

SURFACE PREPERATION FOR PAINTING OR APPLYING DECALS TO VINYL OR PLASTIC

Vinyl and plastic can be difficult for paint or decals to adhere to its surface. First of all, when plastic type materials are produced, the moleculuar structure does not provide an ideal surface for paint or decals to adhere to. Also, if the material is old you have no idea what been applied to the surface over the years and most likely adhesion will be poor. You must also be concerned if silicone products have been applied the these surfaces as well, like Armorall or other restorer products.

Surface preparation for vinyl or plastic is very important if you want a long lasting result.

1. Clean surface with soap and water using a soft cloth material, textured surfaces use a soft brush.

2. In a inconspicuous area, use the appropriate SEM prep product shown below. This will show how the SEM product will affect the surface appearance. More than likely it will leave the surface dull and ready to accept paint or decals. If applying decals, mask off the area where the decal will be placed, this will ensure the area around the decal will maintain its original finish before the SEM prep. You may also see the color of the material end up on your soft cloth due to the SEM product prepping the surface for adhesion. *Follow the SEM instructions provided with their products .

<https://www.semproducts.com/training-resources>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jz4Lg4QYioQ>

There are other brands of plastic adhesion promoter you can find in your local auto parts store such as Auto Zone. Bulldog, 3M and Duplicolor



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SEM products can be purchased at Eastwood any auto body supply store.