



Vinyl Decal & Sticker Installation Guide

Wet & dry application · Bubble removal · Troubleshooting

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What You'll Need

Squeegee or credit card · Spray bottle with soapy water (a few drops dish soap) · Isopropyl alcohol 70%+ · Lint-free microfiber cloth · Hair dryer (optional)

Method 1 — Dry Application (best for small decals)

- 1 Clean the Surface** — Wipe with isopropyl alcohol. Let dry completely. No dust, oil, or wax residue.
- 2 Position & Hinge** — Hold in place and tape one edge as a hinge so it stays aligned while you work.
- 3 Peel Backing** — Peel the white backing paper at a 45° angle, leaving the decal on the clear transfer tape.
- 4 Apply Center-Out** — Lay down from the center and squeegee outward in firm overlapping strokes to push out air.
- 5 Remove Transfer Tape** — Peel the clear tape back at a low 30° angle very slowly. If decal lifts, press back and squeegee again.
- 6 Final Squeegee** — One firm full-surface pass to completely bond the vinyl.

■ **Pro Tip:** For curved surfaces, use a hair dryer on low heat to warm the vinyl — it becomes pliable and conforms easily.

Method 2 — Wet Application (best for large decals)

- 1 Clean Surface** — Wipe with alcohol. Dry completely.
- 2 Mist the Glass/Surface** — Spray lightly with soapy water solution.
- 3 Peel & Mist Adhesive** — Peel backing and lightly mist the adhesive side too — this lets you reposition.
- 4 Slide Into Position** — Place and slide the decal to your exact position while wet.
- 5 Squeegee Out Water** — Squeegee firmly center-to-edges. Push all water out.
- 6 Remove Transfer Tape** — Wait 10–15 min. Peel at 30°. Re-squeegee any lifting sections.
- 7 Cure Time** — Let cure 24–48 hours before washing or exposure to heavy rain.

■ **Warning:** Do NOT use wet application on textured, porous, brick, or powder-coated surfaces — dry only.

Troubleshooting

Bubbles won't squeegee out: Poke with a pin, press flat, squeegee. Tiny bubbles often self-heal in warm weather within 72 hrs.

Decal won't adhere: Surface has oil/wax residue. Re-clean with alcohol. Surface must be above 50°F.

Transfer tape lifts the decal: Squeegee more firmly. Pull tape at 30° or less, very slowly.

Vinyl tears during peel: Too cold — warm gently with a hair dryer. Always peel backing by folding it back 180°.

Longevity Tips

Wait 72 hours before washing. Avoid high-pressure spray on edges. Hand wash preferred. No harsh chemical cleaners. Outdoor-rated vinyl lasts 3–5 years under normal conditions.

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