

CARE OF VINYL DECALS (STICKERS)

CLIMATE

In colder climates, window decals on vehicles can be damaged by the scraping ice or frost from the windows. Mild window cleaner may be used to clean the windows without damage to the Decal. (A few of drops of dishwashing detergent in 500ml of water is a great window cleaner.)

CLEANING

Avoid ammonia based cleaners like Windex. Do not use brushes as the bristles may push liquid under the adhesive layer. Use care when wiping and avoid wiping over sharp points. Should a point lift and get soiled you will need to remove the the soiled area since it will not re adhere. Use a sharp blade or hobby-knife, this will stop further peeling. A clean lifted point will more often than not re-stick to the surface once it's dry. A clean decal will last longer as road grime contains many pollutants including acids and alkaline.

WAXING

On painted surfaces of vehicles, care must be taken when waxing. Wax will build up around the edges of the Decal, and will need to be removed. Use a soft cloth, and take your time, and be gentle. A brush will force the wax underneath the edge of the decal causing the decal to peel.

AUTOMATIC CAR WASHES

The Decal will not be damaged by normal use of an automotive car wash. Although the decals will withstand automatic car washes, these will reduce the life and appearance of the Decal. It is best to avoid pressure washing if possible. If you do use a pressure washer do not use it close to the surface of the decal. New decals should not be washed until after 7 days.

DURABILITY

Under optimal conditions, cast vinyl decals will last from 7 to 10 years, calendered and other vinyls have a shorter life span depending on the one you've chosen. Silver mylar normally has a limited outdoor life. If mylar is required for outdoor use ensure that you request outdoor durable mylar 3 to 5 years or longer with a UV laminate.

STORAGE

Unused decals have a limited life and should not be stored for more than one year. The main problem is the application paper permanently adheres to the surface of the decal. Decals need to be stored flat in a cool dry environment. Digitally printed silver mylar tends to curl over time and should be stored between 2 sheets of cardboard or corflute with rubber bands around them.

By following these simple instructions your decal will give many years of service.