

# **StickerPirates**

## **Vinyl Application Instructions**

**For Best Results, Please Read Entire Instructions Before You Begin**

**These Instructions Are For Vinyl Decals Only And Do Not Apply To Printed Stickers**

### ***Anatomy Of A Decal***

- \* Your decal is constructed from three parts
  - \* The top layer is the transfer tape
  - \* The middle layer is the actual decal
- \* The bottom layer is called the backing paper

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### ***Preparation***

- \* If your decal arrives in a mailing tube, it is recommended that you unroll the decal and let it lie flat, face down for at least an hour before applying.
- \* Thoroughly clean the surface. The surface your are applying the decal to must be clean, dry, and free of any dust or residue.
  - \* Ideally, the surface and air temperature should be 50°f or more. Using a hair dryer to warm a surface on a cool day, or a mist of cool water on a warm day can help achieve a workable temperature.
- \* Avoid installing your decal in direct sunlight or in the wind, this may prove to be a bad decision.
- \* After preparing the surface, check that the decal fits in place. If necessary, cut off any excess application & backing paper & make guide lines with masking tape or a non-permanent marker.

# ***Application***

**(((( Small Decals ))))**

**\*Remove backing paper**

**\*Place one edge of your decal onto the prepared surface and slowly roll onto the surface, rubbing it down with your hand or a squeegee as you go.**

**(((( Large Decals ))))**

**\* There are two methods that work well with large designs**

- 1. Mix a very small amount of dish soap with water and spray the surface that will be getting the decal, remove the backing paper and place the decal on the surface and get it into position. Starting in the center use your credit card or a squeegee to remove all the air bubbles and the water from under the decal. Once this is done you can carefully and slowly remove the transfer paper from the decal. If your decal starts to lift with the transfer paper, simply set it back down and push the water out with your credit card or squeegee.**
- 2. Use masking tape to hold your design in place. At one end remove the backing paper from your design to about the halfway point of the design. Use scissors to cut the backing paper. Starting in the center use a credit card or a squeegee to remove the air bubbles. Repeat this process again at the other end. Once this is done you can carefully and slowly remove the transfer paper from the decal. If your decal starts to lift with the transfer paper, simply set it back down and push the air out with your credit card or squeegee.**

**\* Air bubbles will usually disappear in a few weeks, if not, you can use a pin to puncture the vinyl and squeeze the air out by pushing down with your thumb.**

**\* We recommend that you leave the application tape on for about 15 minutes before removing. This will help ensure that the decal adheres to the surface fully.**

**\* It is highly recommended that you get help with large decals.**

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**These instructions are intended to be used as a guideline only**

**They are not intended to be a guarantee that your decal will go on flawlessly and without mistakes.**

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