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Installation Instructions

	<p>Step 1: Your decal consists of three components: the wax paper backing, the vinyl decal (lettering) itself, and the transfer tape. Unroll the decal and let it lay flat for a while. Thoroughly clean the area using denatured rubbing alcohol or soap (Dawn Brand) and water. If you're installing a wall decal, clean it according to the type of surface you have. Avoid using Windex or similar products as they leave a residue that hinders proper adhesion of the decal. Allow the area to dry well. If you're installing the decal on a vehicle, choose a garage or a non-windy environment with a temperature of 60 degrees or higher. Please note that if you didn't order a reflective type of vinyl decal, we strongly recommend applying it using the WET method to avoid any bubbles. Simply mist some plain water onto the surface right before positioning and installing the decal. However, the reflective type is special and should not be installed using the WET method.</p>
	<p>Step 2: To prepare the decal for application, place it on a flat surface and firmly rub a squeegee or credit card over the transfer tape. This step removes any air bubbles and ensures the vinyl decal adheres to the transfer tape. Focus on rubbing the decal portions and don't worry too much about wrinkles in other areas. It's important to perform this step just before installing the decal. Alternatively, you can flip the decal over and perform the rubbing from the backside, which achieves the same result. Here's an important tip: when the decal is flipped over on the backside, partially release the backing from the lettering. Start by peeling back about half of the backing from one side, lay the paper back down, and use the squeegee. Then, partially release the other half of the backing from the other side, following the same process. This will help reduce frustration during the actual installation. We recommend following this method for all decals because shipping and temperature fluctuations can affect the adhesive in unexpected ways.</p>
<p>Step 3:</p> <p>a) <u>Gather a tape measure, squeegee, masking tape, and scissors.</u> Use small pieces of masking tape to secure the decal in place, placing them in the corners. Measure to the lettering or decal portion and make minor adjustments until you are satisfied with the position. Avoid using the transfer tape or paper backing as a measurement reference, as it is not straight.</p> <p>b) Use additional masking tape to create a hinge along the top or side of the decal. We recommend watching a few YouTube videos for guidance before proceeding. Have you performed the pre-release step mentioned earlier in step 2? Once the hinge is securely in place, lift half of the decal off the surface and bring it towards you. While holding it, carefully peel the backing from the lettering and tape. Secure the peeled-back lettering or design portion with a tiny piece of masking tape or ask a buddy for assistance. Next, use scissors to cut off the flapping white or blue backing and discard it. Now, you have a decal with half of the backing removed and the other half either taped or held by your buddy. You are now ready to install the free half onto the surface. If the surface is suitable for water, spray a mist of water on it at this point. Begin rolling the decal into place, little by little, while holding it with one hand. Use the squeegee to run up and down the portion being applied to the surface. It's normal and expected for water to drip out during this process. Repeat the same steps for the other half of the decal. Allow it to dry for approximately 30 minutes, then return and peel off the top tape at an almost wiping angle parallel to the surface. Be careful not to let the lettering peel off with the tape. If it happens, take a step back, squeegee the surface, and try again.</p> <p>c) For very large decals, after securing the decal in position with masking tape, you may cut it into sections while keeping it taped in place. This will allow you to apply one section at a time to your surface. Start cutting from either the bottom or side up to the previously created "hinge."</p>	
	<p>Step 4: Now that the top tape has been peeled off and there are bits of paper and supplies scattered around, it's time for the cleanup party! Grab a terrycloth towel, the kind that's a dabulous fabric, and lightly dab the areas ensuring everything is down flat. Remember, we're not wiping it like we're on a mission to clean a window just yet. This vinyl needs some quality time to cure, preferably in temperatures above 70 degrees for several hours or even days, depending on your climate. We don't want to rush its healing process, do we? Hold off on taking your freshly-decaled vehicle (if a vehicle) through a car wash for at least a week, especially if the temperatures are dancing below the 70-degree mark. Trust me, you don't want your decal to take flight like a rebellious bird if the surface happens to be a moving vehicle, especially in cold weather. Let's keep it grounded and stick to the rules, shall we?</p>

If you encountered any hiccups during the installation process, fear not! Feel free to reach out to us, and we'll gladly provide replacement letters or sections of your decal at a fair price. Our utmost priority is to ensure your complete satisfaction with your purchase and to become your go-to destination for all your future decal needs. We truly appreciate your support, and we look forward to serving you as your number one decal destination. Search the internet for Rapid Vinyl, and you'll find us. Thank you!