

This CNC machined aluminum plate is made to mask around the embossed letters in GM tailgates made by Mar-K. It is an exact match for the GM logo on Mar-K tailgates. Simply place the mask over the GM logo to expose only the embossed letters for a perfect painted tailgate. Please note this mask should only be used to paint tailgates made by Mar-K as it may not match the shapes of GM tailgate letters not stamped by Mar-K

The best time to paint tailgate letters is when the whole tailgate is being painted. After the final coat of color, allow plenty of drying time within the recoat window to minimize damage to the fresh paint caused by contact with the mask. Be sure all paint components such as primer, sealer, tailgate color, letters color, and clear coat are compatible. If the tailgate paint is already cured, the raised letters must be carefully cleaned and scuffed to provide good adhesion for the accent paint on the letters. The tailgate should be off the truck and placed on a horizontal surface for painting the letters with this mask.

Use the following instruction as a guide in painting your tailgate letters using the Mar-K mask.

1. Prepare the mask for use by first cleaning it thoroughly to make sure there are no contaminants that might be transferred to the tailgate. Remove any sharp corners that could damage the paint.
2. Wrap masking tape over all the outer edges of the mask to protect the tailgate paint and cover the small tooling holes with masking tape.
3. Carefully place the mask over the tailgate letters, aligning them perfectly before letting the mask touch your fresh paint. You do not want to slide the mask on the freshly painted surface. Chevrolet tailgates require the small magnetic masks for the 'R' and 'O' in addition to the aluminum mask.
4. Use masking tape to attach the mask to the tailgate at several points around the perimeter of the mask. It should be snug against the tailgate at each of the letters.
5. Add additional masking tape and paper as needed to completely cover the tailgate.
6. Paint the letters using proper technique to avoid excess wet paint that might puddle at the edges of the letters.
7. After the final coat of paint has flashed remove the masking paper and tape holding the mask to the tailgate. Carefully lift the mask straight off the tailgate to avoid damage to the newly painted letters.
8. Apply clear coat to the complete tailgate if needed according to the paint system selected.