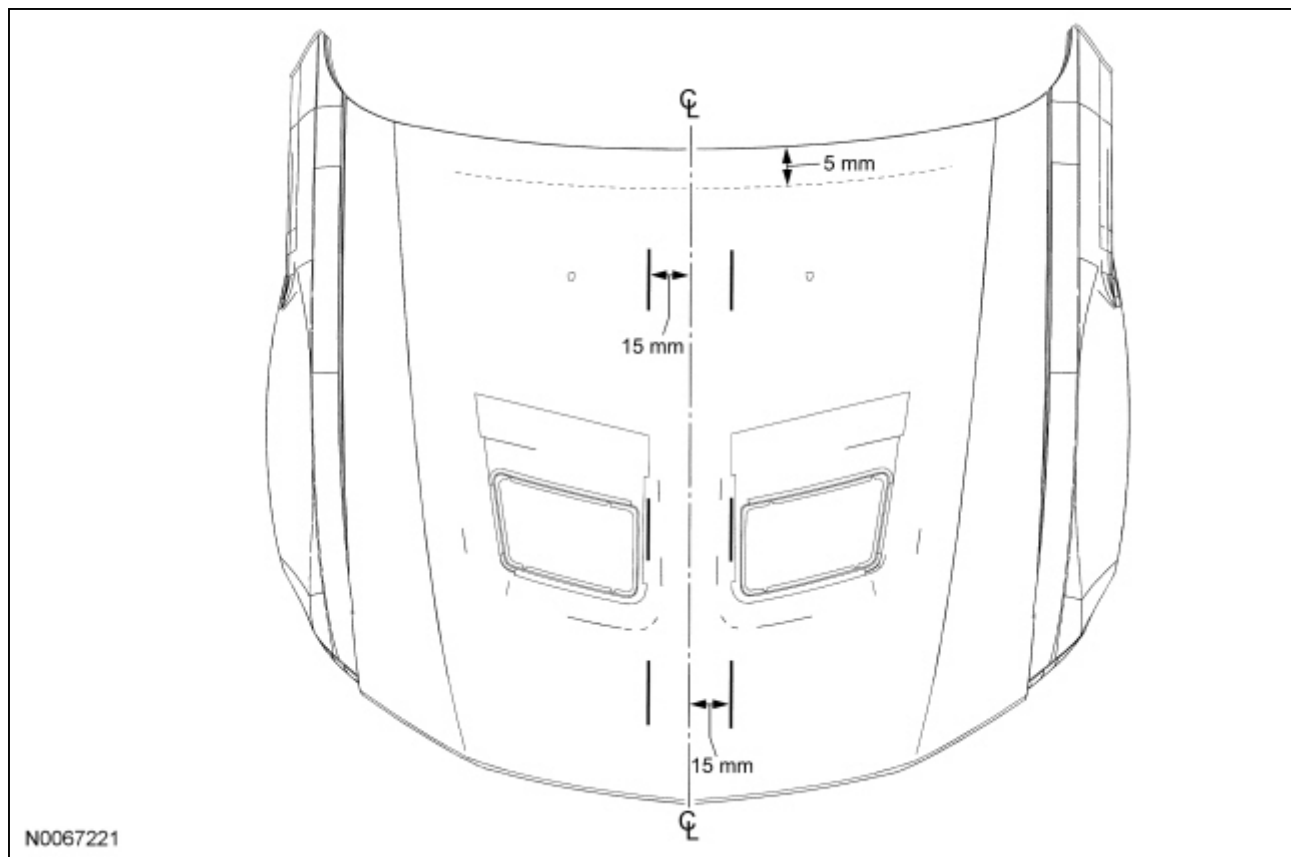
1. Thoroughly wash and dry the vehicle before carrying out removal and installation of stripe decals.
2. Remove the engine cover vent(s) from the hood. For additional information, refer to [Section 501-08](#). Remove the windshield washer nozzle(s).
3. Warm the stripe decal on the affected panel with 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.
2. Clean the surface using a commercial wax and grease remover, follow the manufacturer's directions.
3. Reclean the surface using an isopropanol cleaner.
4. **NOTE:** A non-staining, removable marker is required for hood layout.

Prepare the hood layout.

