## **The Hinge Method**



The Hinge Method – Large decals or dry application for contral-tac or air release vinyl.

- 1. Position your decal with tape and measure so it's square to your surface.
- 2. Place a piece of tape vertically just off center on the decal. Make sure it is stuck to the surface above and below.
- 3. Remove the tape from the larger side and fold the decal back over itself.
- 4. Carefully peel the backing paper off the transfer tape until you are near the center hinge.
- 5. Using scissors cut the paper near the hinge while still holding the transfer tape.
- 6. If applying a large decal you will want to use application fluid to eliminate the risk of air bubbles.
- 7. While holding the decal just above the surface use your other hand to squeegee. Starting just beyond where you cut the paper, squeegee from the middle up and down until you reach the end.
- 8. With half the decal applied, pull the other piece of tape and the center hinge.
- 9. Lift the smaller side until the release paper can be pulled off.
- 10. Repeat steps 6 &7 on the other side.
- 11. If applied dry, your decal will now be ready to peel. You can wet the transfer tape to help aid in peeling.
- 12. If you used fluid in step 6 then you'll have to wait for the decal to dry before pulling the tape. Usually around 15 min.