

Application Instructions

Decals come to you in 3 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.

- (Tools needed: laminated drivers license or a similar type squeegee, masking tape, needle.)
- Apply Decal at room temperature (55 to 75 degrees) or above. The warmer it is, the better it works, but try to avoid direct sunlight.
- Before applying your decal, take the drivers license or squeegee and flatten the Decal on both sides by rubbing over it. This is to activate the adhesives and remove any air bubbles from shipping through the mail.

Important: Please be sure to clean your surface very well before application begins. Use original window and/or rubbing alcohol to remove all dirt, oils, and grime.

You are now ready to apply the Decal. Hold the Decal, with the backing paper STILL ON, over your desired location. (Do not peel apart at this point.) You may want to tape the decal in place with masking tape; *especially* with a large decal. Tape the decal to the surface, applying tape to the top of the decal. For larger decals, we suggest to also use a "hinge" of tape in the center of the decal, with the tape running vertically over the center of the decal from top to bottom. This will allow for you to work on one side of the decal at a time.

Next, while holding the decal off of the surface, pull off the paper backing from the underside of the decal, to expose the sticky decal. Be careful not to let it touch the surface yet!!! For large decals, only remove HALF of the paper backing, so you can work on one side at a time. The backing is the heavier gauge paper. If necessary, using a needle or similar pointed object, hold edges of letters and all small areas while pulling away the backing, to make sure it is stuck on the transfer tape. If a letter moves, just position it back into place by pushing backing down and move letter back to original position. Do not touch the sticky underside of the decal with your fingers, as this will inhibit the glue.

Starting from the middle, slowly apply the Decal to the surface. Apply SLOWLY, so you do not cause crinkles and wrinkles in the decal. Try to touch the surface first at the center of the Decal and then flatten out to the sides. Next, use your driver's 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. (For large decals, repeat all steps on other half).

Finally, peel back an edge of transfer tape SLOWLY. Watch the small letters and corners, making sure they are sticking to surface, and not to the transfer tape. Remember, PATIENCE IS THE KEY. 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 adhered 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 should disappear after a day or two. Some bubbles will take longer to disappear, but they should work their way out with exposure to sunlight.

REMEMBER, once the Decal touches the glass or paint, it cannot be moved again. PATIENCE IS THE KEY!

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