



## Body Badge Installation

The badges are made from layers of foil and other materials, all covered with a pliable urethane clear “lens.” They are thin, not more than 1/16 inch thick, so they are very slick and appear to have been molded right into the painted surface of the body work. In comparison, the raised stock badges and aftermarket versions look rather crude. Since the badge colors match the various car colors perfectly, the integrated appearance of the badges is all the more striking. Depending on the color of your car and the color of the badge you chose, the end result could be very subtle and sophisticated or more striking.

To avoid mistakes, please read these directions fully before beginning.

### Required items:

- Xenit Adhesive remover from Stoner, or 3M Adhesive Remover available from your local auto store
- Waxed dental floss
- General purpose masking tape
- Soft cotton detailing towel
- Isopropyl Alcohol and cotton balls or alcohol swabs
- Optional: aftermarket finishing/detailing spray, we use Zaino's Z-6.

### Quick Installation Instructions

The adhesive of the badges cures better when the temperature is 70° or higher. It has been reports that installation can/has been done at lower temperatures with out any problems.

1. Clean the badge and sounding areas to remove all dirt, dust, oils, etc.
2. Remove the stock badges.
3. Clean the badge location by wiping with clean towel and isopropyl alcohol.
4. Remove the backing from the S Badge and apply the adhesive side to the clean, dry surface. Use a rolling manner (from bottom to top) to prevent air bubbles. Using caution contaminate the adhesive on the back of the emblem.
5. The assembly should remain about 70 degrees F for 72 to 96 hours before exposure to the outside.

## Installation Overview

The installation itself is quite easy. You begin by spraying the stock badges with adhesive solvent that will not damage the paint. Once the solvent has soaked into the stock badge backing, mark the badge position with masking tape (one piece to mark the bottom, another to mark the center position). Then, you take a long piece of dental floss, work it in under the badge and “saw” the badge adhesive loose with a back and forth motion. You have to work the dental floss all around the stock badge – from the top and bottom and left and right. Both stock badges front and rear have two small pins that are inserted into two small holes in the bodywork. When the badge is loose, you just pull up the top with your fingers, and then pull the badge straight up with both hands out of the holes. The pins are not anchored to anything, so there’s nothing to damage or lose.

The badge holes in the trunk have plastic inserts, which will remain in place when you remove the stock badge. You push these out from inside the trunk with your fingers (if you don’t, they will prevent the new S badge from lying flat).

Once the stock badges have been removed, use more of the adhesive remover to clean off any remaining adhesive and dirt, and then do a final cleaning of the surface with alcohol or some other cleaner. We recommend an application of your favorite wax in the badge areas at this point.

Finally, you strip the protective covering off the back of the new S badge and set it carefully into place, aligning it with the tape you used to mark the stock badge locations. Rub the entire surface of the new badge firmly to ensure full adhesion (the badges are flexible, and will conform to the slight curvature of the body work). Be sure to give special attention to the area around the small embossed “2000” on the badge. When the badges are firmly adhered, clean and polish them and the surrounding area with Zaino or your other favorite polish, then stand back to admire the new look of your car.

## Body Badge Removal

### ***Badge Differences***

There have been a few changes from model year (MY) to model year on how the badges are mounted, and what it takes to remove them. Also Honda has a “Black Chrome” badge kit that some dealers have installed. This section will outline the difference in these badges, and notes will be added to the removal procedure when needed.

### **Stock MY00-01 Badges**

The stock MY00-01 front badge has built in mounting clips (See Figure 1) These clips are released by closing them against the mounting pins on the badge. The rear badges have separate mounting clips that are installed in the mounting holes in the trunk. The rear badges for all model years are the same.





**Figure 1MY00-01 Front Mounts**

### Stock MY02-03 Badges

The way that the front badges are mounted has changed. The badges size was increased and the front badge is now fastened using a “one-way” push nut (See Figure 2). Since these push nuts are only one way, the mounting pins on the badge must be cut to remove them. The rear badges are mounted the same as the MY00-01 badges.

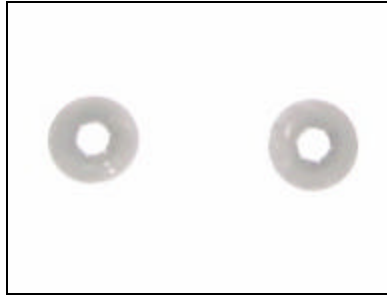


Figure 2 MY02-03 Push Nuts

### Black Chrome Badges

The Black Chrome front badge is mounted using the same push nuts (See Figure 3). Also the Black Chrome front badge has a larger area covered with adhesive. The entire back of the badge is covered, so this will take more effort and adhesive solvent to remove. The rear badges are mounted the same as all other stock badges, and has only two strips of adhesive.



