

# Large Decal Installation (Wet Method)

**Caution:** The adhesive used on these decals is very strong and meant for permanent installation. Once the decal has been applied, it cannot be removed without destroying the decal.

## Minimum Application Temperature: 46 Degrees F

Please follow the installation instructions carefully.

### Tools/Supplies needed:

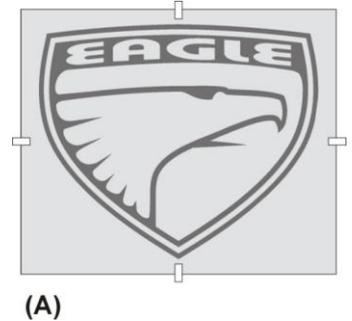
1. Masking tape
2. A stiff squeegee or straightedge.
3. Scissors
4. Soap and Water solution.
5. Spray Bottle

### Preparation:

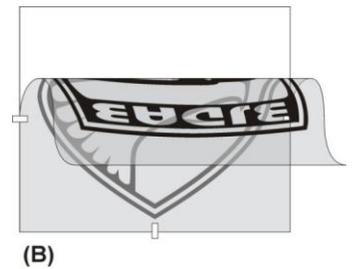
1. Mix a solution of liquid dish soap and water. Use approximately 4 drops of liquid detergent per 16 Oz of water in spray bottle.
2. Clean the surface thoroughly using alcohol or Glass Cleaner to remove all traces of wax, grease, or dirt.

### Installation

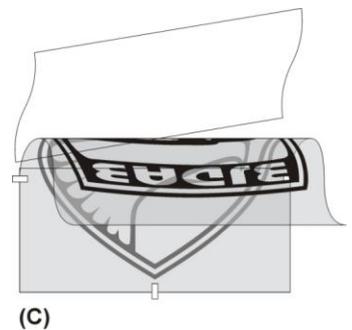
1. Place the decal in the desired position and hold it in place using masking tape, as shown (Figure A).  
**Note:** Do not remove the backing paper or transfer paper at this point.
2. Carefully peel the transfer paper half way back from the backing paper (Figure B), taking care not to let the decal fold over on itself, or touch any surfaces (a couple of fingerprints will not hurt the adhesion).
3. Use the scissors to carefully cut and remove the exposed backing paper as shown in (Figure C)
4. Thoroughly wet the surface where the decal is to be applied with soap and water solution.  
**Note:** Make sure the surface is completely wet (not soaked). **Do not let the water penetrate the other half of the backing paper. Backing paper should stay dry.** If the decal touches a dry surface it will permanently adhere and cannot be adjusted.
5. Begin lying the decal back down (Figure D). Using the squeegee, very gently press the decal into place, working from the center outward.



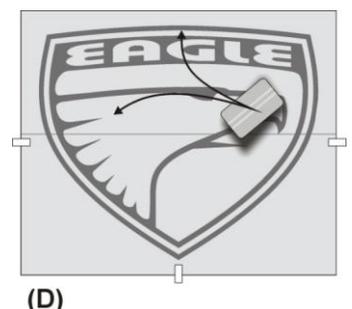
(A)



(B)



(C)



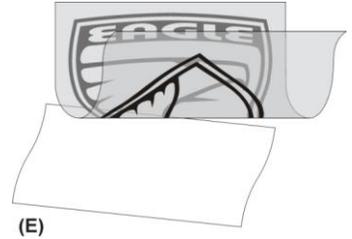
(D)

**Note:** Do not use too much pressure at this point. Use the squeegee only to press out any wrinkles or bubbles.

6. Carefully peel the other half of the transfer paper back (Figure E). Refer to Paragraph 2 for details.

7. Remove the remaining backing paper, and thoroughly wet the surface as described in Paragraph 4.

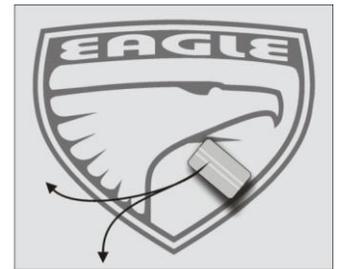
8. Lay the transfer paper back down onto the surface following the procedures described in Paragraph 5.



9. Once the decal has been completely applied, and no wrinkles or bubbles are apparent, use more force on the squeegee to press out any remaining liquid (Figure F).

**Note:** Pull the squeegee across the surface. Pushing the squeegee could easily tear the wet paper and the vinyl.

10. Allow the decal to dry thoroughly (dabbing the paper with a dry towel, helps to speed up the process). Depending on the weather and temperature, drying time will vary (you should allow at least 30 minutes).



11. When the decal is completely dry, carefully begin pulling the transfer paper off (Figure G), starting at one corner and working across to the opposite corner.

12. Work slowly during this process, small letters and details may lift up with the transfer paper. If this happens, simply lay the paper back into place, press it down with the squeegee, and allow a little more drying time.

13. Once the transfer paper has been removed, the decal and surrounding area should be gently cleaned using a soft cloth and glass cleaner (Do not scrub the decal).



**Note:** Small bubbles can be removed by sticking the bubble with a needle, and gently pressing it down can remove small bubbles.

#### Care and Maintenance:

1. Although the decal is now permanent, it requires several days to completely set up. Avoid scrubbing the area around the decal for at least 5 days. **Do Not** use a pressure washer, automatic car wash, or wax during this time. (After the decal has set up, it is safe to use automatic car washes, and wax).
2. When washing the decal, Do Not use scrapers or scrubbing pads on the vinyl.
3. Regular auto washing detergents should not harm the vinyl. Do not use petroleum-based wax or cleaners, such as kerosene, gasoline, or "Bug and Tar" removers.