

# Application Bulletin

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## Application, Dry – Hinge Decals Larger Than 12" x 12"

The dry method requires greater expertise, but is more reliable and achieves longer lasting results. This is usually the favored method as adhesion is immediate and instantly successful. Dry application is recommended for uneven, textured or non-flat application surfaces as well as decals subject to freezing conditions within several days of application.

### Recommended Tools:

- Mild Soap (Dishwashing Liquid)
- Clean, Dry, Lint-Free Cloths or Paper Towels
- Isopropyl Alcohol
- Tape Measure
- Pencil
- Masking or Painter's Tape
- Scissors or Exacto® Knife
- Squeegee (Plastic Applicator)

### Surface Preparation:

If the surface has dirt or other loose debris paint on it, this is what the decal will adhere to, not the surface itself. If the decal does not make enough contact with a clean dry surface, it will not stick well, leading to premature lifting/failure.

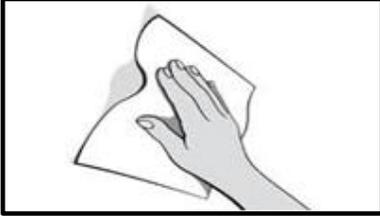
The entire surface has to be thoroughly cleaned before applying the adhesive decal, even if it may look clean. Use mild soap with warm water, then rinse with water. Dry the area with a clean, lint-free cloth or paper towel. Wipe down the entire area again with Isopropyl Alcohol to remove any contaminants. Be sure that rivets and seems are thoroughly dry.

### Application Temperature:

For best results, the application surface and the surrounding ambient atmosphere should be >50°F (10°C).

## Application Process:

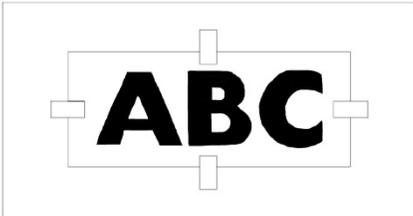
1. Clean and dry the application surface.



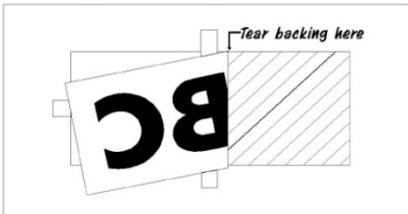
2. Determine the location where you want the decal to go. Use a tape measure and a pencil to help center the decal in the space available. Mark the desired decal position.
3. Secure each end or corner with a piece of masking tape.



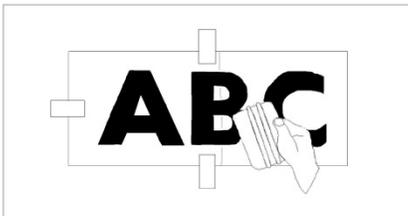
4. Apply strips of masking tape vertically to the center of the decal. This creates a hinge allowing the decal to be applied one section at a time.



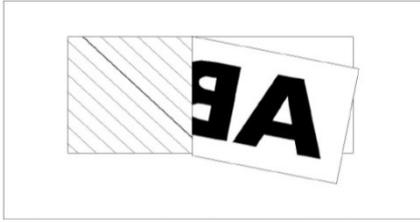
5. Remove the masking tape from one end and fold the decal over the hinge. Slowly peel the release liner away from the hinge to expose the adhesive surface. Cut the release liner with a knife or scissors.



6. Hold the decal away from the surface with one hand and allow the adhesive to touch only as pressure is applied. Starting at the center hinge slowly adhere the decal by using firm, overlapping strokes with the squeegee and working from the hinge outward.



7. Remove the tape used for the center hinge and follow the previously described procedure to apply the other side of the decal.



8. Squeegee the decal with firm strokes working from the center outward towards each edge.

