

How To Install Your Decal

Anyone with patience and these instructions can install Performance Vinyl decals. We suggest that an adequately experienced person do the installation.

Surface Prep

Before installing your graphics, it's important to prep the surface. The surface should be free from any dirt or debris. We recommend using any mild detergent on surfaces such as automotive paint, glass, or plastic. Glass cleaners or ammonia based cleansers are not recommended. Be sure to test your detergent on an inconspicuous area if you are unsure if it will harm the surface. The surface must be completely dried off before application. Also, the surface must be above 60 degrees Fahrenheit; 70 degrees Fahrenheit or above is ideal. Installing your decal during low-wind may help to ensure that your decal is not blowing around as you try to install it. It is best to install your decal when it is not raining so that your decal doesn't get wet prior to installation.

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Most importantly: do not peel anything from the start. Choose a location for your decal and tape it in place with masking tape. This will help you choose the absolute best location and help you obtain proper alignment. Apply the masking tape to an edge or two as needed. You can make adjustments by carefully lifting the masking tape and repositioning the decal to your liking. To line it up, use a water soluble pencil, available in our simple install kit, to mark the application tape with a line. Make sure your line extends off of the application tape and onto the surface you are installing the decal on. At least two lines are necessary. Once you've lined it up, remove the decal assembly from the surface, leaving the pencil marks behind. Carefully peel the masking tape from the application tape.

Applying the Decal

We've learned from experience that four hands are better than two; get someone to help you for this process. Peel the backing from the decal leaving the decal affixed to the application tape. Carefully apply your decal by matching up the markings on the application tape and the surface the decal is being applied to. Use a squeegee, available in our simple install kit, to smooth the decal in place. Work from the center outward with slow even strokes. Now, slowly and carefully remove the application tape from the applied decal.

Even the Pros Get Bubbles

Your decal may have some bubbles after installation. Small bubbles will go away as the decal sets. It will flatten out over time as the proper temperature helps it cure. To remove the bubbles faster, poke them with a pin to let the air out, then smooth with your hand afterwards. Plastic squeegees can scratch the decal. This works better in the proper temperature.

Removing Your Decals

Decals peel easier when surface temperature is warmer. This is why a warm sunny day is recommended. If you cannot wait, apply moderate heat with a hair dryer or heat gun and peel the lettering and striping as they are warmed. If adhesive remains, use mild detergent to remove.

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Obstruction Of View Due To Decal Placement (Please Use Common Sense)*

*Damage Done To Surface With a Heat Gun Or Hair Dryer
Decals Caught In Your Hair Due To Wind*