

How much stretch can be applied to the film during installation?

3M recommends not stretching 3M™ Protection Wrap Film more than 15%. Overstretching the film can crack the clear coat or cause adhesive marking when applying the film to complex areas.

Does 3M™ Protection Wrap Film have a conformable protective film layer (PFL) on its surface?

No. 3M™ Protection Wrap Film does not have a PFL. Gloss colors have a cap sheet that help protect the film until it is used.

Does the vehicle's condition impact the look of 3M™ Protection Wrap Film?

All wrap films, including 3M™ Protection Wrap Film, should be applied to a "like new" vehicle finish for the best results. 3M's warranty only applies to vehicles that have an excellent bond between the paint and the vehicle substrate. Any rust, bubbling, scratches, dents, or other damage will be visible through the film, and such imperfections may damage the film or cause the film to fail prematurely. Areas repaired with body filler must be sanded, epoxy primed, and, for best results, finished with an original equipment manufacturer paint or clear coat. Any recently applied finish must be fully cured according to the paint manufacturer's directions before film is applied.

Any defect in the paint—including scratches, dents, bubbling, pitting, fisheyes, and orange peel—may be visible through 3M™ Protection Wrap Film, especially when using the flat, gloss colors. 3M recommends a professional paint correction be performed when heavy orange peeling is present on a vehicle prior to installing 3M™ Protection Wrap Film. Failure to do so will result in high gloss films taking on the orange peel appearance. Wrap shops should set proper expectations for their customers before installing any 3M™ Protection Wrap Film.

How do I clean the vehicle properly before applying film?

Cleaning the application surface properly is one of the most important steps to a good application. See the [3M™ Vehicle Prep for Success Guide](#) for details.

Working with 3M™ Protection Wrap Film high gloss films requires a clean installation environment. Keep the floors clean of dust and debris to lessen the chance of contaminants getting under the film. Lint-free clothing and hair covers may also be necessary. Film should be installed immediately after the installation surface has been cleaned.

When should I remove the cap sheet?

The cap sheet on the gloss films can be left on for the entire installation, but it MUST be removed before post-heating. Some installers prefer to keep the cap sheet on for flat surface applications and remove it before curved surface applications. The cap sheet MUST be removed before the final squeegee and inspection and before applying heat to the film.

Can I use ceramic coating or ceramic boost spray?

Yes, 3M™ Ceramic Coating 39901 and 3M™ Ceramic Boost Spray 39905 can be used with 3M™ Protection Wrap Film.

Can I print on 3M™ Protection Wrap Film?

No. 3M™ Protection Wrap Film is available in many colors, textures, and finishes, and is intended to be used without further processing. 3M has other printable film options for vehicles; ask a 3M sales representative for more information.

Is the cap sheet on 3M™ Protection Wrap Film gloss films recyclable?

The cap sheet is made of PET. Recycling programs vary from country to country and may not be available in a given area. Ask the local solid waste authority about their plastic Number 1 recycling program.

Can I use 3M™ Knifeless™ Tape with 3M™ Protection Wrap Film?

Yes, 3M™ Protection Wrap Film is compatible with 3M™ Knifeless™ Tape Precision Line and 3M™ Knifeless™ Tape Design Line. See [3M.com/knifelesstapes](https://www.3m.com/knifelesstapes) for further information.

Does 3M™ Protection Wrap Film exhibit lot to lot variations in color?

Lot-to-lot variations are not common in 3M™ Protection Wrap Film colors as 3M has specifications in place to prevent large color variations. However, film colors can vary slightly from lot to lot. To ensure the most consistent color, use the same film lot number for an entire installation.

Do some films appear to change color if applied in different directions?

Yes. Certain 3M™ Protection Wrap Film colors, such as textured, metallic, pearl, and color flip films may have a directional characteristic to their appearance. To achieve the best overall appearance, install the film in a consistent orientation for the entire installation. 3M recommends checking the film's orientation and color prior to installation. Do NOT alternate a film's orientation from panel to panel.

What is the best way to handle and store partial remaining rolls of film?

3M recommends holding the top of the core with one hand and firmly pulling any slack out of the roll. Then tape from the center out to the edges while keeping the roll tight. Additionally, replace the endcaps before placing in a box.

What is the warranty on the new 3M™ Protection Wrap Film?

10-year comprehensive warranty backed by 3M. Ask a 3M authorized installer or see the warranty card for complete details.

Installation Overview

Where can I get complete installation details?

See the [3M™ Protection Wrap Film Installation Guide](#). Additionally, 3M offers world-class training for professional growth, as well as opportunities to earn an installer endorsement from 3M and be listed on the 3M website.

Is polishing compound recommended on very complex recesses or curves or edges?

Installers may pre-apply Meguiar's® Ultra Finishing Polish on very difficult recessed areas or edges where they want more tack to the painted surface, prior to installing PWF. Wipe areas where the polish was used clean with a microfiber cloth and a mixture of 70% isopropyl alcohol and 30% deionized water prior to installing PWF.

Is film primer recommended on stretched corners or edges?

3M recommends using 3M™ Primer 94 to maximize a film's bond to the substrate in corners or edges that need additional stretch than normal. Consult air quality regulations before using 3M™ Primer 94.

Can I wet-apply 3M™ Protection Wrap Film?

Installers preferring wet installation for large part areas can utilize use DI Water or tack solution for more slide on large sections. Make sure to squeegee very thoroughly, removing all water underneath the film, and then dry the film edges before wrapping with a heat gun.

NOTE

If using a tack solution for wet installations, do NOT exceed a ratio of 15% IPA to deionized water.

Do I need to post heat the film?

YES, post heating is a critical step in a successful installation. Installers must post-heat corners and edges to make sure all are adhered well to the painted substrate. Heat set the film to 200°F to 225°F (93.3°C to 107.2°C). This helps prevent the film from lifting over time. 3M recommends using an IR thermometer to ensure the correct temperatures are reached when post-heating.

Health and Safety

Tools and Equipment Usage

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

Chemicals

When handling any chemical products, read the manufacturers' container labels and the safety data sheets (SDS) for important health, safety, and environmental information.

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