



Airtab® Installation Instructions

NOTE: 1. THE POINTED END OF THE AIRTAB® ALWAYS POINTS AFT
2. AIRTABS ARE TO BE MOUNTED ON ROOFS AS WELL AS SIDES OF VEHICLES FOR MAX PERFORMANCE.

General: Work should be performed in compliance with all local safety codes, labour laws, hazardous material and environmental handling regulations etc.

Equipment Required: Automotive soap & water, degreasing agent (if necessary) mineral spirits or Isopropyl alcohol, clean shop rags. If required, scaffolding or secured ladder, wheel chocks.

Surface & Site Preparation: Ensure vehicle manufacturer (OEM) cleaning guidelines are followed. Wheels should be chocked. Airtabs™ should be installed when vehicle skin is dry and at temperatures at or above +40F (+5C). All surfaces must be free of all contaminants. If water based cleaner is used, rinse thoroughly with water until all residue is removed. If a degreaser is used, it must be **completely** removed in accordance with that cleaning agent's instructions before installation. If allowed by regulation a final cleaning using mineral (white) spirits or isopropyl alcohol and clean shop rags is recommended. Do **NOT USE** Windex or any agent containing ammonia. **For installation purposes, the cleaner, the dryer, the warmer, the better.** **NOTE: DO NOT INSTALL ON VINYL TARP.** Contact techsupport@airtab.com first.

Location: Airtabs™ are installed as close as possible to the rear (trailing) edges of the vehicle (roof and sides) and with the wide end forward. If they must be moved forward to avoid rivet heads, obstacles, awning bars etc., keep the wide ends of the Airtabs within 12-18 inches of the back for optimum performance.
Other placement locations: forward of steer wheel wells, under slung tool boxes, trailing edges of both trailer & tank skirts.

Trailers: Place Airtabs™ forward of roof rain ridges. CAUTION: Ensure side Airtab® placement avoids possible impact damage from trailer "barn door" hinges.

Tractors: Do not install on side extender rubber strips, exhaust stacks, or heat shields. Install on flat surfaces. Airtabs™ can be installed on slightly curved surfaces but only if the leading (wide) edge is absolutely flush and the majority of the tape is in contact. If the tip is slightly raised, it poses no performance degradation.

RVs: Airtabs can be mounted normally if awning bars are 18 inches *or more* from the back of the RV. If the bar is closer than 18 inches from the back, mount Airtabs 5-6 inches *forward* of the bar. For buses, coaches etc., the 18 inch limit may have to be exceeded to accommodate grills, vents etc. Do not cover vents or grills.

Installation: Align the Airtabs up the sides and across the roof line. Space Airtabs no closer than 4 inches (10cm) on center. Increasing this gap to avoid rivet heads, lights, grab bars etc. is acceptable but decreasing the 4 inch minimum spacing could degrade performance. "Staggering" of the Airtabs to accommodate body curvature is acceptable as long as the spacing remains consistent. **DO NOT** let Airtab(R) backing papers accumulate underfoot. Estimate one hour per unit. Full setting of the tape takes 24 hours. Vehicles will be operational after 15 minutes. Do not power wash for 2-3 days. The warmer the surface temperature, the faster the tape will set.

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