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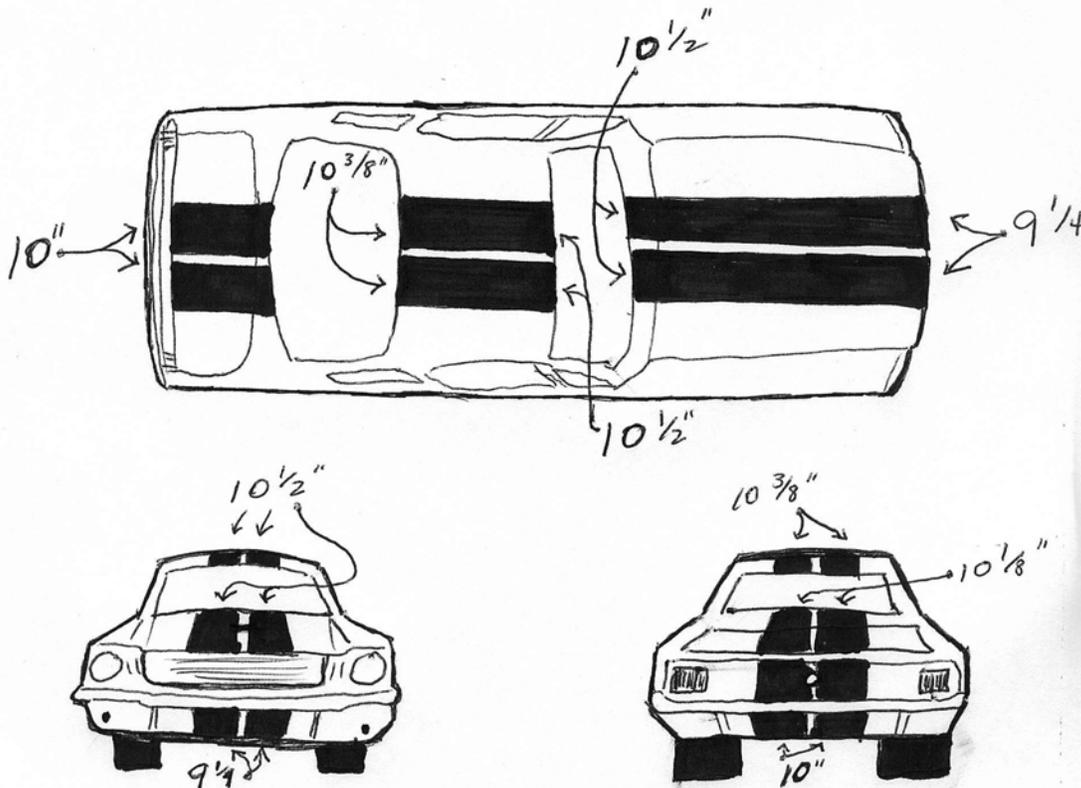
Lemans Stripes

The twin over the top stripe paint scheme is referred to as either Lemans Stripes or Rally Stripes. Originally designed by Pete Brock, these stripes were used by both Ford and Shelby. Often, people mistake them to be a constant 10 inches front to back. These are actually tapered being wider in the middle, at the car's roof, than the front and rear of the car. If they are not tapered, they cause an optical illusion looking like they get smaller as they go toward the back of the car. These dimensions outlined below came directly from Shelby American in 1965.

Lemans stripes were optional on 1965-66 Gt350s. Most of the early cars during each model year received the stripes right at the factory. Mostly because those cars were intended to be shown at the dealerships as demonstrators. Shelby wanted these new cars to stand out from the unmodified/non-GT350 Mustangs of the same years. Dealers soon recognized that they could install the stripes themselves cheaper than the price that Shelby was charging. At that time, a whopping \$64. So most GT350s that got stripes, got them from the dealer.

In 1967 and 1968, it became very unlikely that the Shelby's of these years came with stripes from the factory. The only color used for the LeMans stripes on 1965 GT350s was 1964 Ford Guardsman Blue. In 1966 all white cars that got them were Guardsman Blue. All other non Hertz cars got Wimbledon White stripes. Hertz cars were stripped in gold. Since there were very few cars after 1966 that received stripes from the factory, no standard colors were specified by Shelby/Ford. The actual colors were left up to the dealer or the owner. However most were painted to match the side stripes.

NOTE: These dimensions refer to the width of each individual stripe. **THE STRIPES ARE SEPARATED BY A CONSTANT 2 INCHES.**



DISTANCE BETWEEN STRIPES = 2"