Figure 3 Black Chrome Front Badge

## **Front Badge Removal**

The removal process is basically the same for all model years. There is however a few minor differences that will be noted when they would be required.



**Figure 4 Apply Solvent to Stock Badge**

1. Spray badge with an adhesive solvent.
2. Let the solvent soak into the badge adhesive for a few minutes.  
**Note: Black Chrome Badge** apply more adhesive solvent, and let soak longer. There is a ton of adhesive on these badges.
3. Using a soft cloth, remove the excess solvent from around badge area.



**Figure 5 Mark Stock badge Location/Center**

4. Apply paper masking tape to mark horizontal and vertical center positions of original badges.



**Figure 6 Cut Adhesive**

5. Starting at the top, using waxed dental floss to “cut” through adhesive beneath the badge.  
**Note: All Badges,** You cannot pull completely top to bottom because of mounting posts in the crossbar of the “H”.



**Figure 7 Cut Adhesive**

6. Then from the bottom using waxed dental floss to “cut” through adhesive beneath the badge.





**Figure 8 Fastener Removal**

7. This step differs by badge type.
  - **MY00-01:** Reach beneath the front bumper. You will feel the clips that hold the front emblem on. Push up on the bottom of the two clips and pull from the bottom front of the emblem at the same time and lift out of the mounting holes.
  - **MY02-03 and Black Chrome:** With a pair on wire cutters, Reach beneath the front bumper. You will feel the mounting post that the push nuts hold the front emblem on. Cut them as short as you can. Now you should be able to slip the wire cutters between the bumper cover and the push nuts and tilt the handle away from the bumper cover. This will force the push nut up, and off the badge mounting posts. Once both push nuts have been removed, you can lift the badge from the bumper cover.



**Figure 9 Adhesive leftovers**

8. Once the badge has been removed, there should be some adhesive left behind.
9. Clean the area with adhesive remover and alcohol to remove all traces of the original emblem's adhesive.



**Figure 10 Removal Complete**

10. Front Badge Removal Complete

### ***Rear Badge Removal***

The rear badges for all model years are mounted the same and can be removed using the same steps.

1. Spray badge with an adhesive solvent.
2. Let the solvent soak into the badge adhesive for a few minutes.  
**Note: Black Chrome Badge** apply more adhesive solvent, and let soak longer. There is a more adhesive on these badges, but not as much as on the front.
3. Using a soft cloth, remove the excess solvent from around badge area.
4. Apply paper masking tape to mark horizontal and vertical center positions of original badges.





**Figure 11 Rear Badge Removal**

5. Perform the same "floss cutting" procedure on the rear badge, then lift badge from trunk lid (there are NO mounting clips for the rear emblem).



**Figure 12 Mount Socket Removal**

6. Next reach inside and pull out the small plastic mounting sockets. (See Figure 13) **Note:** These can also be pushed through from the outside of the truck. You may not find it again once it pops free. It took me 6 months to find one of them.
7. Clean the area with adhesive remover and alcohol to remove all traces of the original emblem's adhesive.
8. Rear Badge Removal Complete.



Figure 13 Mounting Sockets

### ***Front Badge Installation***

Before installing your new badges be sure that the area where the badges will be installed is clean. Use Isopropyl Alcohol and a soft cloth to thoroughly clean the area. This will insure that your new badges will stay firmly mounted.





**Figure 14 Test fit front badge**

1. Remove the backing from the badge and using the masking tape as a guide affix only the bottom of the badge to the bumper cover.





**Figure 15 Test fit evaluation**

2. Sit back and check the alignment and centering of the badge.  
If you need to adjust, simply remove and reattach.
3. Once you are satisfied with the badge alignment, Work from the centerline out to the edges. Make sure to get the edges down all the way around the badge.

