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Easy Steps for Professional Installation

Read **ALL** of this before you start to apply your vinyl graphics, it is simple if you follow these instructions exactly. Our Boat Names generally come in one piece and are sandwiched between a paper layer of transfer tape and a waxed backing. Remove your boat name from its shipping tube. Let it flatten out in a warm room where pets and children can't find it.

Equipment Needed. A small cutting knife or razor blade, Spray bottle filled with a mixture of dish soap and water. (The mixture ratio is; 2 drops of soap to 1 cup of water), Plastic squeegee (supplied), 2 clean dry rags, 1 roll of masking 25mm to 50mm wide, and a Tape measure.

DO'S AND DON'TS

Do NOT use water method on unpainted aluminium

- 1 **Make sure the surface and air temperature is No colder than 5 degrees Celsius.**
- 2 **Do Not apply to hot surfaces or dark surfaces in direct sunlight.**
- 3 **Do Not attempt on a windy day.**
- 4 **DO NOT get backing paper wet.**

1. Surface Preparation. All surfaces must be thoroughly cleaned before applying your vinyl graphics. Remove any dried matter such as tape or glue carefully with a single edge razor blade. Freshly painted surfaces should be dry for at least 72 hours prior to application of the vinyl graphics. Clean the area with window cleaner.

Fibreglass & plastics or recently polished surfaces (within the last 3 months), saturate a clean cloth with methylated spirits or prepsol and wipe the surface clean. If using prepsol, follow immediately with a clean dry cloth.

2. Marking Out. To get the name straight, start with a piece of tape on one corner. Slap it up there where you think it should go. For hulls with Chines (these look like planks) sit the base line of your lettering just above a Chine, this will reduce the number of chines you have to cross. You can always move it if you don't like the position. Bring the other side into position and tack it down with another piece of tape. Use a tape measure to be sure it is level. If you have a straight edge on the paper backing to measure to, great! If not, measure from the edges of similar letters. Remember that some letters (like o's and s's) normally sink below the line of text.

If you're lettering both sides of the vessel, pick a piece of hardware common to both port and starboard as a reference point **BEFORE** you begin. You'll really want to double check position of both sides before adhering either! Sometimes one side of the boat surprises you with a drain or a mystery window.

3. Hinge Apply 50mm masking tape to the top of the graphic. The strip of which should be split between the graphic and the intended surface with 25mm on each side (as shown). This strip will be used as a hinge that will insure the graphic does not move during the application process.



Special Hint for large or long graphics. If the lettering is too large or long to handle in one piece, after the hinge is in place, cut between each letter and lay them down independently.



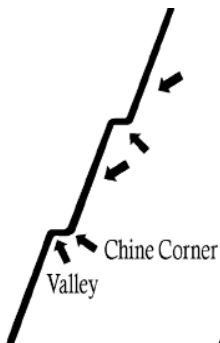
4. Hold the bottom edge of the hinged graphic away from the intended surface and carefully remove the backing to reveal the sticky back of the vinyl. Save this piece of backing for use later in the application process. **CAUTION:** Do not let the exposed graphic touch the intended surface. The back of the graphic is **very** tacky and will tightly adhere to the surface. If the placement is not correct, removing the graphic for re-placement will be very difficult or impossible without causing damage to the vinyl.

5. To assist in proper placement, spray the surface with the soapy water, this reduces the tackiness of the vinyl, letting you lift and re-place the graphic if necessary.

6. While still holding the hinged graphic away from the intended surface. Using the squeegee and starting from the top, begin to put the graphic to the intended surface. **Note:** Work from top to bottom. Do not let the entire graphic fall onto the intended surface. If lines or creases develop, lift and re-place the graphic.

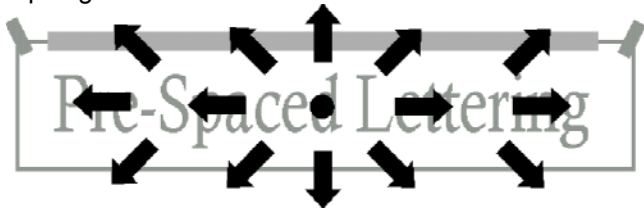


Hulls with Chines (these look like planks, as illustrated below) Remember work from top to bottom, with chines it is necessary to finish applying the vinyl completely to the first chine before moving down to the next flat surface. To do this, keep the vinyl tight & out of the valley so you can push it on to the surface without it jumping across the valley.



Again make sure as this will save a lot of time latter. It is best to wait 5 minutes after finishing each valley for the water dry out & let the vinyl stick properly, be sure to keep the rest of the lettering away from the surface or it will stick there too. Run your finger along the valley from the centre out 5 times, then twice with the rounded corner of the squeegee Be careful when you squeegee down on the next valley that it doesn't pull away from the valley, if this happens you the vinyl is snugly fitted to the valley before proceeding down, be patient, have slightly to much soap in the water. (Empty half the soapy water out & replace with fresh water) To fix this carefully lift the lettering back to the valley, spray with the less soapy water & apply again. If it doesn't allow you to go back without stretching the vinyl you will have to fix it after you have finished the whole job and removed the transfer tape. To fix these warm up a little bit not to much with a hair dryer and push the vinyl into the valley. You may need to pop some bubbles to let air or water out first, see **9. Removing Bubbles**

7. Once the graphic is in proper position and lying perfectly flat on the intended surface, you can now start forcing the water out from beneath the graphic. Starting from the centre working outward, use firm strokes with the squeegee to force the water out from beneath the individual letters or elements contained in your graphic.



8. After all letters and elements have had most of the water squeegeed out from beneath them, Let it sit for 10 minutes (have a coffee) Now it is time to remove the transfer tape from the graphic and reveal the final product. To remove the transfer tape without difficulty, spray with water and soap mixture and wait a minute or two for the transfer tape paper to become soggy. Gently remove the transfer tape flat against the surface & at a 45-degree angle to the vertical bars of the lettering. Be careful not to pull the graphic up with the transfer tape.



9. **Removing Bubbles** Finally, squeegee out any remaining water bubbles using the piece of left over liner. Lay the piece of left over liner over the graphic, with shiny side of liner facing you. Proceed to apply hard pressure to squeegee out any remaining water or air bubbles. If bubbles are still visible, simply pop them with a needle at one end & press with the back of your fingernail gently. Don't worry about small bubbles they should disappear in a week.

Well Done!

Again, Thank you for your purchase and feel free to contact us with any questions about applying to unusual surfaces or future needs you may have.

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