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Painted BMW Roundel Set

INSTALLATION GUIDE



The IND Painted BMW Roundel Set elevates one of the most iconic details on your BMW — the front and rear roundel emblems. Each roundel is painstakingly hand-finished with a gloss black surround that perfectly frames the classic blue-and-white roundel, delivering an OEM-quality finish that integrates seamlessly with your vehicle's bodywork. The gloss black surround replaces the factory chrome outer ring for a cleaner, more modern appearance.

FITMENT

VIN-Specific

INSTALL TIME

30 min

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

TOOLS

IND Kit, Heat Gun, Tape

IND SKU

IND-BM-Roundel

INSTALLATION DIFFICULTY



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IND DIY SERIES

Completable by most enthusiasts using basic hand tools.
Heat application required — work carefully near painted surfaces.

IMPORTANT: VIN-SPECIFIC PRODUCT

READ BEFORE BEGINNING

The IND Painted BMW Roundel Set is a VIN-specific product. While this guide provides a general overview of the installation process, procedures may vary slightly depending on BMW model, production year, and roundel design. Some factory BMW roundels utilize 3M adhesive mounting while others may use alternative mounting methods. The overall installation process remains substantially the same. If your vehicle's procedure differs noticeably from the steps shown, contact IND Technical Support before proceeding.

This guide covers both front (hood) and rear (trunk) roundel installation. The rear roundel procedure includes additional steps for vehicles equipped with a reverse camera housed in the roundel assembly.

RECOMMENDED TOOLS

- IND Installation Kit (bondo spreader and plastic tools)
- Heat Gun or Hair Dryer
- Painter's Tape
- Microfiber Towels
- Isopropyl Alcohol
- Optional: 3M Adhesion Promoter (for maximum adhesive performance)

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- **USE CAUTION WITH HEAT GUNS NEAR PAINT.** Excessive heat can damage or burn paint. Keep the heat source moving continuously and never concentrate heat in one area for an extended period. A hair dryer is a safer alternative for first-time installers.
- **USE PLASTIC TOOLS ONLY.** Use only the IND bondo spreader (included in the installation kit) or another nylon trim tool to separate the factory roundel. Never use metal pry tools, screwdrivers, or knives — these will gouge surrounding paint and trim.
- **PROTECT PAINTED SURFACES.** Apply painter's tape around the perimeter of each factory roundel before beginning. The tape creates a barrier between the paint and the removal tools, preventing accidental scratches or marks.
- **CLEAN ALL MOUNTING SURFACES.** All residual adhesive and foam tape must be removed from the body panel before installing the new roundel. A clean, dry, oil-free surface is essential for a lasting bond.
- **REAR ROUNDDEL — HANDLE CAMERA CAREFULLY.** On vehicles equipped with a reverse camera, the camera assembly is housed inside the roundel. Do not pull the roundel away from the trunk without first slackening the harness, and never disconnect the camera from its harness during installation.
- **ALLOW ADHESIVE TO BOND.** Allow the adhesive to fully cure before exposing the vehicle to water, car washes, or extreme temperatures. See the Adhesive Cure Time callout on the final page for full details.

FRONT ROUNDEL INSTALLATION

The front roundel is typically the simpler of the two installations. Depending on BMW model and production year, mounting methods may vary slightly. The procedure below outlines the seven steps required to remove the factory roundel, prepare the mounting surface, and install the IND painted replacement. Total time is approximately 15–20 minutes.

Before Installation



The factory front roundel as it appears prior to installation. Note the chrome-style surround that the IND painted gloss-black surround will replace.

**STEP
01****PROTECT THE SURROUNDING PAINT**

Apply painter's tape around the perimeter of the factory roundel to protect the surrounding paint during removal. The tape creates a barrier between the paint and the removal tools, helping prevent accidental scratches or marks.



Figure 1 — Painter's tape applied around the perimeter of the factory front roundel. The tape provides a buffer between the paint and the spreader during removal.

**STEP
02****RELEASE THE FACTORY ROUNDSEL**

Using the IND bondo spreader included in the installation kit, carefully work behind the factory roundel to separate the adhesive bond between the emblem and the body panel. Apply steady pressure and work around the perimeter until the roundel begins to release. Use only plastic tools — metal pry tools will damage the paint.



Figure 2 — The IND bondo spreader is worked behind the factory roundel to gradually break the adhesive bond around the perimeter.

