

Adhesive Vinyl Graphics Installation Guide

Please read and understand these instructions before attempting to apply your vinyl. Take your time to get the positioning right and level. If in doubt, please call us.

Note: There are two ways to mount adhesive vinyl, wet and dry. We advise beginners to wet mount because the first positioning is not so critical. Dry mount sticks fast as soon as it touches.

We do not advise installing adhesive to any surface colder than 50F (please contact us for more information).

Wet Mount instructions

You will need the following equipment:

- paper towels (to dry the surface)
- squirt bottle (filled with water and a few drops of dish soap or hand soap **NOT Windex or any ammonia/chemical based cleaner**)
- squeegee/credit card (to remove air bubbles)
- a scraper (to remove dirt/dust from surface)

You may also want to use a spirit level to ensure your sign is positioned correctly.



1. Wash area and remove all wax, grease and dirt from the area the sign will be placed.
2. **It is important that you measure carefully to position your sign correctly** (you may want use tape/masking tape to create a hinge/ hold it in position).
3. Peel off the white backing of the sign.
4. **lightly** wet (spray) the sticky side of sign (this prevents sign from sticking until you have it in the right position)
5. lay the wet vinyl (sticky side) against the surface in position moving from the top to the bottom.
6. The vinyl should be against the surface now sliding on a film of water. You can slide/reposition the vinyl into the exact position (take care that it is square before the next step).
7. Squeegee the vinyl from center out to the edge (this removes the excess film of water and makes the vinyl stick).

If possible let the sign stand for 24 hours to allow it to set.

Dry Mount Application (used for smaller decals and vehicles)

You will need the following:

- Two people (only for larger applications)
- Squeegee/credit card
- Pin (may be needed to poke holes in air pockets)

Wash surfaces thoroughly to remove all dust, wax and grease from the area where the sign will be installed.

Placement of the vinyl must be measured and positioned (square and level) in advance. if needed use tape to create a hinge (step 2 above).

One person holds the sign while the second person peels a small portion of the backing (leaving only a small part of the adhesive exposed).

The Other person sticks a small piece of the sign to the vehicle surface as the first person pulls at the vinyl creating tension.

Second person squeegees vinyl as each portion is stuck to the surface.

Do not leave pockets of air in any contours or allow pockets to be trapped as you install. Small bubbles can be removed with the pin then smoothing the surface flat.

In cases where you are following a contour (vehicles) it may help to heat using a hair dryer as you apply the vinyl.

Caution! The vinyl will stick instantly to the first smooth surface it touches. **If you are unsure you should wet mount.**

Cleaning

Clean the vinyl lightly using water and a mild detergent or hand soap. Do not rub or abrade the image, or use any solvent based chemicals.

Dry carefully with a soft cloth or towel. Although you may have chosen lamination to protect your sign, this is only for weather and light abrasion. Chemicals, scratches or heavy rubbing will damage even lamination. CAUTION! Do not use Windex or any chemical/ammonia based cleaner to clean your signage.