INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

*Please read the installation instructions carefully especially about where to apply the silicone.

*Park your vehicle out of the sun for installation and in moderate air temperature. A clean and well vented work area is recommended. Please read and observe the application and caution labels on cleaning and the adhesive products.

1. **Tools and Materials Required**
   - Utility Knife
   - Windex or ammonia-based window cleaner
   - Clean rags
   - 3 or 4 rolls of paper towels or bathroom tissue to weigh down the applied dash cap.
   - Medium grit sandpaper
   - Screw Driver
   - Duct tape or masking tape
   - Extra newspaper

2. **Pre-fit the Dash Cap**
   Make sure you have the correct model by dry fitting the dash cap over your dashboard. Be sure it fits properly - does the glove box open?

3. **Dash Caps that need special attention prior to installation**
   The following dash caps will need a little more attention:
   - 301/302/303/303D/311/1101 - Remove defroster pan (Phillips screwdriver required).
   - 308 - Reduce width of glove box door approximately 1/8” with sandpaper or file.
   - 406 - Remove the defroster pan (flexible screwdriver).
   - 708/709/705 - Remove climate sensor.
   - 1003 - Remove radio speaker grill - pry with a straight edge screwdriver.
   - Most Mercedes - Remove the climate sensor air inlet sleeve by prying up with a sharp screwdriver.
   **NOTE:** Most States require the vehicle VIN numbers to be visible and usually you will find an opening for this in the replacement dash cap. But this location can vary on vehicles so if you need to make a cut to reveal this location this is the time to do it.

4. **Warm the adhesive**
   Place the included tube of silicone adhesive in a glass of hot water. This will soften the adhesive and make it flow easier.

5. **High Spots**
   If there are any raised areas on the original dashboard trim with a utility knife as needed in order for the dash cap to fit as close as possible on the original dashboard. Be careful to trim only the areas that will be covered by the new dash cap. Test fit again.
6. **Surface Prep**  
Clean the dashboard and the underside of the new dash cap with alcohol or Windex along the outside edges and around the vents. All waxes and oils must be removed from both surfaces in order to achieve proper adhesion. Rough up both surfaces with sandpaper at the location where you are going to apply the silicone glue.

7. **Apply Silicone Adhesive**  
Apply the silicone adhesive to the underside of the new dash cap around the perimeters of the air vents and the outer edge only. The bead of silicone should be about the size of a pencil head and approximately ½” away from any edge.  
**IMPORTANT**: Apply the silicone adhesive only near the outer edges and around the vents. Do not apply in any other location because it can cause cracking and/or warping and will void the warranty.

8. **Ready to Install**  
Place the dash cap over the original dashboard. Push carefully and evenly in order to seat the new dash cap and to spread the adhesive evenly.

9. **Replace Any Accessories**  
Replace any previously removed pans, grill or accessories.

10. **Wipe away any excess adhesive with a damp cloth.**

11. **Secure in Position.**  
Use rolls of paper, cardboard wedges and/or elastic cords and weights to hold the new dash cap firmly in position as needed for at least 4 hours to allow the adhesive to set and cure.

12. **Unclamp and Clean**  
When the adhesive is cured remove the clamping items and peel away any excess adhesive that may be showing.

13. **Maintenance**  
If necessary you can use mild car care products such as a window cleaner or soap and water to clean your dash cap.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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