

Decal Installation Guide

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Precautions before you begin

Before you begin, verify that the item is complete and undamaged. If there is any issue, please contact us via the marketplace through which the item was purchased. (Amazon, eBay, Bonanza, Esty)

Do not install your vinyl decal in direct sunlight. It is recommended you install your vinyl decal in a garage or building.

Room and installation surface temperature is recommended to be 50°F or 10°C to reduce stretching or other undesired effects.

Do not store your vinyl decal in direct sunlight or hot temperatures.

Materials Needed

Installation squeegee (obtainable in most hardware stores)
Masking tape
Glass cleaner (non-AMMONIA BASED)
Paper towel
Measuring tape or ruler
Scissors or Razor

Surface Preparation:

All dirt, grease and wax must be removed from the installation surface before the decal can be applied. Your new vinyl decal will not adhere properly if you do not have a clean installation surface.

Caution! Do not use ammonia based cleaner. It will release gas for a couple of weeks and create bubbles under your vinyl decal.



Dry Installation



Step 1.

On a clean work surface, press firmly over the whole decal, assuring the pre-mask is properly stuck to the vinyl decal. Then place your decal on the installation surface. (premask facing up and liner on surface)



Step 2.

On one end, tape the decal in place with masking tape. Measure with a ruler or measuring tape to make sure your decal is properly placed. Once in place, put a long piece of masking tape across the decal in the center as shown below. Then carefully remove a small part of the 'pre-mask' tape from one side of the decal, creating a hinged flap. This allows you to access the other side of the decal, facing the installation surface.





Step 3.

Raise the hinged flap, and begin to peel the liner off beneath the decal (**not the pre-mask**), exposing the adhesive side of the decal. Only peel the liner from the decal until you reach the masking tape that crosses the whole decal.

Do not allow the sticky part of the decal to touch the installation surface, keep it raised via the hinged flap you created.

Using scissors or a razor, cut away the peeled liner close to the long piece of masking tape that crosses the decal. **Do not allow the scissors or razor to touch the decal.**



Step 4.

Using your squeegee, starting in the middle from where your masking tape crosses the decal, begin to apply the sticky side of the decal to the surface. Use gentle horizontal strokes to apply the decal equally. Continue smoothing out the decal from top to bottom with long horizontal strokes, assuring the decal is securely adhered to the installation surface.





Step 5.

On the decal side that you just adhered to the vehicle surface, place a long piece of masking tape parallel to the other piece of masking tape that crosses the decal.

Then remove the original long piece of masking tape that crossed the decal. This will allow you to repeat the above steps on the other side of the decal that has not yet been applied to the surface. Also remove the small corner pieces of masking tape.

Step 6.

Now repeat the exact same steps from above on the other side of the decal.





Step 7.

Remove the final piece of masking tape. Go over the entire decal with the squeegee, with increasingly harder strokes. Work your way outwards, starting from the center, in every direction. After doing so several times, the decal should stick securely.



Step 8.

Slowly begin peeling the pre-mask covering the decal. Keep a close eye while removing the pre-mask, making sure no part of the decal is being lifted up with it. If the decal is lifting off, you will have to go over it with the squeegee again, using even harder strokes.





Final Check

Now that the pre-mask is removed, do a visual check assuring the decal sticks securely. More than likely you will see small air bubbles. This is not uncommon, especially on large decals. Most air bubbles will disappear over the course of a few weeks.

Should any air bubbles remain, you can make a tiny incision with a hypodermic needle or a razor and let the air out. Be sure to go over the decal with the squeegee again after doing so.

Your new vinyl decal is now installed!





Wet Installation



Materials Needed

Installation squeegee (obtainable in most hardware stores)

Application fluid in spray bottle (mixture of ½ quart (500ml) water, ¼ quart (250ml) rubbing alcohol and 1 teaspoon (approx. 5ml) of liquid soap

Glass cleaner (non-AMMONIA BASED)

Paper towel

Measuring tape or ruler

Scissors or Razor

Step 1.

On a clean work surface, press firmly over the whole decal, assuring the pre-mask is properly stuck to the vinyl decal.

When finished, flip the decal over (pre-mask down, liner and adhesive side facing up) Proceed to carefully peel the liner off, exposing the adhesive side of the decal.

Make sure nothing touches the adhesive!

Use the application fluid and generously spray the adhesive side down. Make sure it is really wet. Also spray the application fluid onto the intended installation surface. (wall, window, vehicle) Again, apply generously, ensuring the surface is really wet.





Step 2.

Place the decal (adhesive side down) on to the installation surface. While the decal is wet, you can slide it around. Measure and adjust its position until you are happy with it.

Once in place, go over the decal with the squeegee, applying firm strokes pushing the application fluid out and assuring the decal is adhering to the surface.

Repeat this several times, until you remove most of the application fluid between the decal and the vehicle surface. Try not to move the decal during this step. If you have difficulty keeping it in place, you can use masking tape on the corners to hold it. But you will have to go over those areas again with the squeegee once you remove the masking tape.



Step 3.

Depending on the temperature, wait between 30 minutes to an hour or more, allowing the decal to dry and adhere securely to the surface.



Step 4.

Once the decal is dry, start peeling off the pre-mask from the. If the decal starts to peel off with the pre-mask, reapply decal with the squeegee, using firm strokes (Step 2), and wait about 30 minutes before attempting to remove the premask again.







Final Check

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Decal Removal

Although vinyl decals are generally installed to be permanent, they can easily be removed. Simply heat the decal with a heat gun or hair dryer (hair dryer will take longer).

Then using your fingernail, lift the edge of the decal and work across the surface of the decal. Overheating the decal will make this process more difficult.

For glass windows, you may use the same razor that removes inspection stickers.

Once the vinyl decal is removed, use PREPSOL or thinners appropriate for your surface to remove any glue residue.

