

## Vinyl Graphic Application Procedures:

Thank You for your purchase of an **RKp** Vinyl Graphic!

The most common location for this item is on your vehicles back window, although it can be applied to any flat / hard surface. The graphic sticker consist of three parts, a masking layer (transfer tape) on top to protect the vinyl and keep the individual elements of the decal perfectly placed until you stick it down, a middle layer which is the vinyl decal itself and then a third layer on the back to protect the adhesive...

- The first, and possibly the most important step of applying your vinyl decal is to make sure that the surface you are sticking it to is totally clean. Even if a surface looks clean it can still have tiny pieces of dust or debris on it, so always wipe down and clean your surface first. If you don't you risk not getting proper adhesion or trapping small pieces of debris beneath your graphic. Trapped debris can create bumps and can even eventually lead to holes in your graphic.

**NOTE:** It is important that you do not clean the surface with an ammonia based product such as glass cleaner. Clean the surface with soap and warm water. If you are applying your graphic to an acrylic surface be sure that the protective plastic has been removed from the surface at least 1 day prior to applying your graphic. Otherwise air escaping from the surface of the acrylic can get trapped underneath your sticker and create air bubbles.

- It is recommended that you position the graphic before you start the application process. To begin, put a couple of small pieces of masking tape at the top of your graphic and use them to tack it up on your surface and position it exactly where you want it. When you have it positioned where you think it should go, step back and view it from a distance to make sure it is straight. Better yet, have someone with you to help you get the placement exactly right. You may also want to make alignment marks on the surface to help position it correctly.
- Peel the paper backing off, making sure the vinyl stays adhered to the transfer tape. Make sure not to allow the adhesive side of the vinyl to come in contact with anything as it may be stuck for good or damage the vinyl itself.
- Slowly apply the vinyl to your prepared surface working from the top down. Use a squeegee or a flat edge such as a credit card to smooth it onto the surface. Use even and firm pressure.  
**NOTE:** Do not put the whole graphic on the surface at once. Instead, work slowly and methodically from the top to the bottom ensuring that each portion is smooth and free of wrinkles or bubbles.
- Since the vinyl is pressure sensitive, once again, apply pressure across the entire graphic using even but firm pressure to assure it is completely adhered to your surface.
- Remove the transfer tape slowly at 180-degree angle. Pay close attention that the vinyl sticker is adhering to your surface and not remaining on the transfer tape as you are removing it. If it is not releasing from the transfer tape, lay that section back down momentarily and apply pressure to that part using a squeegee or flat surface as you did previously.
- After removing the transfer tape completely, inspect your graphic closely to assure there are no flaws or air bubbles. If necessary, you can remove any remaining air bubbles by placing the backing paper over the area and use your squeegee to force out the air bubble by rubbing towards the edge of the vinyl. Or you can puncture them with a sharp pin or needle to release the air. Do not cut or slit the vinyl as it may spread or gap.
- That's it! Now you should now have a vinyl graphic or sticker installed that looks great and is wrinkle and bubble free. **RKp**