

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DRY APPLICATION OF VINYL DECALS (STICKERS)

Best results will be obtained if the temperature is above 10 deg.C, if below this temperature heat up the area with a hair dryer. It is ideal if application takes place in an enclosed, protected area, free from wind and dust. If temperature is hot, it is best to move to a shaded area. The surface that the vinyl is to be applied to must be thoroughly clean, removing all traces of dirt, grease and wax, There must be no flaking on the surface. Do not use a petrol base cleaner. Clean surface thoroughly with a mild detergent and dry with a lint free cloth, (paper towel or a microfibre cloth work well), Then clean again using Isopropyl Alcohol, if not available you can use Methylated Sprits. Do not let the Alcohol dry by evaporation but use a cloth or paper towel to dry, if necessary clean a small area at a time.

Tools Required- Surface cleaner, drying cloth, ruler, masking tape, scissors, squeegee, pencil, pin/needle and a "snap-off" blade cutter (extremely sharp).

STEP 1:

Place masking tape either end of decal on application paper. Find horizontal guide on surface to use as a measure for aligning the decal. With a ruler, measure from the bottom of your vinyl decal to this horizontal guide. Repeat at the other end of the decal (Careful measurements now means success, once decal is applied it is permanently in that position). Once decal is in the desired position, Use masking tape to anchor it in place.

STEP 2:

With decal held in place by masking tape, estimate the centre of the decal and place two strips of masking tape vertically at the centre point, lapping over onto the surface. This further anchors the decal and forms a centre "hinge" **See Illustration**. This way the decal can be applied half at a time.

STEP 3:

Remove masking tape at one end of the decal only, leaving the centre hinge and other end in place. Slowly peel away the backing paper, holding this half by the application paper. Do not touch the back of the decal/adhesive. Cut away the excess backing paper, **See Illustration**.

STEP 4:

Hold the decal away from the surface by the application paper. With squeegee in your other hand begin squeegeeing from the centre hinge, using short strokes, thus applying the decal a little bit at a time. **See Illustration** When one side is in place remove the centre hinge and other masking tape, and repeat the process with this half, working from the centre out to remove air.

STEP 5:

To remove application paper from decal, carefully peel the paper back on itself. DO NOT pull at a 90 deg. angle, but at a 180 deg. angle. Peel back watching that the decal does not lift. if it does push the application paper back in place and resqueegee. Air bubbles may be removed by puncturing the vinyl with a pin/needle, and gently squeegeeing air out. Do not use blade/knife. Check surface and resqueegee where needed paying attention to corners and edges being careful not to scratch the surface of the decal (we can supply a low friction squeegee sleeve).

