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How to apply Vinyl Graphics Wet Application/Dry Application

Each decal has three pieces

1. The top layer is the transfer tape (may be clear or look like masking tape).
2. The middle layer is the vinyl decal.
3. The bottom layer is the backing paper



The surface you intend to install your vinyl graphics on should be smooth and clean. Clean the surface thoroughly with isopropyl alcohol and then clean it again. Dry surface before the alcohol evaporates with a lint free cloth. This insures the surface is free of dirt, oil, and wax.

You should read these instructions all the way through before starting

Note: If you use RainX, try Formula 409 to remove it. These decals come to you in three layers. The top layer is called transfer tape. It looks somewhat like regular masking tape and may be white, semi-clear, or clear). The middle layer is the actual decal itself. The bottom layer is a backing paper treated with a release agent. Once your decal is installed, you will more than likely have a few small air bubbles (even the pro's get them) ; If you do have an air bubble, use a pin and poke a small hole, allowing air to escape. The really small bubbles will more than likely disappear after several days.

Materials Needed for Wet Application

Vinyl Graphics (three layers: liner, vinyl graphic, and application tape)

Squeegee

Surface Cleaner (Isopropyl alcohol with a spray bottle works well)

Application Fluid (3 parts water, 1 part isopropyl alcohol, 3-4 drops of dish soap)

Tape Measure

Masking Tape

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Lint Free Towel or Cloth
China Marker Grease Pencil

Hint: For best results do not install the sticker in extreme heat or cold.

The temperature of the intended surface should be between 50 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit for best results.

Position your vinyl graphic to the intended surface. Use your masking tape to hold your graphic in place. Using your tape measure, make sure your graphics are lined up with your surface. It doesn't hurt to measure it again. Remember, measure twice and install once. A wax grease pencil or china marker is helpful for marking the surface during this step.

Hold the edge of the graphic and remove the paper backing. For larger graphics, you may want to cut between the letters with scissors and apply in smaller sections. Make sure the vinyl doesn't accidentally fall back onto itself or any surfaces.

While holding the graphic away from the surface, spray the surface and the adhesive with the application fluid that you previously prepared. Position your vinyl graphic to line up with marks you have made with your wax pencil and marked off. Using the squeegee, and starting from the top, begins to apply pressure to the application tape and slowly work your way down to the bottom. Always work from top to bottom and make sure the entire graphic doesn't fall onto the surface. Using overlapping strokes and working slowly from the top will help avoid air pockets in the vinyl.

Starting at the top again, use firm pressure with the squeegee to force the application fluid out from underneath the vinyl. Allow a few minutes for the vinyl to adhere to the surface.

Now you are ready to remove the application tape. Spray the tape with your application fluid mixture. Wait a few minutes for this to soak in until the tape begins to bubble and wrinkle. Remove the app tape by gently pulling the tape at an angle to reveal the graphic underneath. Be careful not to pull straight away from the surface as this may cause the vinyl to release or cause air bubbles.

Using the paper backing that you removed, squeegee the vinyl again. With the paper backing over the vinyl, to protect it from scratches. This step allows you to force any additional moisture and air from under the vinyl.

Materials needed for Dry Application

Vinyl Graphics (three layers: liner, vinyl graphic, and application tape)
Squeegee
Surface Cleaner (Isopropyl alcohol with a spray bottle works well)
Tape Measure
Masking Tape
Lint Free Towel or Cloth
China Marker Grease Pencil

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Remember, once the decal touches the glass or paint, it cannot be moved again! PLEASE DO NOT GET IN A HURRY!

1. Apply a horizontal strip of masking tape over the top edge of the graphic to serve as a hinge. Overlap two pieces of tape if needed for larger graphics. This insures that your graphics stays in place during the installation. Lift the sticker upward and peel the white backing paper off the sticker.

Be careful not to pull the masking tape hinge off. Note: Keep hold of the bottom of the sticker to prevent it from sticking to itself or the surface before you want it to!

2. Slowly lower the sticker down and as it begins to contact the surface, firmly rub it in place with a “squeegee” and push out air bubbles (start in the top center and rub down & toward the edges).
3. Go slowly and continue to ease the sticker down as you rub/squeegee. Rub a few more strokes after it is completely stuck down (the transfer tape allows you to rub the decal without damaging it)

Wait a few minutes then very slowly peel the transfer tape (clear or looks like masking tape) off at an angle. Be very careful not to pull the sticker off the surface. If the sticker pulls away from the surface then lay it back down & repeat step 3. Use a pin to poke (do not slit with a razor) any air bubbles in the center and push the air out through the hole.

Maintenance

In colder climates, decals on surfaces of vehicles can be damaged by the scraping of frost or ice from the surfaces. Mild surface cleaner may be used to clean the surfaces 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. A brush, for example will force the wax underneath the edge of the Decal, and the Decal will begin to peel. The Decal will not be damaged by normal use of automotive car wash products, or water. Although the decals will withstand pressure washers, and automatic car washes, over time these will reduce the life and appearance of the decal. These decals will not last forever, but will give you many years of service if taken care of properly.

Removing Old Vinyl Decals

On glass surfaces, with temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit, a razor blade scraper can be used. Decals can be removed from painted surfaces by using a heat gun or hair

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dryer to warm the decal to the point where it peels off more easily.

Final Note

The application of this vinyl decal requires a degree of dexterity, patience, and concentration. If you feel you cannot apply this decal yourself, any auto detailer, or body shop can apply it for you.

We cannot be responsible for human error/mistakes and will not replace decals or refund purchase price on items that have been damaged during application.