**STEP
03****REMOVE THE FACTORY ROUNDSEL**

Once released, remove the factory roundel and inspect the mounting surface. Residual adhesive and foam tape may remain attached to the vehicle and must be removed prior to installation of the new roundel.



Figure 3 — The factory roundel after removal. Note the residual foam tape and adhesive on the body panel that must be cleaned away before the new roundel is installed.

**STEP
04****CLEAN THE MOUNTING SURFACE**

Use isopropyl alcohol and a clean microfiber towel to remove any remaining adhesive residue. The mounting surface must be completely clean, dry, and free of contaminants before installing the new roundel. Allow the alcohol to fully evaporate before proceeding.



Figure 4 — Isopropyl alcohol applied with a microfiber towel removes all residual adhesive and prepares the mounting surface for the new roundel.

**STEP
05****OPTIONAL SURFACE PREPARATION**

At this stage the paint can be lightly polished if desired. For maximum adhesive performance, IND recommends applying 3M Adhesion Promoter to the mounting surface. Apply a thin, even coat to the area where the new roundel will sit, and allow the promoter to flash and dry for approximately five minutes before proceeding.



Figure 5 — 3M Adhesion Promoter is recommended for maximum adhesive performance. Allow approximately five minutes for the promoter to flash off before installing the new roundel.

**STEP
06****INSTALL THE IND PAINTED ROUNDEL**

Depending on application, the IND roundel may arrive with pre-installed adhesive or may require transfer of mounting hardware specific to the vehicle. Follow the supplied product configuration for your VIN-specific application before proceeding. Once prepared, carefully align the new roundel with the factory mounting location and press firmly into place. Apply even pressure across the entire face of the roundel to ensure proper adhesion along the gloss black surround and around the perimeter.

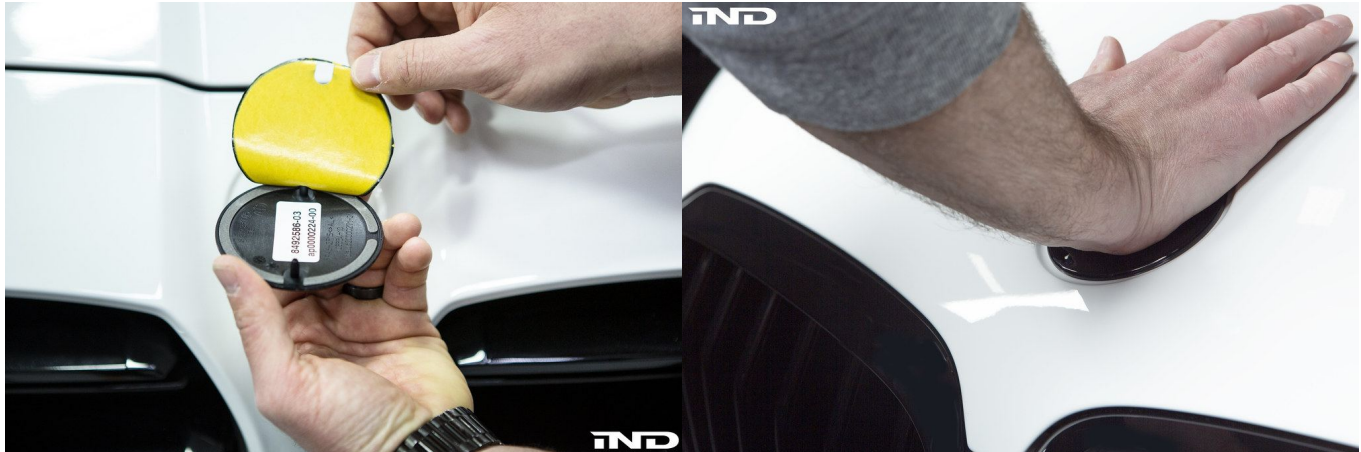


Figure 6 — Align the new IND painted roundel with the factory mounting location (left), then apply firm, even pressure across the entire face of the roundel to seat the adhesive (right).

■ FRONT ROUNDEL — INSTALLATION COMPLETE

Inspect the perimeter of the roundel to verify proper alignment and complete adhesion. The gloss black surround should sit flush against the body panel and maintain an OEM-quality appearance. Remove the painter's tape around the perimeter and gently wipe the surface with a clean microfiber towel.



The finished front roundel installation — the gloss black surround sits flush against the hood for an OEM-quality finish.

