

# Decal Installation Instructions

Once you have received your decal or lettering, follow these instructions before application.

**+IMPORTANT+** - Lay the decal face-up on a flat, dry surface.

Begin to squeegee from the middle in a up and down motion.

Slowly advance to the right in 1/2" steps until you reach the end.

Use moderate pressure. Now do the same in the other direction.

This will remove any air that may have collected around the vinyl during shipment.

## **\*\*COLD WEATHER TIPS\*\***

If application is during cold weather, turn on your heat/defrost to help warm the glass of a vehicle. Use a Heat gun/Hair Dryer FIRST to heat glass or surface area to approx 75-80F Your best option will be to pull your vehicle inside away from the elements

A good rule of thumb, if the surface is too hot to touch, then your using too much heat!

Please beware, your decal most certainly can fall off the next time you drive your vehicle if you do not heat the surface before installation!!

## How to Apply Your Decal

#1 If using **Rapid Remover**, clean left behind adhesive of old decal first. Then clean surface thoroughly with **Rapid Tac**, Remove all traces of dust, dirt, soap, and grease.

Make sure the surface is dry before going on to #Step 2.

#2 Attach the vinyl graphic to the surface with two pieces of masking tape (4 pieces, if the graphic is large).

Do not remove the paper backing at this time. Measure the graphic and adjust it to the proper position.

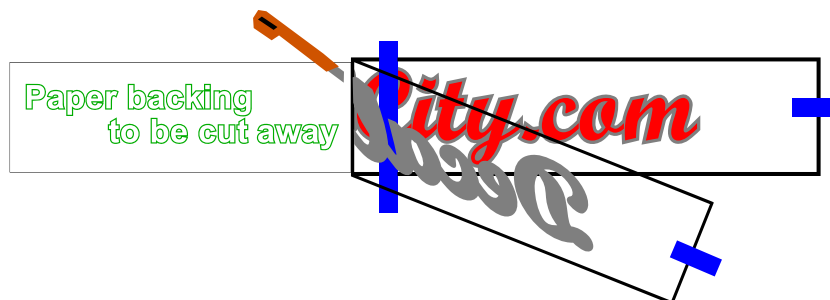
ALWAYS measure from the graphic itself, and NOT the backing paper, which may not be straight.



Apply a vertical strip of masking tape over the center of the graphic. This is your hinge point for removing the backing paper, and applying your decal.

#3 Peel up the top masking and graphic from the paper backing, and cut the paper backing as shown.

Then discard the cut piece of paper. If you are using the Rapid Tac application fluid, apply to surface area now.



#4 Flip the masking and vinyl back, and hold it up enough so it does not touch the surface.

Now you are ready to 'squeegee' down the vinyl. DO NOT smooth with your hand.

This creates tiny bubbles in the vinyl! While holding the end of the vinyl up, start to squeegee from the middle in a up and down motion. Slowly advance from the center in 1/2" steps until you reach the end. Use moderate to HEAVY pressure. Don't be scared - press hard!

You want the decal to stay!



There may still be some tiny bubbles.

Dont worry, these will go away with time in the sun!

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#5 Remove the strips of tape, lift the other side, and peel off the rest of the wax backing paper.

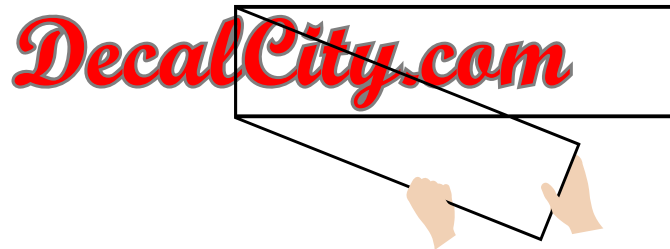
Spray **Rapid Tac**, then using the same method as before, squeegee to the surface.



#6 Slowly peel off the clear masking, leaving the lettering or graphic behind.

If using **Rapid Tac** allow 10-15 minutes for it to evaporate before proceeding.

Be careful that the graphic or lettering does not peel up with the clear masking. If it tries to, squeegee it back again with more pressure, and continue to peel off the masking.



## Congratulations Your Done!

## Awesome Job!

Some important tips:

- When using **Rapid Remover**, first peel as much of the old vinyl up as you can with your fingers. Then spray with **Rapid Remover**, and let it soak for a minute or two, then work free the remaining vinyl or adhesive with you finger nails. If there is still some stubborn adhesve, spray again, and let soak for a bit longer, then try to remove again rubbing with your fingers, and nails. But be careful not to get to aggressive, and scratch the surface!
- Before completing the last step, it is VERY important that you squeegee with moderate to heavy pressure to insure ALL of the decal has adhered to the surface. Any bubbles close to the edge of the vinyl can be worked out as well. Check that all of the excess **Rapid Tac** is worked out from under masking and lettering too. If you do not complete step #6 correctly, your decal will not last, and may begin to peel.
- Park your vehicle in a warm place, or directly facing the sun to allow the decal time to adhere.
- NEVER USE A PRESURE WASHER ON YOUR DECAL!
- NEVER use tools to install your decal, besides what is recommended in these instructions!
- Visit our HelpDesk at [www.decalscity.com](http://www.decalscity.com) for more tips and tricks!

## Thank you for your order!

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