

## **Installation of Vinyl Decals onto a Vehicle**

This document will guide you through the process of applying vinyl decals.

### **What you will need**

A vinyl decal

Window cleaner

An old credit card or something similar

A measuring tape

A friend (depending on the size of the decal)

### **Surface Preparation**

The surface that the decal will be installed onto needs to be very clean. If it is not, the adhesive will stick to the dirt and grime and not to the vehicle and the decal will fail.

Start by washing the vehicle. Once the surface is dry, clean the specific area where the decal will be with window cleaner.

### **Placing the decal**

Put a piece of masking tape on each side of the decal. Place the decal where you want it visually. Then measure from a flat edge to a flat edge on the decal with a tape measure. Make sure the edges you're measuring with are perfectly horizontal and vertical. This will help to make sure the decal is straight.

### **Applying the decal**

Place a "hinge" of masking tape over the top of the decal. Remove the pieces of tape you used at the sides to place the decal. Pull the decal taut. Remove the backing paper from the back of the decal. From here, you will "squeegee" the decal onto the surface of the vehicle using an old credit card. Use even, overlapping strokes. Start from the center of the decal and work your way out. It may be easier to have another person hold the decal taut while you squeegee the decal.

Remove the application tape. Be careful not to remove the decal with the tape. Pull it gently. If there are any bubbles in the vinyl, you will want to poke them with a pin, and push the vinyl in that area with your thumb.

### **Edges**

The edges around the decal are very important. If there is any lift to them, they may peel off with the wind or when you wash the vehicle. Make sure the edges are down and not lifted from the surface of the vehicle at all.