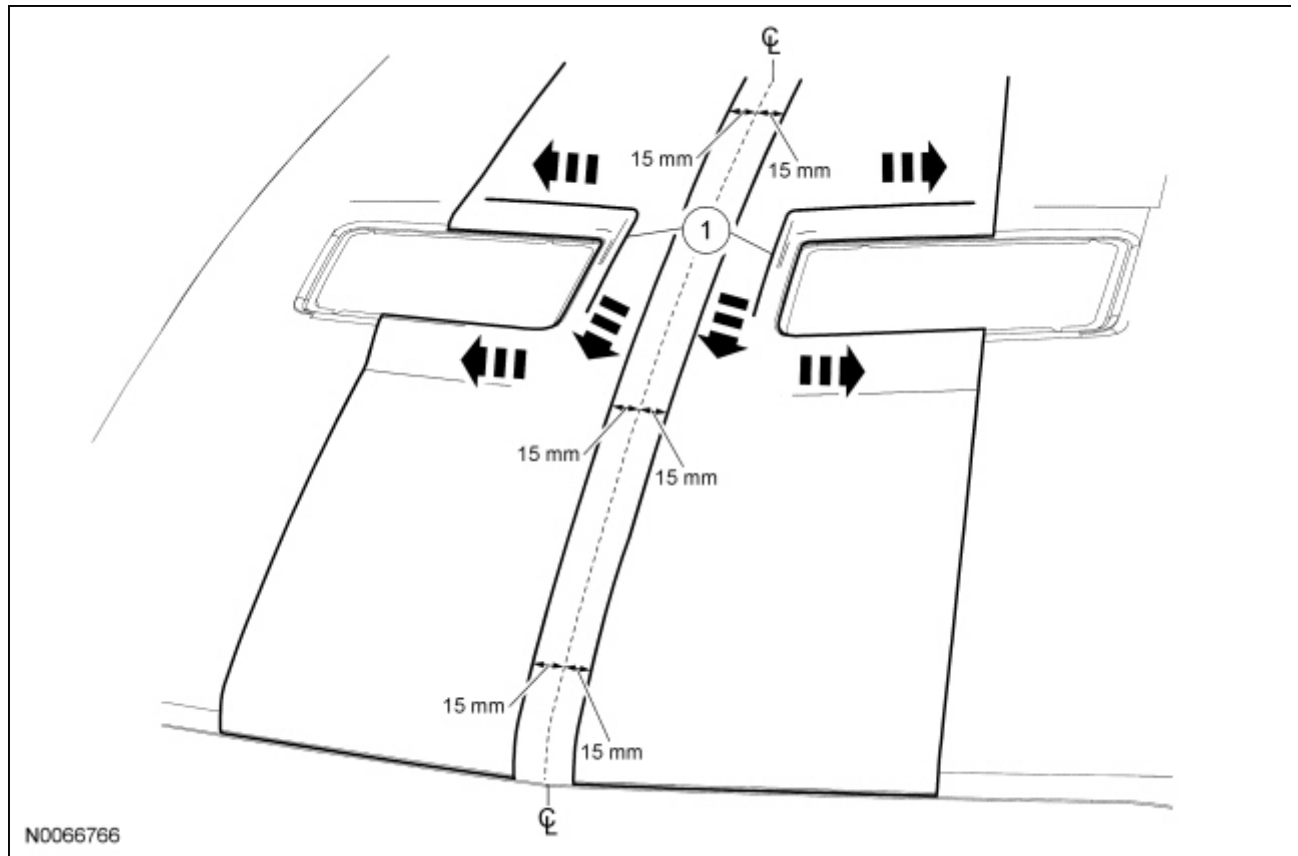
- Locate and mark the hood centerline at a minimum of 3 points.
- Measure 15 mm (0.59 in) outboard of the centerline and mark at a minimum of 3 points.
- Locate and mark a setback of 5 mm (0.19 in) at a minimum of 3 points from the cowl side of the hood.



5. **NOTE:** Surface temperature of body panel(s) should be above 10°C (50°F). Avoid carrying out installation of stripe decal(s) in direct sunlight.

Spray the entire hood surface with the soap/water solution.

6. Remove the liner from the adhesive side of the hood stripe and apply the soap/water solution to the stripe adhesive.
7. Turn the stripe decal over and position to the appropriate locator marks on the hood, maintaining a 5 mm (0.19 in) setback from the cowl side edge of the hood panel.
- Beginning at the inboard (No. 1) portion of the hood engine cover vent opening, using a balled up lint-free cloth or equivalent, firmly press the stripe decal onto the hood panel, working around the to the front engine cover vent opening and continuing on to the rearward (cowl side). Use a plastic squeegee to remove the excess air and water/soap solution from the remaining area, working from the center, outward to the edges, until the decal is firmly adhered. Do not attempt to wrap the decal in to the grille opening at this time.
  - When the stripe has been shaped around the hood engine cover vent opening, use a soft plastic squeegee to remove the excess air and water/soap solution from the remaining area, working from the center, outward to the edges, until the decal is firmly adhered.
  - Use a balled up lint-free cloth or equivalent and a heat gun on the lowest setting to complete shaping the stripe around the hood engine cover vent opening.



8. Carefully remove the outer protective liner from the hood stripe pulling off at 180 degrees and a diagonal to the stripe decal.
  9. Remove the indexing marks previously applied to the hood.
  10. 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, your 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 used to remove small creases or irregularities.
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