

Instructions for Applying Vinyl Lettering

These instructions are also useful for applying self-adhesive signs. With our new thicker vinyl used on the self-adhesive signs, application tape is not essential, particularly on smaller signage.

Your Vinyl Lettering arrives to you with two or three layers:

1. The top layer is the application tape.
2. The middle layer is the vinyl lettering or graphic.
3. The bottom layer is the backing paper.

Vinyl should be applied in a wind free environment at room temperature. It will not adhere if it is too cold.

Tools Required: Squeegee (included) • Soft Cloth • Masking Tape • Ruler • Wax Pencil
• For Wet Application - Spray Bottle containing lukewarm water with a few drops of liquid soap.

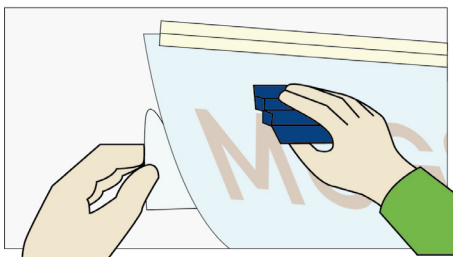
You can apply vinyl using one of the two methods described below. Dry application is quicker. Wet application can be easier for beginners in that you have the chance to reposition the sign. **Please read completely before you start!**

Preparation For Both Methods

1. The surface must be thoroughly cleaned and free of all oils, waxes, dust and dirt.
2. On a flat table, with the application tape side up, use your squeegee to wipe over the whole of the lettering using plenty of pressure. This will stick the lettering to the application tape and release it from the backing paper.
3. Mark guidelines to the surface of the substrate with the wax pencil.

Instructions for Dry Application using a Top Hinge

4. Place the lettering/graphic accurately on the surface. Use a wide strip of masking tape to stick the top edge to the surface. This becomes a hinge.
5. Lift the lettering/graphic, pull back and cut away the top section of the backing paper.
6. Holding the base of the lettering/graphic, allow it to return to its original position.



7. Using the squeegee and light pressure, start from the top center and with horizontal strokes, apply the vinyl. Carry on this way removing sections of backing each time (for large signs this can be done in sections between letters).
8. Leave for 10 minutes.

9. Once you are sure the vinyl is securely attached to the surface, remove the application tape diagonally at a 180° angle back over itself then rub entire graphic with a soft cloth paying particular attention to the edges.



10. Remove any air bubbles by puncturing the bubble at one edge with a pin, then squeegee the trapped air towards and out of the puncture.
Can also be applied using a bottom hinge if preferred.

Instructions for the Wet Application Method

4. With the lettering face down on a flat surface, carefully peel off the backing paper away from the lettering.
5. Spray generously the area where the vinyl is to be applied with your wetting solution. Spray the vinyl lightly.
6. Place the vinyl on the prepared surface using the guidelines to help position it. Lettering can be removed and repositioned as long as the surface stays wet.
7. When you are happy with the position, use your squeegee to force the bubbles and fluid out. Start at the center and work your way out. Be sure to squeegee as much solution as possible from under the decal. Take your time, because if not enough solution is removed from under the vinyl, it will not adhere to the surface.
8. Allow to dry for about an hour.
9. Gently and slowly peel back the application tape diagonally, keeping your hand firmly on the lettering to prevent it pulling back up. Note if the lettering is not sticking to surface, repeat the squeegee process and let dry longer.
10. Remove any remaining bubbles and fluid with a soft cloth and leave to dry for a couple hours.
The hinge method as described above can also be used on wet application.