VINYL GRAPHICS REMOVAL INSTRUCTIONS

Tools Needed: Plastic Razor Blade, "Goo-Gone"[1] or Similar Product, Soap and Water, Paper Towels & Heat Gun (optional)

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*Special Note: Please Note that All Vinyl Films have a Lifeline. Some Applications, Depending on their Age, Will Not be able to be Removed Successfully, even if following the steps below.

1. Heat the surface. Using a heat gun (preferably), or a hair dryer, heat the graphics you wish to remove. Heating them will help make them softer and will allow the adhesive to release easier. This is especially important with older graphics as they become brittle over time. Don't allow the heat gun to heat one place for too long as you can damage the substrate and/or burn your fingers.

2. Begin peeling vinyl with a plastic razor blade. Starting at an edge, slide your plastic razor blade under the vinyl until you have a piece large enough to hold with your fingers.

3. Once you have an edge started, pull by hand. Now you can begin peeling the vinyl with your hands. If the vinyl is fairly new, it may come off easily and in one piece. Most vinyl however, will break up into smaller pieces and you will need to pick at it with the plastic razor blade again to continue. If the vinyl is breaking frequently, try using the heat gun again to soften the vinyl.

4. Clean the adhesive. Once your vinyl is completely removed, you will see much of the adhesive has been left behind. You will need to spray this residue with a product such as "Goo-Gone" to soften the adhesive. Allow this to set in for a minute or so before scraping the adhesive. Take your plastic razor blade and scrape the adhesive. It should come off in a jelly-like consistency. Be sure to remove ALL of the adhesive.

5. Clean the adhesive remover. Once you remove all the adhesive, you will need to wash the chemicals off that were left behind. It is very important that you get all of the chemicals off as vinyl will no longer stick in that area if you wish to replace your graphics. Use a spray bottle with a soap and water mix and wash an area larger than your old graphics to ensure that you clean the area entirely.

[1] *Goo Gone, Common Degreaser and Adhesive Remover. Citrus Based Cleaner. Available in most Cleaning Aisles.*