

Vinyl Installation Instructions

If receiving these instructions, you have elected to install your own vinyl lettering and/or graphics. Please be aware that we cannot replace the vinyl free of charge if a mistake occurs during the installation.

The vinyl comes with the original backing material (release liner) in place, and a "masking" or application tape applied over the top. This allows the vinyl to be arranged over the surface, the backing removed, and the vinyl lowered into place. After the vinyl has adhered to the surface, the Masking tape is removed, leaving the vinyl in place.

SURFACE PREPARATION

All surfaces should be considered dirty and should be cleaned prior to application of vinyl lettering or graphics.

Clean the area where the vinyl will be applied. Rubbing alcohol is preferable. Then, rinse area thoroughly and dry.

TEMPERATURE REQUIREMENTS

Air and application surface should be above 40 degrees F. Best conditions are between 60 – 80 degrees F.

APPLICATION

NOTE: if the lettering or graphic covers a large area, a wet application may be needed. For a wet application, before you squeegee any section down, a light mist of water may be sprayed onto the sign surface. This method gives a little more room for 'error' but it can create bubbles that must be worked out from under the vinyl

If applying long lettering or graphics, the *Horizontal Hinge Method* is preferred.

Center Hinge Method:

1. Position lettering or graphic on clean surface. Tack to desired location with small pieces of masking tape on either end.
2. Run another piece of masking tape vertically through the center of the lettering or graphic, making sure it adheres firmly above and below the lettering as well. Vertical tape will act as a center hinge.
3. Remove one small piece of masking tape from either end.
4. Lift graphic or lettering from that end and pull release liner away. Continue to pull liner away until close to vertical center hinge.
5. Cut release liner with scissors and discard.
6. Starting from center vertical hinge, squeegee lettering down onto prepared surface.
7. Remove small piece of masking tape on other end as well as vertical tape used as center hinge.

Center Hinge Method: Continued

8. Remove the rest of the release liner and again, beginning from center, squeegee into place.
9. Slowly remove application tape.
10. Check each letter and/or Graphic for bubbles. If bubbles are found, use a needle to puncture the center of the bubble. After puncturing, allow a few seconds for air to escape, then gently press down over the area.
11. Gently rub over the Vinyl and edges of each letter to assure proper adherence to the surface.

Horizontal Hinge Method:

1. Position lettering or graphic on clean surface. Tack to desired location with small pieces of masking tape on either end.
2. Apply a long piece of masking tape across the top of the lettering or graphic.
3. Remove small pieces of masking tape at both ends.
4. Cut lettering or graphic into small areas vertically. (With letters, cut between the letters. With graphic, cut between sections taking care not to cut through any vinyl.)
5. Starting at the right (if right-handed), flip one section over at a time and remove release liner.
6. Squeegee each section into place with smooth downward strokes.
7. Re-squeegee entire line of lettering or graphic when complete.
8. Slowly remove application tape.
9. Check each letter and/or Graphic for bubbles. If bubbles are found, use a needle to puncture the center of the bubble. After puncturing, allow a few seconds for air to escape, then gently press down over the area.
10. Gently rub over the Vinyl and edges of each letter to assure proper adherence to the surface.