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Model: 8526 | Brand: MICHELIN

## INTRODUCTION

The MICHELIN Stealth Ultra Windshield Wiper Blade is engineered to provide superior performance and clear visibility in all weather conditions. Its patented design covers more windshield shapes, ensuring effective wiping across the entire blade. This manual provides essential information for proper installation, operation, and maintenance to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your wiper blades.

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Stealth Ultra Wiper Blade incorporates advanced technology for enhanced windshield clearing:

- **Smart Hinge Joints:** Allow the wiper to grip the windshield securely across the entire blade.
- **Patented Smart Hinge Cover:** Protects the blade from getting clogged with snow, ice, and debris.
- **Independent Suspension:** Blade ends have independent suspension to adjust to your windshield's shape, ensuring secure grip to ends of blade. Multi pressure point surface contact for better wipes and improved vision.
- **EZ-Lok Connector System:** Designed for quick and easy replacement.
- **Durable Performance:** Independent tests show after 300,000 wipe cycles Michelin Stealth Ultra wipers outperform all industry competitors.
- **Water Repellent Silicone Element:** Builds a water repellent barrier so water beads off your windshield.



Figure 1: Michelin Stealth Ultra Wiper Blade. This image shows the full length of the Michelin Stealth Ultra Wiper Blade, highlighting its sleek design and robust construction.



Figure 2: Smart Hybrid Hinge Design. This image illustrates the internal components and the smart hybrid hinge design that allows the blade to conform to the windshield's shape.

## INSTALLATION

Follow these steps to properly install your MICHELIN 8526 Stealth Ultra Windshield Wiper Blade:

- 1. Prepare the Wiper Arm:** Lift the wiper arm away from the windshield until it locks into the upright position. If your vehicle requires a service position for wipers, consult your vehicle's owner's manual.
- 2. Remove Old Wiper Blade:** Locate the release tab or button on the old wiper blade's connector. Press it and slide the old blade off the wiper arm.
- 3. Identify Adapter Type:** The MICHELIN Stealth Ultra blade comes with a pre-installed EZ-Lok connector. Ensure it matches your vehicle's wiper arm type (e.g., J-hook, Pinch Tab). If a different adapter is needed, refer to the instructions provided with the blade for adapter replacement.
- 4. Install New Wiper Blade:** Align the EZ-Lok connector on the new MICHELIN Stealth Ultra blade with the wiper arm. Slide the blade onto the arm until you hear a click, indicating it is securely locked in place. Gently tug on the blade to confirm it is properly fastened.
- 5. Remove Protective Cover:** Carefully remove the yellow plastic squeegee cover from the blade.
- 6. Lower Wiper Arm:** Gently lower the wiper arm back onto the windshield.



Figure 3: EZ-Lok Connector System. This image highlights the EZ-Lok connector, designed for straightforward and secure installation of the wiper blade onto the vehicle's arm.

## Installation Video

Video 1: Michelin 8516 Stealth Ultra Windshield Wiper Blade with Smart Technology. This video demonstrates the installation process for the Michelin Stealth Ultra wiper blade, showcasing the EZ-Lok connector system.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

To ensure optimal performance and activate the water-repellent properties of your MICHELIN Stealth Ultra Wiper Blades:

1. **Clean Windshield:** Ensure your windshield is clean before activation.
2. **Activate Water Repellency:** Turn on the wiper blades and wipe at medium speed for 2 to 3 minutes. This process helps to spread the silicone element, creating a water-repellent barrier on your windshield.
3. **Wet Weather Conditions:** In wet weather, simply run the wipers across the windshield.
4. **Dry Weather Conditions:** In dry weather, apply water or washer fluid to the windshield intermittently throughout the activation period.



Figure 4: Wipers in Action. This image shows the Michelin Stealth Ultra wipers effectively clearing water from a windshield, demonstrating clear visibility during rain.

## MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and effectiveness of your wiper blades:

- **Clean Blades Regularly:** Wipe the rubber edge of the wiper blades with a damp cloth to remove dirt and grime.
- **Inspect for Damage:** Periodically check the blades for cracks, tears, or hardening of the rubber. Replace immediately if any damage is observed.
- **Avoid Harsh Chemicals:** Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners on the wiper blades or windshield, as this can degrade the rubber and water-repellent coating.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with your wiper blades, consider the following:

- **Streaking, Chattering, Smearing, Squeaking:** These are common signs of wear or contamination. Clean the blades and windshield thoroughly. If the issue persists, the blades may need replacement.
- **Incomplete Wipe:** Ensure the blade is securely attached to the wiper arm. The independent suspension and smart hinge design should allow the blade to conform to the windshield. If not, check for proper installation or blade damage.
- **Blade Coming Loose:** Verify that the EZ-Lok connector clicked into place during installation. A secure click is essential for proper fastening.



Figure 5: Signs of Wiper Wear. This image displays visual examples of common wiper blade issues such as streaking, chattering, smearing, and squeaking, indicating potential need for maintenance or replacement.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	MICHELIN
Model	8526
Item Length	26 Inches
Mounting Type	Pinch Tab
Fit Type	Universal Fit
Material	Metal, Plastic, Silicone
Item Weight	10.4 ounces
UPC	079238085264

## WARRANTY & SUPPORT

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