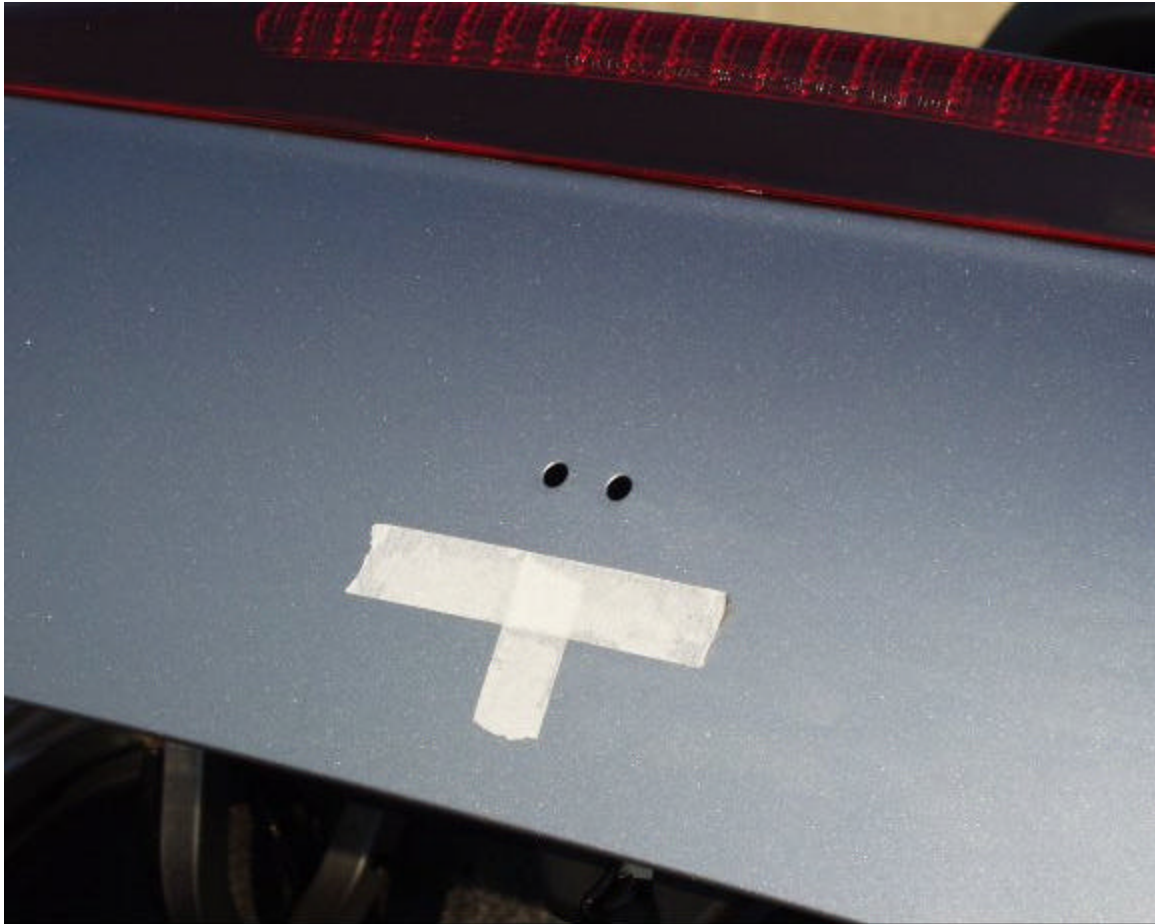


**Figure 16 Badge Post Installation Detail**

4. Remove the masking tape, and clean up carefully the masking tape adhesive using adhesive remover. Taking care not to get any on your newly install badge.
5. Using your favorite quick detail product (Zaino's Z6 is ours) and a soft detail cloth, lightly clean the area.
6. The Front Badge installation is complete.

## ***Rear Badge Installation***

The rear badges are installed using the same process as the front badges.



**Figure 17 Rear Badge location**

1. Using the masking tape as a guide.



**Figure 18 Test Fit**

2. Center the badges over your marking tape
3. With only the bottom of the new emblem touching.



**Figure 19 Alignment Check**

4. Step back and check your alignment.  
If you need to adjust, simply remove and reaffix.



**Figure 20 Rear Badge Installation**

5. Once you are satisfied with the badge alignment, Work from the centerline out to the edges. Make sure to get the edges down all the way around the badge.
6. Remove the masking tape, and clean up carefully the masking tape adhesive using adhesive remover. Taking care not to get any on your newly install badge.
7. Using your favorite quick detail product (Zaino's Z6 is ours) and a soft detail cloth, lightly clean the area.
8. The Rear Badge installation is complete.

## ***Wheel Badge Installation***

This is a very simple procedure. Simply clean the wheel hub cover thoroughly, we suggest rubbing alcohol, and let dry. Notice that the stock 'H' symbol has been lined-up with the valve stem from the factory. We suggest that you mimic this orientation with your new 'S' badges. Place the badges on the wheel hub lightly and step back for a better overall view. Adjust as necessary. When you are satisfied with its position apply pressure working from the center to the outer edges to adhere tightly.

