

## **Instructions/tips for applying Vinyl Letters: Please read all before you start!**

**Surface MUST BE clean and free of dust etc.**

**Don't Rush the job, it will end in tears. Take your time.**

**Don't touch the adhesive side of the Backing or the letters!**

**Never apply to very fresh paint!** Ideally paint should be left to fully dry for at least 3 or 4 weeks before applying vinyl

### **Vinyl Lettering comes in 3 parts (layers)**

The application tape, the vinyl lettering (pre spaced letters and words) and the backing paper

#### **You will need:**

A Squeegee or an old bank card, a cloth, optional temporary pen/pencil to make guide lines for positioning, optional masking tape to help positioning. A cup of tea while you read this info.

- **ESSENTIAL STEP:** Before you start working with the lettering Put the vinyl a flat hard surface, with the application tape side-up, use your squeegee/card to thoroughly go over the whole of the lettering with quite heavy pressure. This sticks the lettering to the application strip and allows it to release properly from the backing paper. Do it a couple of times to make sure.
- Before you begin applying the letters do remember that you can align the letters to pre-marked lines which you can put on with (for example a chinagraph pencil, a dry-marker or similar which you can wipe off the surface later) and before starting double check the surface is clean, dry and free from dust, oil, grease or waxes. Worth repeating that It must not be cold or the vinyl will not stick properly. You are now ready to go!
- Now place the lettering face down on a flat surface, then carefully peel off the backing paper from the lettering starting from a bottom corner.
- Place the lettering on your chosen surface. Note you can use a piece of masking tape as a "hinge" to hold the carrier layer in place. Handy with larger pieces particularly outside in the wind. **Vinyls are very pressure-sensitive. So first place your vinyl with a very light touch.**
- Use your card or squeegee with light pressure first, start top centre and use light horizontal strokes to press the vinyl onto the surface.
- After all the letters are applied and the backing paper has been carefully removed you can now apply good pressure to the letters with your card/squeegee. Leave it for around 30 minutes and smooth again at least one more time.

Any small bubbles can be fixed later or as you go by pricking them with a pin to let the air out then smoothing the vinyl down again firmly.

#### **Other Ways:**

The above is the "DRY" method of applying. Some people find the "Wet" method easier, there are many youtube videos on both methods which demonstrate the how-to far better than words alone!