

How To Install Large Vinyl Sticker

XLarge, Complex or Multi-piece Stickers

Tools Required

1. Spray bottle with weak soapy water (3 or 4 drops of dishwashing)
2. Squeegee, piece of hard plastic, plastic putty knife or credit card
3. Tape Measure or Ruler
4. 25mm Masking Tape.
5. Stanley knife or single edge razor blade
6. Marking Pen or Pencil
7. Surface Cleaner (Windex, Soap & Water)

Surface Preparation

Clean the surfaces that you are going to install your sticker(s) onto. Refer Small Stickers, above

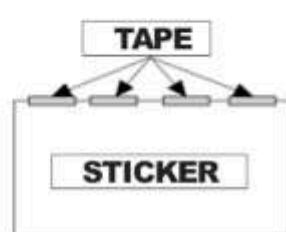
Installation Procedures

NOTE: Stickers should not be applied to extremely hot or cold surfaces (required temperature is 18 – 28 degree Celsius) as this will affect the adhesive ability and life of the sticker..

1. Measure and mark where the sticker(s) are to be located within your design and then position the sticker(s) on the surface to ensure the sticker(s) fit within the design space.
2. Position your sticker on the surface you intend it to be applied. To get the sticker straight, start with a piece of masking tape on one corner, with the backing still on the sticker (masking tape half on your sticker, half on the surface). Use a measuring tape to square it up. Bring the other side into position and tack it down with another piece of masking tape. Use a tape measure to square up and check to make sure it is level. Stand back and check the position and your measurements

NOTE: if you need to re-position, give the sticker a sharp jerk, if you pull slowly the vinyl could stretch, and then re-position the sticker.

3. Apply masking tape the fully length along the top straight edge half on the sticker half on the surface. (this will hinge the sticker to the surface)



NOTE: If you are inexperienced, here is where you will need the soapy water. When you lift the sticker, spray a fine mist all over the area you are working on.

4. Lift the sticker with backing paper and application tape together. Slowly remove the backing paper while holding onto the sticker do not remove the clear application tape. Be very careful not to let the sticker fall back into itself or onto the surface, keep it spread out and taut. Do not allow the hinged masking tape to come off the application tape or the surface. The sticky surface of the vinyl will be exposed lightly spray the sticky side of the vinyl with the soapy water.
5. Starting at any one edge place edge of sticker where you want it.
6. Slowly lay the rest of the sticker in place down on the installation surface. If the sticker has moved gently move it back to the exact position you want it.
7. Your first squeegee strokes begins at the centre of a sticker working outwards. Using the squeegee gently smooth out any air or water bubbles on the sticker, working from centre to outside edge, work outward from top/middle to top/right then top/middle to top/left. Then squeegee down/middle to the right and then to the left. Try not to miss an area, as you are working your way down the sticker.
8. Go back over the entire sticker firmly, try to go the same way making sure the edges are sealed and do not lift.
9. Remove the hinge masking tape and squeegee upwards over the area the masking tape was covering. **NOTE:** if you used soapy water make sure there are no bubbles or wrinkles Squeegee from the middle of entire sticker out until all bubbles, wrinkles and water are out.
10. Now remove the application tape, slowly starting from one corner pulling against itself at a 180 degree angle and as close to the surface as possible. Doing this minimizes the chances of pulling up the sticker with the application tape. If the sticker does not stick to the surface (it stays stuck to the application tape) carefully place the sticker back into position and squeegee again. After removing the application tape re-squeegee all the edges and overlaps. **NOTE** if you used soapy water slowly dry with paper towel and let stand for 10 – 15 minutes or until the water has evaporated.
11. Gently clean with window spray cleaner, or mild soapy water, and dry thoroughly.

Managing Large Stickers in Small Sections

If the sticker is large, you may want to cut it into small sections so you can work with more manageable sized sections of vinyl. After making the cuts flip the sticker back and everything should stay in place. Position into place.

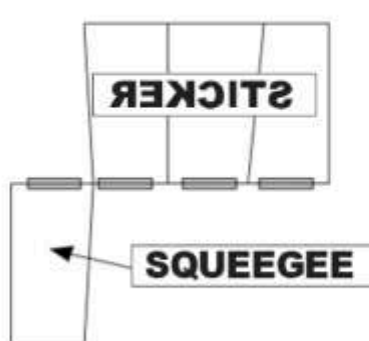


Lightly spray a little of the soapy water solution onto the surface that the sticker will go on. Don't over wet. Peel back the paper backing of the first section and expose the sticky side of the vinyl. Spray the sticky side of the vinyl with soapy water.

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Hold the vinyl close to the surface. It won't stick if you've used too much water, gently smooth out the sticker section in position required. Pull the squeegee across the centerline of the section, working towards the edges and then from the middle to the top and bottom. Always work from the center toward the edges! Do this to avoid trapping air or water bubbles.



Wet applications make applying large stickers easier, and air/water bubbles are easier to remove than air bubbles. The water evaporates out from under the sticker in a few days.

Finish off the other sections in the same way (from the center to the edges, then from the middle to the top and bottom). If you started with a good alignment the sticker will be placed correctly.

Remove the clear application tape by peeling back very slowly at 180 degree angle onto itself. The slow motion will allow the vinyl to stay on the surface while removing application tape.. Pop any bubbles with a pin and press out the air or water. Any water bubbles will evaporate.

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