REAR ROUNDEL INSTALLATION — VEHICLES WITH BACKUP CAMERA

The rear roundel procedure includes additional steps to transfer the reverse camera assembly from the factory roundel housing into the new IND painted roundel. Work carefully around the camera harness — it remains attached to the vehicle throughout the procedure. The procedure is universal across BMW models equipped with a roundel-mounted reverse camera, though specific mounting clips may vary by model.

STEP 01

PROTECT THE SURROUNDING PAINT

As with the front roundel, apply painter's tape around the perimeter of the factory rear roundel to protect the trunk paint during the removal process.



Figure 1 — Painter's tape applied around the perimeter of the rear roundel before any tools are introduced.

**STEP
02****RELEASE THE REAR ROUNDDEL**

Using the IND bondo spreader, carefully work behind the factory rear roundel to separate the adhesive bond between the roundel and the trunk panel. Apply steady pressure and work around the perimeter until the roundel begins to release. Do not pull the roundel completely free of the trunk yet — the reverse camera harness remains attached behind it.



Figure 2 — The IND bondo spreader works behind the rear roundel to release the adhesive. The roundel remains tethered to the vehicle by the camera harness behind it.

**STEP
03****REMOVE THE ROUNDEL ASSEMBLY**

Once released, carefully lift the roundel away from the trunk panel. The reverse camera harness remains attached to the back of the roundel assembly. Support the roundel by hand — do not let it hang from the harness — and do not attempt to disconnect the camera from the harness.



Figure 3 — The rear roundel lifted from the trunk panel with the reverse camera assembly still attached. Note the camera harness remains connected to the vehicle.

STEP
04**OPEN THE CAMERA HOUSING**

On the back of the factory roundel, locate the two retaining clips that secure the camera housing cover. Carefully release the two retaining clips to open the housing and expose the camera assembly inside.



Figure 4 — The camera housing on the back of the factory roundel. Two small retaining clips secure the cover and must be released to access the camera.

**STEP
05****REMOVE THE CAMERA ASSEMBLY**

With the housing open, gently lift the camera assembly out of the factory roundel. The camera should lift free without resistance — if it does not, verify that both retaining clips are fully released before applying additional force.



Figure 5 — The reverse camera assembly is gently lifted out of the factory roundel housing.

**STEP
06****CAMERA REMOVED**

With the camera assembly removed, the factory roundel is now free and can be set aside. The camera remains attached to the vehicle by its harness and will be transferred into the new IND painted roundel in a later step.



Figure 6 — The factory roundel is now fully separated from the camera assembly. Set the factory roundel aside; the camera will be transferred into the new IND roundel.

**STEP
07****REMOVE OLD ADHESIVE**

Remove all remaining factory adhesive from the trunk mounting surface. Rubbing the adhesive with your thumb often helps safely roll and remove old foam tape without damaging the paint. Follow up with isopropyl alcohol and a microfiber towel to remove any final residue.



Figure 7 — Rubbing the foam tape with your thumb gently rolls the adhesive away from the trunk panel without scratching the paint.

**STEP
08****PREPARE FOR INSTALLATION**

Inspect the trunk mounting surface to confirm it is completely clean, dry, and free of adhesive residue. If desired, apply 3M Adhesion Promoter and allow it to flash for approximately five minutes before proceeding.



Figure 8 — The trunk mounting surface fully cleaned and prepared. The surface should be free of adhesive residue and contaminants.

STEP
09**PREPARE THE NEW ROUNDEL**

Take the new IND painted rear roundel and remove the protective backing from the pre-installed adhesive. Open the camera housing cover on the back of the new roundel using the same retaining clips as on the factory unit. Avoid touching the exposed adhesive.

