

## How to Apply Vinyl Decals

FIRST you need to know each decal has 3 pieces:

1. The top layer is the **transfer film**.
2. The middle layer is the **actual vinyl decal**.
3. The bottom layer is the **backing**.

These decals come to you all together in three layers.

The top layer is called transfer tape or pre-mask. It looks somewhat like regular masking tape or clear tape. And is used to apply and protect you decal as you apply.

The middle layer is the actual decal. And this will come up with your transfer tape when your ready to apply.

The bottom layer is a backing paper with a waxy surface.



### Quick Vinyl Application Tips...

- 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.
- Do not use alcohol to apply - it will destroy the adhesive.
- Do not use ice scraper on the sticker/decal - may lift or break pieces off..
- Do not touch the adhesive backing - oils from your skin will prevent sticking.
- Do not point high pressure car wash nozzle at the edges of the sticker/decal for a long time - may lift or break pieces.
- Car washes are safe.
- Before application, make sure there is no wax or Rainx products on the surface - adhesive may stick but will lift easily.
- Don't apply wax over graphics, especially if the wax contains any petroleum distillates.

### Cleaning Procedures:

All surfaces are contaminated to some degree. To ensure good adhesion to any vehicle surface it is critical that you follow these recommended procedures in decontaminating and preparing the surface prior to any vinyl product installation.

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

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.

### Temperature Recommendations:

Surface temperatures MUST be between 50 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit before attempting the installation. As a general rule, if the surface is hot to the touch it's over 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Adhesive becomes brittle when it gets too cold and gummy when it gets too hot. Applications outside the recommended range of 50 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit reduce the adhesives' ability to perform.



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