



***UL-72 Pocket Mechanic  
Vinyl Application Instructions***

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# *Vinyl Application Instruction Sheet*

Pre-cut vinyl graphics are becoming the rage for top-quality boaters who are looking to detail their boats in a low-weight, precise manner. Vinyl eliminates the need for masking tape while making detail lines sharper, generally improving the appearance of the boats. Not only does your boat get on the water more quickly, but it looks better to boot!

## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

There are two basic methods of applying pre-cut vinyl to your model: the "Wet Method" and the "Dry Method." Boat can result in a top-notch final product, but only the Wet Method allows you to reposition the vinyl in case of a placing error.

In the Wet Method, a spray glass cleaner such as Windex™ is sprayed onto the boat prior to putting on the vinyl. This allows the vinyl to be moved around as needed, until the final position is desired. Once the position is finalized, the vinyl is rubbed down to squeeze the wet spray out from under the decal, allowing the adhesive to stick well to the boat.

There are a couple things you will need to keep in mind with this method:

- a) If you do not get all the spray out from under the decal, it may permit the decals to be unintentionally moved during later applications of vinyl.
- b) It is necessary to allow sufficient time (several days!) for any wetness remaining under the vinyl to evaporate.

In the Dry Method, you simply skip the spraying onto the boat. Wherever you stick the vinyl, it stays. If you attempt to remove it, you may find that the paint will remove, and/or the vinyl will stretch, and/or the glue will not stick well in the new position.

To apply the vinyl to your model, first spray the model in the area where the decal will be placed (wet method only).

Remove the vinyl from the backing paper (keep the transfer tape on!) by peeling back from one corner. Using both hands, carefully align the vinyl over the model, holding it such that the center of the vinyl touches the model first. As you are sure of the accurate position, allow more of the vinyl to touch the model. If you are not satisfied, you may carefully remove the decal and reposition (wet method only).

Once you are satisfied with the position on your model, rub the vinyl down. Start from the center of the vinyl and work toward the edge of each piece. This will help to remove any bubbles which may form.

After you have firmly rubbed down the vinyl, carefully remove the transfer tape. Dry the remaining spray by daubing the surface gently. **DO NOT RUB!** If you rub, you might just move the vinyl! Allow the vinyl some time (about an hour) before you apply a second layer on top of them (not all models have multiple layers of vinyl).

## **MODEL-SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:**

The UL-72 Pocket Mechanic decals are the simplest of our decals sets to apply correctly. The supplied decals provides you with the correct artwork for either a 1998 or 1999 scheme.

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