

CROFT DECALS

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WET APPLICATION GUIDE



BEST FOR LARGE DECALS, SUNSTRIPS & BONNET GRAPHICS

The wet method temporarily halts the adhesive's initial tack, giving you time to slide, reposition, and squeegee out trapped air bubbles without creasing. Ideal for large panels and vehicle glass.



STEP 1 Clean Area & Mix Application Fluid

Thoroughly degrease the panel with Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA) or soapy water. In a clean spray bottle, mix **500ml of clean water with just 1–2 drops of mild washing-up liquid or baby shampoo**. *Do not over-soap*, or the adhesive won't bond.



STEP 2 Peel Backing & Mist the Adhesive Side

Place the decal face-down on a clean table and peel the white paper backing away. Lightly mist the **target vehicle panel AND the exposed sticky side of the decal** with your spray solution.



STEP 3 Position & Slide into Place

Place the decal onto the wet panel. The thin layer of moisture stops it grabbing instantly, allowing you to **slide and float the decal** into perfect alignment. Check measurements on all sides before squeegeeing.



STEP 4 Squeegee Out All Water from Centre

Starting firmly from the **centre outwards in overlapping strokes**, squeegee out all the water and soap from beneath the vinyl. Dab expelled moisture around edges with a microfibre cloth. Squeegee firmly multiple times.



STEP 5 Wait for Moisture to Evaporate, Then Peel Tape

CRITICAL: Do not peel the application tape immediately! Wait 30–60 minutes (or gently speed it up with a hairdryer on low) until the adhesive dries and bites. Then peel the clear tape back flat at a sharp 180° angle.

PRO TIPS FOR WET APPLICATION

- **Patience is Key:** If letters lift with the tape, STOP. Wait another 20 minutes or use a hairdryer to dry the adhesive before continuing.
- **Micro-Haze / Moisture Pockets:** Slight milky hazing under the clear areas will disappear within 24–48 hours as moisture naturally evaporates.
- **Strict Curing Rule:** Do not wash or pressure wash for at least 72 hours to allow 100% adhesion bond.

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