# Scotchgard<sup>™</sup> Paint Protection Film Pro Series 200 Gloss Scotchgard<sup>™</sup> Paint Protection Film Pro Series 200 Matte 3M<sup>™</sup> Paint Protection Film Series 150 Gloss 3M<sup>™</sup> Paint Protection Film Series 100 Gloss

Scotchgard™ Paint Protection Film Pro Series 200 Gloss and Scotchgard™ Paint Protection Film Pro Series 200 Matte are referenced as Scotchgard™ Paint Protection Film Pro Series 200 in this document.

# **Installation Solutions**

The slip solution must be prepared fresh every day. Do not store overnight!

### **Slip Solution**

### Scotchgard<sup>™</sup> Paint Protection Film Pro Series 200

DI water, distilled water or	32 ounces		DI water, distilled water or	32 ounces
filtered water	or	or	filtered water	or
	1000 ml			1000 ml
Neutral Baby Shampoo	1.5 - 2 ml*		Dish soap	1 ml

### **Slip Solution**

### 3M<sup>™</sup> Paint Protection Film Series 100 Gloss

DI water, distilled water or	32 ounces		DI water, distilled water or	32 ounces
filtered water	or	or	filtered water	or
	1000 ml			1000 ml
Neutral Baby Shampoo	1 - 1.5 ml*		Dish soap	0.75 ml*

### **Slip Solution**

### 3M<sup>™</sup> Paint Protection Film Series 150 Gloss

DI water, distilled water or	32 ounces		DI water, distilled water or	32 ounces
filtered water	or	or	filtered water	or
	1000 ml			1000 ml
Neutral Baby Shampoo	2.5 ml*		Dish soap	1.25 ml*

\* Suggested solution mix starting points. In a hot environment, always keep the paint protection film wet.

Alternatively, in hot environments:

• Add 0.5 - 1.0 ml more soap to the mix for Scotchgard™ Paint Protection Film Pro Series 200 and 3M™ Paint Protection Film 100 Gloss.

### 3M<sup>™</sup> Paint Protection Film Installation Gel

- Alternative slip foundation to water/shampoo solutions
- High viscosity water-based gel
- Ready to use

### **Tack Solution**

Isopropyl alcohol (Isopropanol) 99%	150 ml		Isopropyl alcohol (Isopropanol) 70%	250 ml
DI water, distilled water or	850 ml	or	DI water, distilled water or	750 ml
filtered water			filtered water	

### **Hybrid Solution**

Neutral Baby Shampoo	2 ml		Neutral Baby Shampoo	2 ml
Isopropyl alcohol (Isopropanol) 99%	150 ml	or	Isopropyl alcohol (Isopropanol) 70%	250ml
DI water, distilled water or	850 ml		DI water, distilled water or	750ml
filtered water			filtered water	





# 3M™ Paint Protection Film Installation Guidelines

# Installation Tools

Tools to use for a proper paint protection film installation:

- Disposable Syringes 5 ml
- Scotch-Brite® Microfiber Cloth
- 3M<sup>™</sup> Perfect-It<sup>™</sup> Cleaner Clay or Meguiar's<sup>®</sup> C2000 Pro Detailing Clay (Mild)
  Optimal: 3M<sup>™</sup> Surface Preparation System (Available in EU)
- 3M<sup>™</sup> Paint Protection Film Installation Gel
- Turbo Squeegees or Fusion Squeegees
- Cutting knife 30-degree blades

# Cap Sheet

The cap sheet layer helps protect the film's quality and is easily removed. The cap sheet is removable by hand on bulk installation and needs to be removed before plotter cutting.

# **Roll Handling and Storage**

### **Important Note**

To prevent possible tunneling, hold the core of the roll and pull the film firmly, ensuring no slack. Then add tape in the middle of the tightened roll and within approx. 150 mm (6") of each roll edge. If the roll is 1,524 mm (60") wide, add two more pieces of tape approx. 450 mm (18") on either side of the center tape. Other roll dimensions are to be handled accordingly. Stand partial rolls straight up and down on a rack or similar.

# Installation Instructions

- 1) Make sure there is no ceramic coating applied to the vehicle paint. If there is, ceramic coating can be removed by working with an authorized paint correction specialist/automotive detailer.
- 2) Use an adhesive remover solvent (3M recommends 3M<sup>™</sup> General Purpose Adhesive Cleaner) to remove any surface residue not removed in the cleaning process (i.e. wax, tar, paint sealant).
- 3) Use a non-ammonia foaming glass cleaner to remove any solvent residue from the adhesive cleaner. 3M recommends foaming glass cleaner.
- 4) Use a clay bar to remove surface contaminants on the painted surface. 3M recommends any mild clay bar such as 3M<sup>™</sup> Perfect-It<sup>™</sup> Cleaner Clay or Meguiar's® C2000 Pro Detailing Clay (Mild).
- 5) Wipe down the vehicle with a non-abrasive cloth and do a final inspection prior to the installation. 3M recommends Scotch-Brite® Microfiber Cloth.
- 6) After installation is complete, gently wipe down the film, dry it, and inspect it. Allow 15 minutes for the adhesive to dry before putting pressure on the film to avoid leaving marks.

