

INSTALLATION PREP

Glass Window Wraps

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HONBLUE Customer Resource Guides are valuable tools designed to streamline your printing projects. They offer step-by-step instructions, helpful tips, and best practices for optimizing print quality, installation efficiency, ensuring accuracy, and saving time.

Glass window graphics are an eye-catching way to promote your brand or message while utilizing valuable storefront or interior glass space. Proper preparation of your windows ensures the graphics adhere correctly and maintain their vibrant appearance for as long as needed.

Step 1: Confirm Glass Surface Suitability

Before installation, verify that the glass is appropriate for graphics.

The ideal surface is:

- Smooth and non-porous.
- Free from cracks, chips, or imperfections.

Avoid installing on:

- Tinted glass
- Textured glass
- Frosted glass

Installing on unsuitable surfaces may lead to poor adhesion or lifting.

Step 2: Thoroughly Clean the Glass

Proper cleaning is critical to ensure the graphic's adhesive sticks securely.

Materials Needed:

- Glass cleaner (non-ammonia-based)
- Isopropyl alcohol (70%)
- Lint-free microfiber cloths
- Razor blade or plastic scraper (optional)

Steps:

1. Remove Existing Graphics: Ensure old decals, stickers, and other graphics are completely removed before installing new ones.
2. Remove Debris: Use a razor blade or plastic scraper to remove adhesive residue, paint, or other debris. Be careful not to scratch the glass.
3. Wash the Glass: Spray the glass with a non-ammonia-based glass cleaner and wipe with a microfiber cloth. Avoid using paper towels, as they can leave lint or streaks.
4. Final Wipe: Dampen a lint-free cloth with isopropyl alcohol and wipe down the entire surface to remove any remaining oils or residues. Allow the glass to air-dry completely.

Pro Tip: Ensure the glass is fully dry before installation. Even small amounts of moisture can interfere with adhesion.

Step 3: Prepare the Installation Site

Ensure the installation site is clean and free of obstructions:

- Clearance: Maintain a minimum 4-foot clearance of obstructions around the glass surface.
- Floor Cleaning: Clean the floor of dust and debris to prevent interference with adhesion due to static electricity.
- Frame Cleaning: Wipe down the mullions (any frame structures around glass windows).

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Step 4: Ensure Proper Environmental Conditions

Confirm that the installation area meets the following environmental conditions:

- Temperature: The glass and ambient temperature should be between 50°F and 90°F.
- Humidity: Avoid installing graphics in high-humidity conditions, which can introduce moisture to the surface.
- Sunlight: Install the graphic in shaded or indirect sunlight to prevent the adhesive from setting too quickly.

Step 5: Avoid Common Issues

Take the following precautions to ensure a successful installation:

- Residue-Free: Ensure no residue from previous stickers, tape, or cleaning products remains.
- Repair Damage: Fix any cracks or chips in the glass before installation.
- Even Cleaning: Double-check for streaks or missed spots, as they can affect the graphic's appearance and durability.

Step 6: Maintain Your Window Graphics

To extend the lifespan of your window graphics, follow these maintenance tips:

- Use Mild Cleaning Solutions: Clean with mild soap and water or a non-abrasive glass cleaner. Avoid ammonia-based products, which can degrade the graphic.
- Soft Cleaning Tools Only: Use a microfiber cloth or non-abrasive sponge. Avoid paper towels, brushes, or anything that could scratch the graphic.
- Gentle Cleaning Motion: Wipe in a circular or side-to-side motion to prevent peeling or damage.
- Avoid High-Pressure Washing: Do not use power washers or squeegees with sharp edges, as they can lift the edges of the graphic.
- Protect the Edges: Avoid excessive moisture around the edges to prevent peeling or adhesive breakdown.
- Dry Thoroughly: After cleaning, pat the graphic dry with a clean microfiber cloth to prevent streaks or water spots.
- Minimize Exposure: Limit prolonged exposure to extreme heat, cold, or direct sunlight to extend the graphic's lifespan.
- Regular Inspections: Periodically check for peeling, bubbles, or fading. Address any issues early to maintain a professional appearance.

Disclaimer:

- Failure to properly prepare the glass prior to installation may result in adhesion or durability issues.
- Surface imperfections such as cracks or chips may remain visible after installation if not addressed.
- Failure to follow these preparation guidelines will void any applicable warranties.

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Stationery

- Business Cards
- Letterhead
- Envelopes
- Notecards
- Folders

Direct Mail

- Postcards
- Self-Mailers & Booklet Mailers
- Catalogs

Marketing Materials

- Brochures & Fliers
- Rack Cards
- Booklets

HR & Corporate Materials

- Employee Handbooks
- Training Manuals
- Annual Reports

Promotional Materials

- Calendars
- Notebooks
- Notepads

Hotel and F&B Materials

- Keycard Sleeves & Check-in Packets
- Activity Schedule Calendars
- Housekeeping & Amenity Cards
- Door Hangers & Robe Hanger Signs
- Service & Maintenance Notices
- Table Tent Signs
- Vouchers
- Menus

Retail Materials

- Coupons
- Hang Tags
- Product Packaging
- Branded Boxes
- Aisle Signs
- Shelf Talkers
- Floor Graphics
- End-Cap Displays

Print Processing

- Variable Data
- Folding + Gluing
- Embossing
- Foiling
- Die Cutting
- Binding: Saddle Stich, Perfect, Square, Wire-O, Spiral

Large Format Printing

- Wall wraps and coverings
- Window displays and graphics
- Floor graphics
- Banners (vinyl and fabric)
- Posters and presentation boards
- Building wraps and barricade graphics

Signs & Signage Systems

- Custom interior and exterior signage
- ADA-compliant and wayfinding systems
- Dimensional lettering (PVC, acrylic, metal)
- Digital routed designs in wood, plastic, & metal

Tradeshow Graphics

- Custom booth graphics and displays
- Backdrops and event signage
- Pop-up displays

Interior Graphics & Décor

- Custom wall coverings and wall graphics
- Multi-dimensional signage and lettering
- Branded accent walls
- Floor-to-ceiling visual installations

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- Full and partial vehicle wraps
- Spot graphics and cut vinyl lettering
- Perforated window vinyl
- 3M MCS certified manufacturing & installation
- PDAA Master Certified installers

Retail Graphics

- Point-of-sale displays and signage
- Window displays and wraps
- Fabric banner frames
- Magnetic graphics and modular display systems
- Kiosk and equipment wraps
- Wood barricade wraps for construction sites

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- Custom backdrops and photo walls
- Event theme graphics and installations
- Large format banners and signage
- Creative, one-of-a-kind experiential designs

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