

## **DECAL APPLICATION:**

- Do not apply in cold weather - adhesive may stick but will lift easily.
- Do not apply in extreme heat, apply in the shade - vinyl will get very soft and stretch.
- The vinyl will not stick as well to any oil or waxy surface. Use a little RUBBING ALCOHOL to clean the area where the decal will be applied.
- If you are applying the decal to glass, DO NOT use Windex or other ammonia-based cleaners; the ammonia interferes & destroys the adhesive.
- Make sure there is no wax or Rainx products on the surface - adhesive may stick but will lift easily.
- DO NOT TOUCH THE ADHESIVE BACKING - oils from your skin will prevent the adhesive from sticking.

## **TOOLS NEEDED:**

- Credit Card, flat smooth plastic scraper or Squeegee
- 409 or non-ammonia based cleaner and Isopropyl Alcohol (rubbing alcohol)

**TEMPERATURE RECOMMENDATIONS:** The surface temperature should be about room temperature or cool to the touch, between 50 and 90 degrees. If the surface is hot to the touch it's over 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

## **SURFACE PREPARATION/CLEANING PROCEDURES:**

Application surface MUST BE completely clean and free of any dust, oils, wax or other debris.

**Step 1:** Wash & rinse the area with liquid dish detergent & warm water. Then dry the vehicle surface with a clean, lint-free towel or cloth.

**Step 2:** Finish up the cleaning process by wiping down the entire area with Isopropyl Alcohol (rubbing alcohol). To avoid recontamination during the final cleaning step, wipe the surface in just one direction, using a clean, lint-free towel or cloth. You are now ready to apply the vinyl.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

*Applying vinyl graphics dry does not allow for any mistakes. Once the vinyl touches the surface, there is no removal without damage.*

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## HOW TO APPLY:

**Step 1:** Lay the decal on a flat smooth surface facing upwards.

**Step 2:** Carefully bend the paper in a corner to peel the Decal & Clear Transfer Tape from the paper.



- Do not peel too fast as you may end up ripping the decal.
- If the decal doesn't want to peel off the paper backing in a certain area, firmly rub that area of the decal with your finger and retry.



**Step 3:** Once you have completely removed the paper backing away from the Decal and Transfer Tape, you're ready to install it on the clean surface of your choice. You can discard the paper backing at this time.



**Step 4:** This next step is critical and you only have one chance at doing this right.

- Slowly and carefully apply the Decal and Transfer Tape to the surface destination.
- Firmly rub all areas of the decal (especially the edges) to ensure full adhesion.

- Use a credit card/other flat plastic/squeegee to smooth the decal down against the surface of the car. Move slowly along the length of the decal, rubbing in an up and down direction (top to bottom) on long decals, and moving from one side to the other.
- If the decal is longer than a foot or so, stick the middle of the decal down first, then rub towards one end. Then go BACK to the middle and rub towards the opposite end. This should reduce the chance of your decal wrinkling.



- **Step 5:** Slowly peel the Transfer Tape away from the decal and surface

- CAREFULLY remove the masking tape backing. Sometimes the decal will want to stick

to the backing more than the car (good cleaning with alcohol will reduce the chances of this). If this happens, use your finger to anchor the decal in place while you lift the decal off.

**Step 6:** Your Decal is finished!!!