Many of our speaker grilles rely on adhesive to keep them in-place. This adhesive must be applied after painting of the grilles is completed, for this reason the adhesive is shipped unapplied when paintable grilles are specified in the order.

There are two types of paintable grilles currently supplied by James Loudspeaker. The supplied grille type depends on the product ordered. For example, if you’ve ordered from the SXC, QXC, QX, and SLT series you’ll receive a grille and a grille frame with snap connections (grille pins) or magnets. If you’ve ordered from the FXA, FXC, FXCQ, OW, UE, SA, Wedge or the SPL series, then you’ll receive a grille that uses strips of foam with adhesive on the back. These foam pads apply consistent pressure to keep the grille in place. Instructions on how to install both grille types can be found below:

Once received the grille can be painted to better match the installation environment.

After the paint has completely dried, sand to roughen the areas where the adhesive is to be applied. For grills with a grille frame, sand the underside of the grille about 1-inch in from the outer diameter of the grille. For grilles without a grille frame sand the entire raised lip of the grille.

If supplied with foam adhesive, evenly line the edges of the grille, as shown above, with the foam making sure to fold the excess toward the back of the grille to avoid the foam from showing on then front when installed.

If supplied with a grille frame remove the tape from the rear of the grille frame to expose the adhesive, then flip the grille frame, firmly and evenly press the side with the adhesive onto the back of the grille to secure it into place.

Once the grille is assembled, it can now be installed on to the speaker enclosure to finish the installation.