

SecureVIN

Auto Glass Etching

Instruction Guide

Auto glass etching is an effective tool to reduce and prevent car thefts. This process involves chemical etches of the VIN numbers on the vehicle's windows, yet leave no defacing marks on the glass. Auto glass etches make car parts essentially worthless, thus making them cost prohibitive to potential thieves. Great for all vehicles.

Things You'll Need, Not Included:

- Painter's tape or masking tape
- Newspaper
- Glass cleaner or auto glass cleaner
- Paper towels
- Bucket of water

Most of the items you need are included in the SecureVIN kit.

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Step 1

Clean the glass where you intend to etch.

Using window cleaner or auto glass cleaner, remove all dust, dirt, grease and grime from the window or glass. Then clean it a second time to make sure you've removed all dirt and contaminants.

Step 2

Clean the Glass with an Alcohol Wipe.

The SecureVIN kit includes 4 alcohol wipes and 8 stencils. The glass should be cleaned as above. Use an alcohol wipe to clean the area of glass where you will place the stencil. Use one side of the wipe and use the second side for the next stencil.

Step 3

Remove the backing paper carefully from one side of the stencil about one inch. The stencil is self adhesive.

Step 3 Notes:

The stencil has small pieces of vinyl inside each letter. These may not all stick to the backing paper as the stencil is peeled up. You can easily remove them using a straightened paperclip end. You will find a clip in the bag with the stencils. If a piece is left behind or if you accidentally break one of the connecting pieces inside a letter or number, do NOT panic. The VIN will still be readable. The point of the system is to prevent your car from being stolen in the first place, more than recovering a piece of your glass after your car has been sent through a chop shop. If a dividing piece of one of the stencil letters breaks, you can push it back into proper position using the end of the paper clip.

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Step 4

Place the stencil.

Carefully place the stencil where you want the etching to appear on the glass. Make sure the edges where you will be placing the etching cream are flush against the glass so the cream won't seep under. You want nice crisp edges and lines. Place one end of the stencil and peel off the backing paper as you press down the stencil. Protect the area around the stencil by using painter's tape and attaching newspaper or other heavy-duty paper to the glass.

Make sure the etching cream will not come in contact with the paint on the vehicle, because it will damage the finish. Use tape and newspaper to protect the paint as necessary, but do not use masking tape on the paint.

Step 5

Brush on the etching cream.

Wearing protective gloves (included), brush on a generous layer of etching cream over the area of the stencil where you want the etching to appear. Let the etching cream sit on the auto glass for at least 15 minutes.

Step 6

Remove the etching cream from the glass.

Still wearing the gloves, use a wet sponge to carefully wipe the etching cream away. Make sure you do not drag or smear it into any areas you do not want etched or onto any of the auto paint. Do not let the cream touch your skin.

Step 6 Continued:

Dip the sponge in the bucket of water, wipe the area where the cream was clean again. Repeat this several times until all of the etching cream is gone. Use a wet paper towel to clean the area again and let it dry.

Step 7

Remove the stencil and clean the glass.

Carefully remove the stencil, masking tape and any newspaper. Give the auto glass one last thorough cleaning using window cleaner and paper towels.

Enjoy your etched auto glass.

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