



# SNOWMOBILE SPECIFIC VINYL APPLICATION GUIDE

### STUFF YOU SHOULD HAVE:

A>small razor knife [the click/break-off kind are best]

B>squeegee [credit card also works]

C>paper towels [cheap kind with no dyes or perfumes added]

D>heat gun [hairdryer second choice]

E>Application Fluid

-RapidTac I have found to be the best. Other products such as Splash! are also good. I am not a fan of soap&water, but if you have to-heres the mix.

[Windex size spray bottle] Fill the bottle with water. Add 1 drop of dish *detergent*. Do not use soap. Shaken...not stirred

\*I supply a 8oz bottle of Rapid-TAc and squeegee with every full kit. I've found an 8oz bottle will do roughly 2-3 full hood kits.

### 1. CLEAN

Clean the surfaces very very good...really get in there & scrub. Try to get rid of as much dirt & grime as you can. This goes for your hood and Bpans but do not use cleaners that contain oils like orange, etc...I use windex on everything. On the Bpans, use a scrub brush & hit them with a water soaked rag afterwards then let them dry & I mean REALLY dry. If you have issues with leftover residue, I've found that 3M adhesive remover works well in most instances and is readily available. Its not a bad idea to use this product anyway as it also removes any wax as well.

\*Try not to touch the hood with your bare hands. Oils from your fingers can be an issue, especially near the edges of the graphic.

### 2. CUT

Cut out the graphics as close to the edge as you can...be careful with the clear vinyl, its easier to see if you scratch a pencil over the transfer tape to see the outline of the piece. With flames or similar styles, it is a good idea to cut out around the longer licks especially if you can see that they will be going around some contours.

### 3. PLACEMENT [do the big pieces first]

Place the graphic ...move it around ..play with it till its where you want it, then use masking tape to keep it there. All kits have extra material where the graphic will be going over an edge of the hood. When placing, you want to hang this edge over the hood about 1/4". After the graphic is down, you can fold this edge over to the underside of the hood. Where the graphic will be going over hood vents, etc., pretend the vent isnt there. there will be enough material there to cut at the top of the vent and wrap it under and still have enough to cover the bottom portion. However, be very carefull here-some vents are not very tall and require a close cut to be correct.

#### 4. WET APP [hood]

With the graphic properly positioned, peel one end off the backing back to the taped point and cut the backing- DO NOT TEAR IT-tearing will leave residue on the vinyl from the paper once it is wet and its a bitch to get off.

Once you have the graphic taped, peeled back, and the backing removed, spray the surface and sticky side of vinyl with rapid-tac [RT]. Lay the graphic back down on the hood and squeegee the center of the graphic from the taped point to the end of the graphic [but stop if you see the graphic is binding up...it may be necessary to lay down in sections]. This will lay the center down then you can squeegee the upper portion, then the lower, squeegeeing from the center[previously squeegeed area] up or center down.

In some areas you will need to remove the transfer tape *before* you squeegee that area. This applies to hard contours or where you can see that the graphic is binding up. Vinyl is very flexible..but NOT with transfer tape still on it. If you get into this situation [and plan on it...it will happen] lift the graphic up & spray it good so you are sure it will not stick while you are removing the tape. lay it back down and spray the top of the tape with RT. Wait roughly 10 seconds. You can start at the end or tear the tape in the center to remove. Once removed, you can lay the vinyl over some pretty tight contours using either your squeegee very lightly or a paper towel & your hands..in most cases plan on a little of both. Heat may also be required here.

#### 5. DRY APP [BPANS]-NEVER APPLY BPAN GRAPHICS WET [unless they are painted]

Much the same...just DONT use liquid. Your squeegee will initially get the graphic spread out & positioned, but you need to use your hands to press it in. Heat the top of the graphic with the transfer tape still on & press it in some more. Once you feel confident that it is down...spray the top of the transfer tape with RT..let it sit for 10 seconds...then it will peel a lot easier. Be very careful not to rip the vinyl while peeling the tape. Once the transfer tape is off...heat the vinyl again & press it in very, very good using a soft cloth in your hands. Really rub it in there heating it the whole time.

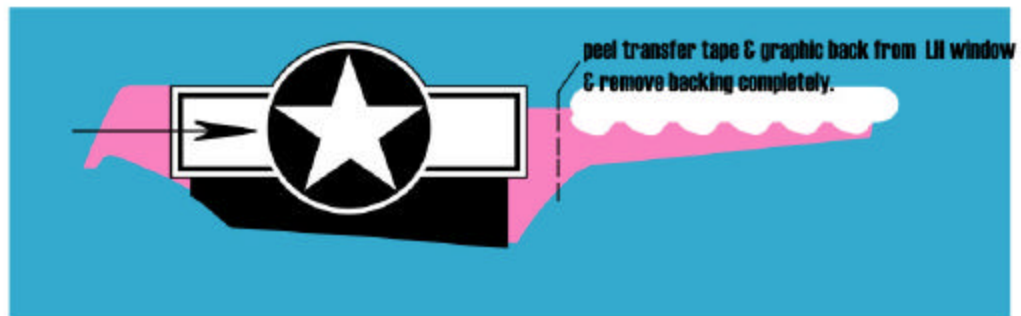
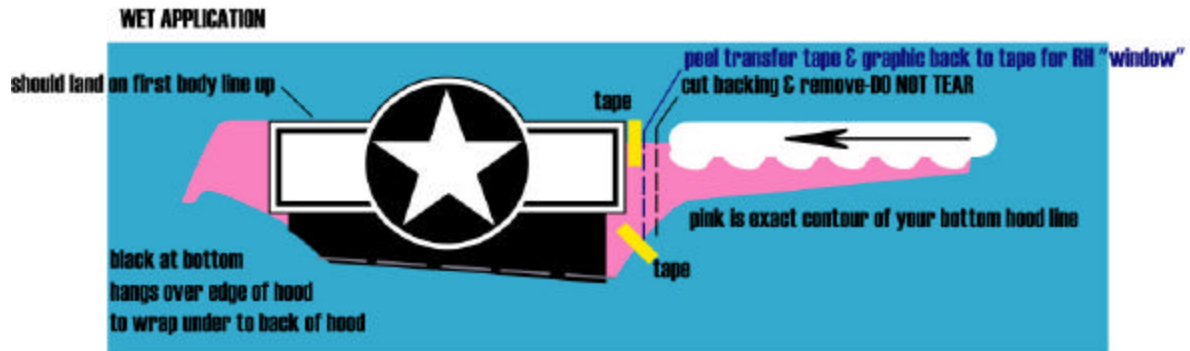
\*specialty materials such as chrome vinyl will usually require a "primer" of clear vinyl to be applied under them because of the thicker vinyl's properties.

#### 6. AC Fseries "beak"-or other very rounded surfaces

Just peel, spray, & lay it on there...get the center stuck with the squeegee then spray the transfer tape with RT really good & remove the tape. Now work the edges down using a soft cloth working from the center out. You can use your squeegee without the transfer tape on, but use it lightly. You may need some heat for this one too...I recomend landing it as high up as you feel still looks good. The closer you land this toward the bubble in the lower portion of the beak..the more likely it is to wrinkle.

Finally, wait a day then follow up your install with a few coats of a premium wax for protection. Be careful around the graphic edges when buffing the wax.

Taping example:



**DRY APP**

