

VINYL DECAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS apply vinyl stickers

First, apply vinyl stickers only to clean, smooth surfaces. The cleaner the surface, the better your sticker will adhere. Stickers may be removed, but doing so will destroy the decal. Application to surfaces colder than 40EF is not recommended, unless the surface can be heated slightly with a hair dryer before application.

Before application, place the sticker on a flat surface and remove the white backing sheet, leaving the sticker attached to the clear "transfer" sheet.

Small stickers (less than 3 inches) can be apply directly by peeling off the release paper from the back of the sticker, affix the sticker, apply slight pressure to smooth and remove the transfer sheet. Use caution with this "dry method" as, once the sticker makes contact with the surface, it is stuck and you can't reposition it.

With larger stickers, we recommend using the "wet method" of application. Mix 1 cup of cold tap water with one drop of dishwashing liquid (Dawn, Ivory, etc.). We suggest pouring this mixture into a clean spray bottle, though a lint-free rag or sponge can be used instead. Apply the water mixture liberally to the surface to which the sticker is being applied. This wet method permits you to work from the center to the outside, smoothing out the sticker and eliminating wrinkles or air bubbles. A credit card works well as a "squeegee" for this purpose.

Once the sticker is in place, let it dry for about 15 minutes and then spray the backing paper with the above water mixture and carefully peel off the backing paper. If an edge of the sticker lifts from the surface, use the credit card to smooth it back down and wait a couple more minutes for the further drying.

Do not wash your car for at least several days after applying the sticker, which will permit all of the application fluid to evaporate completely.

How should I prepare the surface for the decal?

Please read these instructions all the way through before starting your application. The surface must be clean, and free of all oils, waxes and dirt. Use Windex or a comparable cleaner to clean the glass. If you use RainX, try Formula 409 to remove it. On painted surfaces wipe with a wax remover or alcohol if applying on freshly waxed paint. These Decals come to you in three layers. The top layer is called the Transfer Tape. It looks somewhat like regular masking tape. The middle layer is the actual Decal. The bottom layer is a Backing Paper treated with a release agent.

Should I use a dry method?

You will need a needle, a drivers license or a similar type squeegee. Try to apply Decal at room temperature (55 to 75 degrees) or above. The warmer it is, the

better it works, but, try to avoid the direct sunlight. Take the drivers license or squeegee and flatten the Decal on both sides by rubbing over it. If your Decal was shipped rolled, lay it out flat and let it relax for an hour or so. The Decal will be easier to handle if flat. Next, try to make sure the air bubbles are removed as much as possible. There shouldn't be any bubbles but a few at this point.

Double check to make sure that your Sticker where meant for the inside or outside application. 99% of the time they will be for the outside. Turn the Decal upside down on the transfer tape and pull backing off SLOWLY. The backing is the heavier gauge paper. Using a needle or similar pointed object, hold edges of letters and all small areas while pulling away the backing. If a letter moves, just position it back into place by pushing backing down and move letter back to original position.

Now your ready to apply the Decal. Hold the Decal over your desired location and slowly apply the Decal to the surface. Try to touch the surface first at the center of the Decal and then flatten out to the sides. Next, use your drivers license or squeegee again to flatten as much of the Decal as possible. The transfer tape will allow you to rub the decal without damaging it.

Peel back an edge of transfer tape Slowly, your going to be watching for the small letters and corners, to make sure they are sticking to glass, and not to the transfer tape. Remember, patience is the key here. Do not rush. Once the transfer tape is removed, take your fingers and rub gently over the corners and points of your decal to make sure they are glued firmly to the surface. If by chance you have an air bubble(s), use your needle and give the air bubble(s) a small poke, this will create a small hole for the air to escape. Press around the air bubble, working the air to the small hole. The bubbles may disappear after a day or two.

REMEMBER, Once the Decal touches the glass or paint, it cannot be moved again. Patience is the key.

Should I use the wet method?

(This method should be used on most windshield applications, unless you have done this before) Mix a gallon or so of water with a few drops of dishwashing liquid. Use a spray bottle and wet the area where the decal is to be applied.

Trim away the transfer tape so that the tape is about (within 1/2") border, of your Decal. Remove the backing paper the same as the Dry Method instructions and place the Decal, still attached to the transfer tape, to the thoroughly wet surface. The decal can then be gently moved and repositioned correctly, your Decal will slide on the thin film of solution trapped between the vinyl decal and the surface. If you are doing a windshield decal and need to curve the letters, cut the transfer tape with a pair of scissors between the letters about 3/4 of the way from the top

of the Decal and position the letters where needed. DO NOT cut all the way through as this will mess up your spacing between the letters. When the decal is in the final location, use a small squeegee or drivers license to squeeze the water and detergent solution out from under the decal. The transfer tape will protect the decal during this process.

CAUTION: Be sure to squeegee as much solution as possible from under the decal. Take your time, because if not enough solution is removed from under the decal, the Decal will not adhere to the surface enough to allow the easy removal of the transfer tape. Although a squeegee is the recommended tool, the water can also be removed by using your fingers, or a soft cloth. When through with the squeegee, the transfer tape can be carefully removed. Work the decal with your fingers, and a soft, absorbent cloth around the edges and corners to remove any remaining solution. Warm weather is best for this application. If there are bubbles present under the decal that cannot be removed by working them to the edge of the decal with your fingers, then a small pin or needle can be used to puncture the decal at the bubble, to remove the air. A small pin hole will not be seen after the air bubble has been worked out with the fingers.

How should I care for my decal?

In colder climates, decals on windows of vehicles can be damaged by the scraping of frost or ice from the windows. Mild window cleaner may be used to clean the windows without damage to the decal. On painted surfaces of vehicles, care must be taken when waxing. Wax will build up around the edges of the decal, and will need to be removed. Use a soft cloth, and take your time, and be gentle. DON'T DO. A brush, for example will force the wax underneath the edge of the decal, and the decal will begin to peel. Your Decal will not be damaged by normal use of car wash products, or water. Although the decals will withstand pressure washers, car washes, these will reduce the life and appearance of your Decal. The decals will not last forever, but will give you many years of enjoyment if taken care of.

How do I remove my decal?

On glass surfaces, with temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees, a razor blade scraper can be used. Decals can be removed from painted surfaces by using a heat gun or hair dryer to warm the decal to the point to where it peels off easily.