

CLEAR FOCUS CrystalVue™, EtchVue™ and Glass EtchVue™ Installation Instructions



Recommended tools:

- Soft-edged squeegee designed for wet application
- Isopropyl alcohol (optional)
- Water or suitable application solution in a spray bottle
- Clean cloth and lint-free towels
- Masking tape for creating 'hinges' (for larger graphics)
- Transfer tape for premasking (recommended for plotter-cut graphics)
- Utility knife to trim graphic, if needed
- Pin

These cast vinyl films are designed for dry application or wet application using water or an application fluid (e.g., a solution of water containing 2% mild liquid soap in a spray bottle). Recommended for larger graphics, wet application allows the graphic to be repositioned during installation and helps to prevent air bubbles from getting trapped between the film and the mounting surface.

Premasking the graphic with transfer tape is recommended for plotter-cut graphics with letters or designs.

Temperature of glass must be moderate — between approx. 40° F (5° C) and 85° F (30° C).

Preparation of Installation Surface

1. Wash the glass or other installation surface with mild soap and water. Rinse well with water. Do not use ammonia, Windex® or other solvent-based glass cleaner to clean the surface.
2. Moisten a clean cloth with isopropyl alcohol and wipe the surface to remove any residue. Dry with a lint-free paper towel.

Graphic Installation

1. If the graphic is large, cut some strips of masking tape and have ready to attach to the top of the graphic to create a hinge.
2. Lightly spray the installation surface with water or application fluid.
Note: In the case of graphics that are wider than about 18 inches, it may be difficult to move trapped air bubbles in the center of the graphics to the edges using a squeegee. For easier application, it may help to spray the adhesive side of the film in addition to the mounting surface.
3. Remove the liner from the graphic and position the graphic in place, using the tape hinges if needed to secure it.
4. Working from the center outward to the edges, squeegee the graphic using short, overlapping strokes to remove any trapped air, water or application fluid.
5. Remove the transfer tape, if applicable.
6. Squeegee and wipe away any remaining water or fluid and examine the graphic for any bubbles under the surface. If there are bubbles, use a pin to gently prick the bubble and press the area with your finger and/or squeegee to release the trapped air, water or application fluid.
7. Remove the tape hinges, if applicable.

It can take a day or two for any remaining water or application fluid to fully evaporate.

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