



etchIDENT stencils allow you to permanently etch your VIN (vehicle identification number) onto your automobile windows using etchIDENT etch cream.



VIN etch is a simple, affordable, passive, theft deterrent system currently in use across the country. Permanently etching your VIN onto your automobile windows positively identifies your automobile to

protect it from theft. Thieves bypass cars with VIN's etched onto the windows, preferring to steal an unmarked car. Some insurance companies even offer discounts on theft insurance for cars with the VIN etched onto the windows. etchIDENT etch cream is available for use with etchIDENT stencils in a 1.5oz (44ml) dabber bottle or a brush cap 1/4 fl.oz. (7ml) bottle.

To use etchIDENT VIN stencils, follow the directions below. You will need an etchIDENT VIN stencil, a bottle of etchIDENT etch cream and a



typewriter or a dot matrix computer printer.



1. First, REMOVE the ribbon or ink cartridge from the typewriter or printer.

2. Next, insert the etchIDENT VIN etch stencil sheet just as you would insert a piece of paper, making sure the blue side is facing you when you are ready to type.

3. Now type your VIN on the stencil. As you type (with a typewriter), the blue resist is removed by the keys, exposing the area that will be etched by the cream. The print head on a dot matrix printer will do the same job.



4. Remove the stencil sheet from typewriter or printer.

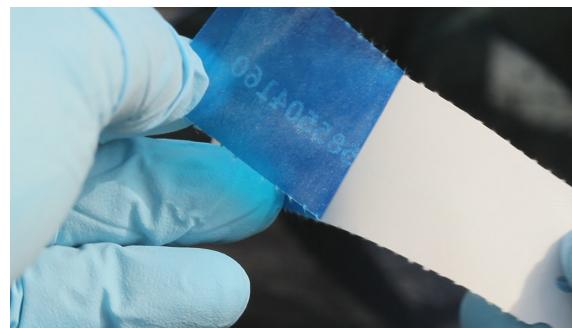
Note: Before carrying out these instructions, double check the Vehicle ID Number (VIN) to be sure it matches the printed stencils.

5. Be sure all the windows in the vehicle are rolled all the way up. Remember to begin each of the following steps at the windshield on the driver's side (at the VIN Plate). For each step,

move around the vehicle as follows: 1) Windshield on the driver's side. 2) Driver's side glass. 3) Driver's side rear glass. 4) Back glass left rear corner. 5) Passenger side rear glass. 6) passenger side front glass. Some vehicles like SUV's and vans may require more stencils. Do not etch small decorative corner glasses.

6. If any of the glass seems especially dirty, move around the vehicle as described above, and using water or glass cleaner, clean and dry the glass.

7. Stencil Placement: Carefully check the vehicle VIN against the prepared stencils to be certain they match. Now, separating the individual stencils using the perforations as you go, start at the driver's side windshield and move around the vehicle in a counter-clockwise



fashion. At each location, carefully remove the blue stencil from the shiny

white backing material. Discard the backing and carefully place the self-adhesive blue stencil on the glass. For a neat appearance, be certain that the lower edge of the stencil is aligned with the window ledge.



After stencil is placed on glass, use your index finger to gently smooth out any wrinkles or air bubbles in the stencil. Apply stencils to all glass areas before moving to the next step.



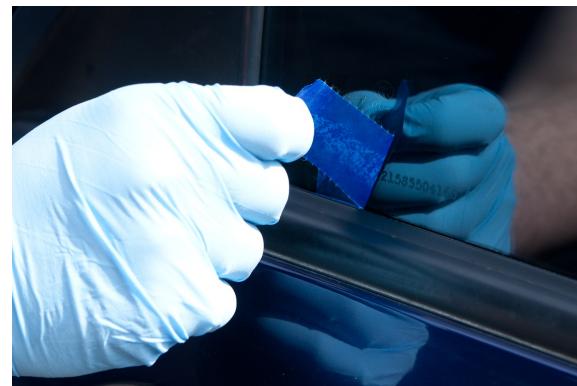
8. Apply the etchIDENT™ etch cream: Starting at the driver's side windshield and moving around the vehicle in a counter-clockwise, use the dabber applicator tip to carefully apply the cream to the character portions of the stencils. The etching process does not require that the cream be applied in a thick layer; just evenly apply the cream to all the characters. Apply **carefully** to avoid any dripping.

9. Coating the first stencil at the driver's side windshield, set a timer for between **2** minutes. Move on, applying the cream to each applied stencil in turn.



**Emergency Measures.** As you apply the cream, if you notice that you have accidentally gone outside the blue stencil area, IMMEDIATELY strip that stencil off the glass surface and wipe the glass area clean using handy wipes and glass

cleaner liberally. Remember, the cream will begin to etch the glass almost **instantaneously**, so do not hesitate. A replacement stencil will be cut to place over the same area covering any tiny smudge. **ALWAYS HAVE A HANDY WIPE FOR THIS PURPOSE.**



6. Stencil Removal. You should have the etch cream applied to all the stencils well before the first **2** minute interval. When your timer indicates, go back to the driver's side windshield, and with your water spray (glass cleaner) bottle and



paper (or baby wipes) towels, quickly remove each stencil, then liberally spray the area with glass cleaner and towel dry. Carefully discard all used stencils in a trash bag or container.



10. Final Inspection. Starting with the windshield at the VIN plate, carefully inspect each glass area to be certain all etch cream residue is cleaned up.

