

Vinyl Application Instructions



Surface Preparation

All surfaces must be thoroughly cleaned before applying your vinyl graphics. Follow the instructions below for specific material cleaning procedures.

Materials Needed

- * Small cutting knife or razor blade. (an Exacto Knife is ideal for the job)
- * A Spray bottle filled with a mixture of dish soap and water. The mixture ratio is; 3 drops of soap to 1 pint of water
- * Plastic Squeegee
- * Dry Towel
- * 2" Roll of Masking Tape

1. Using small tabs of masking tape, tack the graphic to the intended surface. This is to insure proper placement before the liner is removed.
2. Apply a single horizontal strip of 2" masking tape to the top of the graphic. The strip of should be split between the graphic and the intended surface with 1" on each side (as shown). This strip will be used as a hinge that will insure the graphic does not move during the application process.
3. Hold the bottom edge of the hinged graphic away from the intended surface and remove the liner to reveal the sticky backing of the vinyl. Save this piece of liner for use later in the application process.
4. To assist in proper placement, spray the intended surface with the mixture of soap and water. (This coating of water reduces the tackiness of the vinyl, letting you lift and re-place the graphic if necessary.
5. While still holding the hinged graphic away from the intended surface. Using the squeegee and starting from the top, begin to marry the graphic to the intended surface.

- * Notes: Work from top to bottom.
- * Do not let the entire graphic fall onto the intended surface.
- * If lines or creases develop, lift and re-place the graphic.

6. Once the graphic is in proper position and lying perfectly flat on the intended surface, you can now start forcing the water out from beneath the graphic. Starting from the center working outward, use firm strokes with the squeegee to force the water out from beneath the individual letters or elements contained in your graphic.
7. After all letters and elements have had most of the water squeegeed out from beneath them, it is now time to remove the pre-mask from the graphic and reveal the final product. To remove the pre-mask without difficulty, spray with water and soap mixture and wait a minute or two for the pre-mask paper to become soggy. Gently remove the pre-mask. Be careful not to pull the graphic up with the pre-mask paper.
8. Squeegee out any remaining water bubbles using the piece of left over liner. Lay the piece of left over liner over the graphic, with shiny side of liner facing you. Proceed to apply hard pressure to squeegee out any remaining water or air bubbles.

Conclusion

Installing vinyl graphics is a simple follow-the-steps process. Although it takes very little time, it is not something to rush. With a little concentration and patience you can easily install quality vinyl graphics.

