

VINYL GRAPHIC INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

WET METHOD

TOOLS YOU WILL NEED:

- 1-SQUEEGEE or firm credit card
- 1-Snappy™ Knife or sharp razor blade
- Spray Bottle with Water & Soap solution
- ¾" Masking Tape

Preparation

- Vinyl Graphics should be installed 'wet' using an application fluid to allow the graphic to be easily repositionable during installation. In warmer weather, wet applications will help prevent the graphic's adhesive from 'grabbing' onto the application surface too quickly. A wet application is also useful in preventing air from getting trapped underneath the graphic during the installation process
- For best results, the application should be made in temperatures ranging from **60 – 90°F**. Do not install graphics outdoors if winds exceed 10MPH. Blown dirt, dust, or other contaminants can interfere with the bonding of the graphic adhesive to the vehicle during installation
- All surfaces **MUST** be cleaned prior to any application of vinyl graphic/stripping products
- Wash the vehicle surface with detergent and water, then thoroughly rinse the surface with water and dry completely
- **WARNING:** Do not use any aromatic solvents such as acetone, M.E.K., toluene, paint thinner, lacquer thinner, gasoline, or ammonia-based cleaners to clean the vehicle's surface
- Saturate a clean cloth with isopropyl alcohol and wipe the surface of the vehicle where the vinyl is to be applied to remove and contaminants such as silicone, wax, or adhesives

Graphic Installation

1. Tape the graphic onto application area of vehicle to determine desired placement of graphic
2. Apply a strip of tape vertically through the center of the graphic and lightly tape each end of the graphic panel to the vehicle
3. Remove the positioning tape on one side of the center hinge from the graphic and peel the backing liner away from graphic up to the hinge and cut it off with a sharp knife blade or scissors
4. Using spray bottle of soap and water mixture, spray onto the adhesive side of the graphic and also spray onto vehicle where graphic will be placed

5. Lay the graphic onto the wet application surface and firmly squeegee the graphic using short, overlapping strokes
6. Remove the hinge from the center of the graphic
7. Remove the remaining backing paper and spray the water and soap solution onto the vehicle's surface
8. Squeegee the remaining half of the panel onto the vehicle using the same method as outlined in step 5
9. If the graphic has a paper premask covering it, thoroughly wet the surface of the masking with the application solutions and wait a minute or two—the liquid will help break down the masking's adhesive
10. With the adhesive weakened, it will be easier to remove the masking by pulling the masking away from the application surface at a 180° angle; If the premask is plastic, carefully pull it away from the application surface at a 180° angle and gently wipe away any residue. Check to make sure that no bubbles remain under the surface of the graphic.
11. If any small bubbles appear during installation, they can be easily removed by pricking the base of the bubble with the knife blade and squeezing any trapped solution out with the tip of your finger.

Trimming

***CAUTION: Do not open doors until trimming is complete**

- Trimming may be required at door jams / gas covers (etc.).
- Cut vinyl center of the open space between jams or openings, and fold vinyl over onto vehicle and press down firmly until it bonds. This could take a few minutes for the vinyl to adhere properly.



- ***Do NOT wash vehicle for at least 72 hours**
- ***Do NOT use high-pressure washer on graphics**



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