

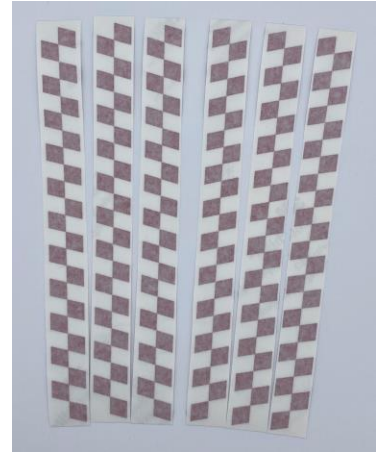
Reflective Checker Decal Application Directions

Use glass cleaner and a lint free clothe to remove dirt, oil and residue from the surface you are applying the decals to.

Cut the decals into strips. If you are applying the decals to a helmet you may want to label the back of the strips to indicate which side of the helmet they are going on.

It can be helpful to tape the decals in place prior to application. This will help you see how it will look as well as where you may need to alter the decal to accommodate vents or other obstructions.

After you cut the decals into strips, remove the backing. We prefer to flip the decal over on a flat surface and peel the backing away from the vinyl and masking. Do this at a sharp angle, occasionally small pieces can lift away from the masking. If this happens simply press it back into place.



The decals should stop about 1/4" from vents or for panniers, the corners. Some folks prefer to apply vinyl right over a gap between the edge of the helmet and the plastic body of a vent or adjuster, they then slide a blade between the vent and helmet effectively cutting the vinyl. This works and we have done it, but it does create a different look and there is always the chance of damaging your helmet. It's up to you how you get this done.



Our Checkers are made up of individual 1/2" canted squares. The masking between each square is void of vinyl. These voids can be used to absorb crimping from the curvature of your helmet.

Once you have the decal positioned where you want it, start pressing it onto the helmet. Allow the masking to bunch from the curvature of your helmet if necessary but not the vinyl. Once the decal is secure rub the vinyl and masking thoroughly to activate the adhesive and remove any trapped air. Doing this thoroughly now will ensure your decal will live up to its 9 year guarantee and that no bubbles will appear later.

When the vinyl has darkened through the masking, lift one corner of the masking and begin to peel it back and way from the helmet at a sharp angle, leaving the decal behind. Inspect the decal, applying downward pressure where needed for full adhesion.

Tip: If you are going to continue the same line around your helmet, you may want to trim the masking very close to the first square in the new strip. This could help you better see the corners and align them for a seamless pattern.



Align, stick, rub and peel. Continue your way through the checkers.



Allow the decals to cure for 24 hours before exposing to water, mud or extreme heat. The curing process can take up to 72 hours to complete.



Flags



These directions also apply to our flag decals. Because some of the pieces are quite small, we do not recommend attempting to reposition any part of the flag decal once it has made contact. If you purchased a kit containing flags and checks, we recommend taping sections in place before application. This will allow you to finalize your over all design before things get sticky.

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