



Decal Fitting Instructions

Our decals come in three layers:

1. The bottom layer consists of paper, referred to as transfer tape.
2. The middle layer is the vinyl decal / sticker.
3. The top layer is called the application tape, and is slightly opaque.

Preparation:

- Keep the decal at room-temperature overnight.
- If the decal has been rolled for posting, unroll and flatten using something sturdy, such as books, and leave overnight.
- If the decal has been folded, we will have done so where it will not affect the vinyl. Lay the decal out and flatten the creases with your finger before starting.
- Do not try to apply the decal to a cold surface, **do not apply in under 10 degrees Celsius!**
- Be sure that the area for the sticker is clean and dry.
- DO NOT APPLY to newly-painted surfaces, until the paint has fully cured. This can take anything from one to six weeks.

Dry Application Method:

1. Carefully peel the sticker from the paper so that only the decal and the application tape remain. Sometimes this takes a bit of coaxing, but most of the time the decal will readily release from the paper to the applicator. Problems may arise in humid conditions. Be patient, don't hurry. It will work. You may want to help coax the vinyl from the paper with the tip of a pin.
2. Carefully place the decal on the exact location that you desire. Concise planning ahead is advised.
3. Once the decal touches the surface, DO NOT TRY TO RELOCATE. The stickers adhesive is very strong. If you attempt to move it after it touches the surface, you may damage the sticker as the vinyl will stretch and distort before the adhesive will give way.
4. After placing the decal to the surface, rub it home starting from the centre, working toward the edges. Peel off the top layer, the applicator tape, and enjoy your new decal!

Wet Application Method:

This method can be used on most applications, but requires more care and skill, and is optional. I use it when there are large solid areas of vinyl.

1. Mix a gallon or so of water with a couple of drops of dishwashing liquid. Use a spray bottle and wet the area where the decal is to be applied.
2. Trim away the transfer tape so that the tape is about ½" of the edge of your decal.
3. Remove the backing paper the same as the Dry Method instructions (step 1 above). Place the decal, still attached to the transfer tape, to the wetted surface. The decal can then be gently moved and repositioned correctly.

4. 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 credit card to squeeze the water and detergent solution out from under the decal.
5. The transfer tape will protect the decal during this process.
6. **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. Although a squeegee is recommended, the water can also be removed by using your fingers or a soft cloth.
7. 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.
8. Warm weather is best for this application.
9. If applying the decal to a vehicle, do not drive at speed until the decal has completely adhered.

TIPS:

- The larger the decal, the more chance you have of trapping air bubbles between the sticker and the surface. If you trap an air bubble, take a pin and stab a tiny hole in the bubble and work the air out of the pinhole. You'll never see the pinhole.
- Take greater care with thin areas, such as the tips on flames. Make sure these are firmly fixed, otherwise they will loosen when you clean the vehicle/area.

MAINTENANCE:

- In colder climates, decals on windows of vehicles can be damaged by scraping off frost or ice. Mild window cleaner may be used to clean the windows without damage to the decal.
- On painted surfaces of vehicles, care must be taken when waxing. Wax will build up around the edges of the decal, and will need to be removed. Use a soft cloth, take your time, and be gentle. A brush will force the wax underneath the edge of the decal, and the decal will begin to peel.
- Your decal will not be damaged by normal use of car wash products, or water.
- The decals will give you many years of enjoyment if given proper care.

REMOVAL:

- On glass surfaces, with temperatures between 21 – 27 degrees Celsius (70-80F), a razor blade scraper can be used.
- Decals can be removed from painted surfaces by using a hairdryer to warm the decal to the point where it peels off easily.

DISCLAIMER:

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. Stripeworld cannot be held responsible for replacing decals that have been damaged during application.