## **Bulk Installation**

For a bulk installation, dry areas that may have been exposed to excess slip when making anchor points on an install. For example, when stretching four corners for a bulk hood install. Wipe off any slip solution or flush out any slip solution and dry off in non-active area anchor points on the bumper or fender as you stretch the Scotchgard<sup>™</sup> Paint Protection Film Pro Series 200 or 3M<sup>™</sup> Paint Protection Film Series 100 Gloss over the hood and lock it in place. Hold for ten seconds to activate the firmer adhesive to stretch out any fingers and lock the four anchor points in place with warm water or tack solution.

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Use Meguiar's® Ultimate Quik Detailer™ (hydrophobic polymer wax) or Meguiar's® Final Inspection to gain more adhesive working time on paint protection films for larger automotive areas, such as hoods. DO NOT INSTALL ANY HYDROPHOBIC POLYMER WAX ON THE EDGES OF ANY INSTALLATION AREA OR WRAPPED EDGE. IF ANY HYDROPHOBIC POLYMER WAX GETS ON THE EDGES REMOVE IT BEFORE INSTALLING.

# ONLY for 3M™ Paint Protection Film 100 Gloss and

### Scotchgard<sup>™</sup> Paint Protection Film Pro Series 200

For application over a complex curve: activate the adhesive with "Tack Solution" and hold the film in place for at least 10 seconds. Warm water can be utilized in solutions to assist as needed with installation.



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### **Application Temperature**

Recommended application temperature:  $60^{\circ}F - 85^{\circ}F (16^{\circ}C - 30^{\circ}C)$ IMPORTANT: 3M recommends ease of application at +70°F to 79°F (+21°C to +26°C) for optimum application for paint protection film and vehicle.

### Maintenance, Cleaning and Removal

- 3M recommends waiting at least 72 hours before washing a vehicle after paint protection film application.
- Touchless car wash and hand washing are preferred methods.
- Loose paint protection film could tear away from a moving vehicle. After washing, check all the paintprotecting films carefully for edge lifting and repair, and remove or replace damaged paint protection films.
- If a pressure washer is to be used, follow strict guidelines. However, aggressive washing can damage the paint protection film. Excessive pressure during power washing can damage the paint protection film by forcing water underneath the film and lowering the adhesion to the paint surface, causing the film to lift or curl. These problems are magnified by the wind.

To avoid edge lifting or other damage to the paint protection film, follow these important steps:

- Use a spray nozzle with a minimum 40-degree wide spray pattern.
- Be sure the spray nozzle includes a nozzle protector (tip guard).
- Use a maximum pressure of 80 bar.
- If the system is heated, limit the water temperature to 140°F (60°C) or less.
- Hold the nozzle at least 30 cm away from and perpendicular (90 degrees +/- 10) to the paint protection film, or a minimum of 100 cm away from the graphic at a 30° angle, or higher.
- Do not direct the water stream between 0° and 60° to the edge of the paint protection film.

The surface of the paint protection film is coated with a clear coat. This protects the surface to a high degree against environmental influences and mechanical stress. A commercial shampoo can be used for regular cleaning.

Do not use strong alkaline, acidic, or alcoholic cleaning agents. They could permanently damage the film.

#### Waxing

Regular treatment of the surface with a polish or wax is not necessary.

If waxing, do not use wax that contains dyes, abrasive polishes, and/or rubbing compounds. The abrasive particles will damage the film surface and result in a loss of surface quality.

#### Removal

3M recommends using a steamer for removal. The correct angle of removal is 30 – 60 degrees from the surface of the paint.

#### Factors that Affect Paint Protection Film Performance Life

The actual performance life of a paint protection film is affected by:

- Selection, condition, and preparation of the substrate
- Surface texture
- Application methods
- Environmental conditions

## Health and Safety

When handling any chemical products, read the manufacturer's container labels and the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for important health, safety and environmental information.

Follow the link to obtain SDS sheets for 3M products on 3M.com/SDS.

Follow the link to obtain information about substances of very high concern (SVHC).

IMPORTANT! When using any equipment, always follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.



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