

Surface preparation guide

Prepare the vehicle correctly before applying cut vinyl graphics.

Good preparation is the foundation of a clean, durable installation. Work indoors where possible, with good lighting and a stable temperature.

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Check the surface

Only apply graphics to sound, fully cured paint. Do not apply over loose lacquer, rust, silicone residue, wax or damaged repairs.

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Wash thoroughly

Use a plain vehicle shampoo without wax or gloss enhancers. Clean wheel arches and panel edges where the graphics will finish.

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Remove contamination

Use a suitable tar and fallout remover where required, then rinse thoroughly. Clay the surface only if bonded contamination remains.

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Degrease the fitting area

Wipe the panel with a lint-free cloth and a suitable panel cleaner or diluted isopropyl alcohol. Use a second clean cloth to dry it.

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Prepare the workspace

Aim for a clean, dry, wind-free fitting area. The panel and vinyl should normally be between 15 C and 25 C before application.

Final check: the surface must be completely clean, dry and cool to the touch before positioning the graphic.

This guide provides general application information. Always follow the instructions supplied with your specific graphics kit. Contact RCG before fitting if the paint is fresh, repaired, damaged or ceramic coated.