

# Original DashMat

## Installation Instructions & Tips

### How to Install -

#### 1 - Unroll the DashMat

Allow it to lie flat overnight if possible.



#### 2 - Clean Your Dashboard Area

Wipe off dust and grime. Use a small rag and denatured or rubbing alcohol to remove any vinyl protectants, polishes, waxes or preservatives from the areas where you will place the self-adhesive "hook" fasteners. NOTE - First test the rubbing alcohol on an unseen location of the dash to make sure there is no reaction with the vinyl. If there is a reaction, clean with a mild detergent instead.



#### 3 - Set the DashMat in Place

Make sure the defrost vent cutouts align with the vehicle defrost vents. On some cars, the material must be pushed forward between the dash and the windshield. Use a wooden ruler / paint stick if necessary.



#### 4 - Pre-Shape

Speed up the shaping process by bending and/or creasing the DashMat to help it conform to the curves and indentations in the vehicle dash.



#### 5 - Applying the Fasteners

After the DashMat is in place and has been shaped by hand, cut the self-adhesive hook fasteners into 1" long pieces and apply the fasteners where needed on the dashboard. Press the DashMat down onto each fastener. Normally a few fasteners applied near the windshield - at each side of the dash, around the front edge at the instrumentation and passenger side at the contours - will hold the DashMat in place while it shapes to the dash. If you wish to remove a fastener, peel it slowly away from the dashboard to avoid marring the vinyl.



## **Special Installation Notes -**

- **If your DashMat seems too big and/or hangs over the front of the dash:**

**A** - Be sure the mat is pushed all the way back between the glass and the dashboard. The vent cutouts should match the defrost vents. If necessary, use a wooden ruler or paint stick to push the mat into place.

**B** - Because of auto assembly tolerances or variations in the position of replacement windshields, DashMats may require trimming on the windshield edge.

- **If the fastener strips won't stick to the dash:**

The adhesive backing won't stick to a dashboard that is dirty, dusty or has vinyl or polish protectant applied. Thoroughly clean all areas with a mild detergent or rubbing alcohol (see step #2 on page 1).

- **What about radio speakers?**

Speaker areas need extra protection from the sun so we do not cut out for them. The sound comes through the DashMat fine - just try it and see!

- **Climate control sensors / Alarm sensors / Automatic headlight sensors:**

The DashMat is usually marked for these on the underside, but not usually pre-cut. After checking the automatic headlights, digital climate control or alarm sensor markings against the actual sensor position, you may cut the marked area with a sharp utility blade or scissors. Remove the DashMat from the dashboard before cutting.

- **Optional center-dash clocks and displays or side window defrost vents:**

The DashMat is often marked for these but not pre-cut. If your vehicle requires the cutout, use scissors or a utility blade on the lines indicated. Remove the DashMat from the dashboard before cutting.

- **Plasticizer Migration:**

A few car models are known to have this problem. This occurs when the plastic formulation inside the dashboard begins to break down and migrate or flow. This results in a darkened burnt-looking area appearing on the top of the dashboard. This indicates a weakness inside the dashboards of certain model years (primarily older vehicles) and may occur on both covered and uncovered dashboards. DashMat assumes no responsibility for such incidences.

**ATTENTION:** Your DashMat has been manufactured to allow for proper deployment of the airbag safety system. Special design and cutting allowances for the DashMat have been made so as not to restrict the passenger side air bag system. You **must not** apply any fasteners to this area since they could (or would) restrict proper airbag deployment.

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