



## Instructions for Water Transfer Decals

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1. **Clean the surface where your decal will be placed.** It must be clean and smooth, as surface imperfections will remain visible beneath the decal. The temperature of the surface is important: DO NOT apply to a cold surface. If necessary, warm the surface with a heat lamp or hair dryer.
2. If your decal has light, parchment-like transfer paper on top, carefully remove that first. Then, to remove the decal from its heavier paper backing, soak in a shallow pan of warm water. The water should contain 5 or 6 drops of dishwashing detergent; this will help the decal slide off the paper backing. **Soak in the warm, soapy water for ONLY 10 SECONDS with the decal side facing up.** After 10 seconds of soaking, gently pull the decal out of the water and lay it on a flat countertop or table for 3 to 5 minutes. The decal is ready to apply when you can easily slide it sideways on its paper backing. CAUTION: The decal can tear if pulled too hard.
3. Wet the surface where the decal will be applied using some of the warm soapy water.
4. **Do not try to pick the decal off the paper. Instead, with the decal still on its paper backing, apply it face down with the paper on top.** Make sure the decal is where you want it, gently pat down the paper to make the decal stick, then carefully slide the paper off the decal.
5. **Use a damp soft cloth on the decal's surface to work trapped air and water out from under the decal.** Work from the center outward. The decal will remain moveable until air and water are removed, then it will stick. Check the position of the decal frequently as you work.
6. Check for any remaining air or water bubbles by looking at the decal from a low angle and shining a light across it. A stubborn bubble that refuses to move outward can be deflated with a needle.
7. If you plan to clear coat over your decal, please contact us for special instructions.