

Decal Application Instructions

IMPORTANT: Store Decals at Room Temperature avoid high humidity and temperature extremes. KEEP FLAT Do Not Roll

Clean the area where the decal is to be applied, removing all dirt, dust & polish from the surface. The cleaner the surface is, the more permanent the decal will be. Rubbing alcohol is a very good cleaner to use. Allow newly painted surfaces to cure for 3 weeks prior to applying the decal.

Wash your hands before you start and wet your fingers before touching the back of the decal. Handle the decal as little as possible. These decals are pretty durable, and are made to stretch to go around the curves and contours of a motor, but if you pull on them you may stretch them out of shape. They cannot be un-stretched.

3M recommends preparing a solution of 3-4 drops of Baby Shampoo (preferred) or non-concentrated dish soap, containing no lotions, oils, citrus, waxes or enzymes, for each 1 quart (1 liter) of clean, cool water in a spray bottle. Caution do not use more soap or baby shampoo, as this will leave a film beneath the decal which causes low adhesion and possible peeling off later. Generously spray the solution on the area where the decal is to be applied. Completely cover the area with the solution. Plain water can also be used, it's harder to apply.

CAUTION: KEEP the paper backing DRY. Wet backing or previously wet and dried backing is very difficult to remove. Carefully peel the backing paper from the decal. **Lifting an edge with a Xacto knife makes removing the backing easier.** Generously spray the back of the decal with solution.

For decals with application tape on the front, you will have to peel the backing off very carefully, leaving the decal attached to the front tape. Peel slowly, making sure all the pieces of your decal stay with the application tape. If any of the decal pieces stick on the backing instead of the front tape, just push the backing down again, and gently rub the front tape so it sticks better to the decal and slowly peel. Generously spray the back of the decal with solution.

Lightly set the decal on the wet motor. Once you are satisfied with the position, using a small squeegee or a stiff credit card. Gently rub across the decal working from the middle to the outer edge on one half of the decal. When the first half is done, lift the 2nd half and re-spray the motor and decal with more solution. Squeegee 2nd half.

TIP: for compound curves, use a hair dryer to lightly warm the decal to allow it to conform to the curves. After the decal is placed on the motor gently squeegee the decal into position, lightly warm the decal with the hair dryer and gently press the curved areas into place with your fingers.

For decals with application tape carefully peel the tape by pulling back on itself (180 degrees), it is helpful to let the decals dry before pulling the tape. Your decal is now permanently placed.

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