

Vinyl Decal Instructions

Please read these instructions all the way through before starting your application.

The surface must be clean, and free of all oils, waxes and dirt. Use Windex or a comparable cleaner to clean the glass. If you use Rain X, try Formula 409 to remove it. On painted surfaces wipe with a wax remover or alcohol if applying on freshly waxed paint.

These Decals come to you in three 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.

Dry Application

You will need a driver's license or a similar type squeegee, and a needle (to remove any air bubbles).

Try to apply Decal at room temperature (55 to 75 degrees) or above. The warmer it is, the better it works, but, try to avoid the direct sunlight.

Without removing the paper backing, position decal on window exactly where you want it.

Once the decal is in position, place a piece of masking tape along the top edge to hold the decal in place. This masking tape will act as a "hinge" allowing you to peel off the backing while the decal stays where you want it.

Lift up the bottom of the decal and pull backing off **SLOWLY**. The backing is the heavier gauge paper. If a letter moves, use the needle to position it back into place by pushing the backing down and moving the letter back to the original position.

With the backing paper completely removed from the decal and transfer tape, gently lower the decal with the transfer tape back down to the installation surface and rub it down lightly with your hand.

Peel back an edge of transfer tape **SLOWLY**; you're going to be watching for the small letters and corners, to make sure they are sticking to glass, and not to the transfer tape. Remember, patience is the key here. 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 glued 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 may disappear after a day or two.

REMEMBER Once the Decal touches the glass or paint, it cannot be moved again. Patience is the key.

Wet Application

(This method should be used on most windshield applications, unless you have done this before)

Mix a gallon or so of water with a **few** drops of dishwashing liquid. Use a spray bottle and wet the area where the decal is to be applied.

Trim away the transfer tape so that the tape is about (within 1/2") border, of your Decal. Remove the backing paper the same as the Dry Method instructions and place the Decal, still attached to the transfer tape, to the thoroughly wetted surface. The decal can then be **gently** moved and repositioned correctly; your Decal will slide on the thin film of solution trapped between the vinyl decal and the surface. When the decal is in the final location, use a small squeegee or drivers license to squeeze the water and detergent solution out from under the decal. The transfer tape will protect the decal during this process.

CAUTION

Be sure to squeegee as much solution as possible from under the decal. Take your time, because if not enough solution is removed from under the decal, the Decal will not adhere to the surface enough to allow the easy removal of the transfer tape.

Although a squeegee is the recommended tool, the water can also be removed by using your fingers, or a soft cloth. When through with the squeegee, the transfer tape can be carefully removed. Work the decal with your fingers, and a soft, absorbent cloth around the edges and corners to remove any remaining solution. Warm weather is best for this application.

If there are bubbles present under the decal that cannot be removed by working them to the edge of the decal with your fingers, then a small pin or needle can be used to puncture the decal at the bubble, to remove the air. A small pin hole will not be seen after the air bubble has been worked out with the fingers.

Maintenance

In colder climates, decals on windows of vehicles can be damaged by the scraping of frost or ice from the windows. Mild window cleaner may be used to clean the windows without damage to the decal.

Your Decal will not be damaged by normal use of car wash products, or water. Although the decals will withstand pressure washers, car washes, these will reduce the life and appearance of your Decal. The decals will not last forever, but will give you many years of enjoyment if taken care of.

Removal

On glass surfaces, with temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees, a razor blade scraper can be used. Decals can be removed from painted surfaces by using a heat gun or hair dryer to warm the decal to the point to where it peels off easily.

The application of this vinyl decal requires a degree of dexterity, and concentration. If you feel you cannot apply this decal yourself, any auto detailer, or body shop can apply it for you. Fan Friendly Designs cannot be responsible for replacing decals that have been damaged during application.