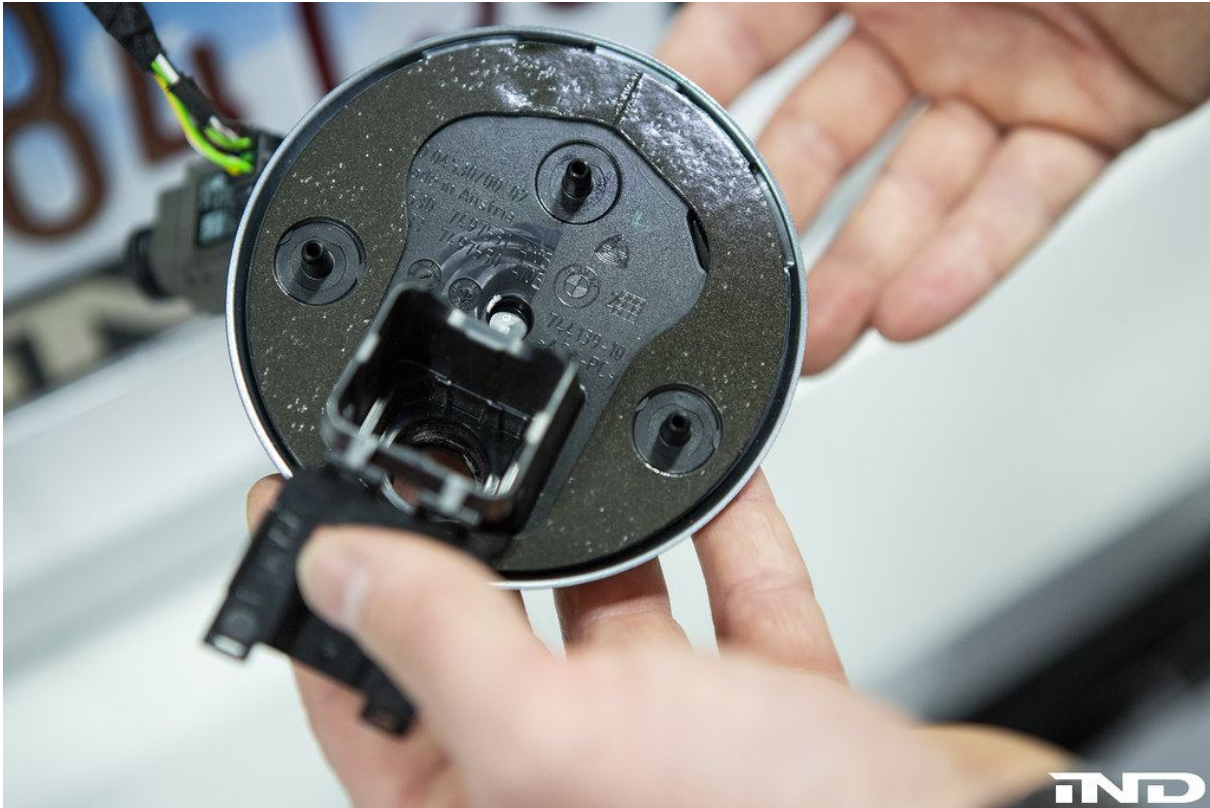


Figure 9 — The new IND painted rear roundel with its adhesive backing removed and the camera housing cover opened, ready to receive the camera assembly.

**STEP
10****TRANSFER THE CAMERA**

Carefully transfer the reverse camera assembly into the new IND painted roundel. Seat the camera into the housing in the same orientation as it was in the factory unit, then close the housing cover and verify both retaining clips engage fully.



Figure 10 — The reverse camera assembly transferred into the new IND painted roundel. Both retaining clips on the housing cover must fully engage.

**STEP
11****INSTALL THE NEW ROUNDEL**

With the camera installed and the housing closed, carefully align the new IND painted roundel with the factory mounting location on the trunk. Press firmly into place and apply even pressure across the entire face of the roundel to ensure proper adhesion along the gloss black surround and around the perimeter.



Figure 11 — The new IND painted rear roundel pressed firmly into the factory mounting location. Apply uniform pressure across the entire face to seat the adhesive.

REAR ROUNDEL — INSTALLATION COMPLETE

Start the vehicle and verify that all reverse camera functions operate correctly — engage reverse gear and confirm that the camera image displays normally on the iDrive screen with no warnings or visual artifacts. Inspect the perimeter of the roundel and confirm proper alignment and adhesion. The gloss black surround should sit flush against the trunk panel.



The finished rear roundel installation — the new IND painted roundel is seated flush against the trunk with the reverse camera fully functional.

FITMENT ADJUSTMENTS & PRODUCT CARE

Fitment Adjustments. If a roundel does not sit perfectly flush, the mounting surface may still contain residual adhesive — carefully remove the roundel with a nylon pry bar, re-clean the surface, and replace the adhesive strip with a fresh strip of 3M VHB tape before reinstalling.

Product Care. Wash and wax your IND painted roundels using the same care as your factory paint. Avoid abrasive sponges, automatic car washes with stiff brushes, and harsh solvents. Hand washing with pH-neutral car shampoo and microfiber will preserve the gloss black finish indefinitely. If a roundel ever lifts or sustains paint damage, contact IND for repair or replacement.

ADHESIVE CURE TIME

Allow the vehicle to remain dry for 24 hours after installation to ensure maximum adhesive bond strength. Avoid car washes, rain exposure, and high-pressure water during this period.

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