

VINYL GRAPHIC INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Wet Method

Sometimes vinyl graphics should be installed “wet” using an application to be easily repositionable during installation. In warmer weather, wet applications will help prevent the graphic’s adhesive from “grabbing” onto the application surface too quickly. A wet application is also useful in preventing air from getting trapped underneath the graphic during the installation process.

Surface Preparation

The vehicle surface must be properly prepared prior to installation of the graphics.

All surfaces **MUST** be cleaned prior to any application of vinyl graphic/stripping products.

See the following steps:

For best results, the application should be made in temperatures ranging from 50 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Do not install graphics outdoors if winds exceed 10 mph.

Blown dirt, dust or other contaminants can interfere with the bonding of the graphic adhesive to the vehicle during installation.

Wash the vehicle surface with detergent and water, then thoroughly rinse the surface with water and dry completely.

WARNING: Do not use any aromatic solvents such as acetone, M.E.K., toluene, paint thinner; lacquer thinner, gasoline or ammonia-based cleaners to clean the vehicle surface.

Saturate a clean cloth with isopropyl alcohol and wipe the surface of the vehicle where the vinyl is to be applied to remove any contaminants such as silicone, wax, or adhesives.

Dry the surface with a lint free paper towel.

Graphic Installation

Prior to installation, be sure to use the following tools:

1 - squeegee or firm credit card

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Application Fluid consisting of a water and soap solution. Fill a spray bottle with water and add a few drops of liquid hand soap (not dishwashing liquid.) Add one teaspoon of rubbing alcohol.

It is also recommended you use 3/4” masking tape for properly placing and installing your graphics.

Placement of Graphics

1. Tape the graphic onto the side of vehicle to determine exactly where you want the graphic installed.
2. Apply a strip of tape vertically through the center of each component and lightly tape each end of the graphic panel to the vehicle.
3. Remove the positioning tape on either side of the center hinge from the graphic and peel the liner paper away from this portion of the graphic.

Lightly tape the graphic to the vehicle surface (as illustrated in Step 4).

4. Temporarily secure the end of the graphic to the vehicle surface and cut the backing paper off near the center hinge using a sharp knife blade.
5. Wet the vehicle surface with your mix of soap and water.

6. Lay the graphic onto the wet application surface and firmly squeegee the graphic using short, overlapping strokes.

7. Remove the tape hinge from the center of the graphic.

Remove the remaining backing paper and spray the water and soap solution on the vehicle surface.

8. Squeegee the remaining half of the panel onto the vehicle using the same method as outlined in step 6.

9. If the graphic has a paper premask covering it, thoroughly wet the surface of the masking with the application solution and wait a minute or two.

The liquid will help break down the masking's adhesive.

10. With the adhesive weakened, it will be easier to remove the masking by pulling the masking away from the application surface at a 180 degree angle. If the premask is plastic, carefully pull it away from the application surface at a 180 degree angle.11. Gently wipe away any remaining application fluid and carefully examine the graphic to make sure no bubbles remain under the surface of the graphic.

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12. If any small bubbles appear during installation, they can be easily removed by pricking the base of the bubble with the knife blade and squeezing any trapped solution out with the tip of your finger.