



#### Supplied

Soft squeegee



#### What you'll need

Distilled water  
(in a spray container  
for cleaning and  
application)

Sharp trimming knife

Low tack Sellotape  
(is useful)

Paper towel or Soft  
sponge (a lint free)

Sharp knife

#### How to install

Your window film is supplied on a backing sheet. Our window films are easy to install if you're well prepared and read our installation instructions carefully.



If you have any questions about installation, please contact us on 0118 922 1327 or email [info@surfaceview.co.uk](mailto:info@surfaceview.co.uk) for further information and advice.



## 1. Starting out.

Before beginning ensure that you have enough space to carry out the application without damaging the graphic. The glass and the film need to be kept wet so you may want to lay a towel or covering sheet to protect your carpets or flooring.

## 2. Clean the glass/window

Cleaning the window or glass is a very important step. You want to remove all dust and dirt particles before applying your Window film. We recommend wetting the glass with distilled water and cleaning completely at least twice before beginning the application process. Once you are satisfied that the glazing is free from debris then soak the area one final time .

## Surface View tip 1

Adding a drop of mild liquid shampoo/ soap to each litre of distilled water in your spray solution allows the squeegee to glide easily over your window film and helps with removing the water from under your film after you've floated it onto the glazing.

## 3. Removing the backing

Get a friend to help. Each film is coated with pressure sensitive adhesive which must be kept clean. The adhesive is protected with a backing which you have to remove. Do not let the exposed adhesive touch anything but the glass onto which it is to be installed.

## Surface View tip 2

To help remove the release backing without touching the adhesive of the film you can use low tack tape on one side of an upper corner of the film. Place a second piece of tape on same corner on the reverse side of film. Be careful not to let exposed tacky surfaces of the tape touch each other. Holding one piece of tape in each hand, pull the pieces of tape apart to separate the release liner from film.

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As you pull the liner off the film, begin to spray the adhesive surface with your distilled water, completely soaking the exposed adhesive. Continue pulling down the backing sheet while spraying the distilled water onto the adhesive. The distilled water will neutralise the adhesive, preventing it from sticking to anything. Try to pull the backing down evenly across the film. With the adhesive surface completely exposed, spray one final time with your water solution to ensure that 100% of the adhesive is wet.

#### 4. Apply the window film

Hold the film at its uppermost corners, being careful not to allow film to touch the floor or any other surface. Place the film on the window, with adhesive side against glass. The water solution acts as a lubricant making the window surface slippery. You can now slide the film so that the edges of the film fit neatly into the window pane or glass panel. Lift and reposition the film, if necessary, to remove large wrinkles or bubbles.

Soak the surface side of the film facing you with distilled water. This acts as a lubricant for the squeegee.

Beginning at the centre of window, squeegee once to the right side of window. Going back to the centre, squeegee across to the left hand edge of the window, then squeegee the window in straight, smooth strokes working from centre out to the edges of the window until all excess water solution has been squeezed out from under the film, and the film is lying flat. Remove as much water and solution from under the film as possible.

Note: the squeegee will not float across a dry surface. Keep spraying the surface of the print with your solution to make the surface wet.

#### 5. Trimming

If any trimming is required butt your straight metal edge against the window frame, perpendicular to the glass.

With a trimming knife and a new sharp blade, trim the excess film using the straight edge to create narrow straight boarder.

#### 6. Final squeegee

Once the film is completely trimmed, spray the surface once more with your water solution. Repeat squeegee operation as described in Step 4.

Remember the more moisture you remove the better.

#### 7. Wiping down

Finally, using a lint free cloth or soft sponge, gently wipe around the edges of the film to completely remove all excess water. This prevents the distilled water re-entering between the glass and film.

#### Additional notes for large glazing areas

Although most window films will be supplied as single panels, larger installations may consist of several 'drops' of a manageable size.

In this instance, the film will be supplied with overlaps to ensure that you can line up the printed image. Once aligned the right hand panel will overlap the left by 10mm. Whilst the adhesive on both panels is still wet we recommend that you use a straight rule to trim back both panels to a butt join. Once trimmed there will be an approximate width of 5mm of excess material from each panel that can be discarded.

Make sure that at the point where the film overlaps, the graphic image continues with accurate registration along the length of

the overlap. To make sure that the splice on the two pieces of film butt properly against each other, use a metal straight edge as a guide and with a sharp fresh blade trimming knife slice lengthwise through the double thickness of film at centre of the splice.

Lift off the top cut strip of film at the splice and discard. Gently lift a corner of the top film, remove the second layer of film and discard. During this process spray lightly with solution under the film edge you have lifted.

Squeegee the joined areas to adhere the graphic, taking care not to squeegee across a splice.

#### Additional notes for multiple paned windows

If your window is made up of several panes of glass we recommend that prior to beginning the process you lay out the sections of window film on a clean flat surface making sure the pattern works across each section. Number each section so you will know which section is which when it comes to installation.

Once all sections are laid out follow the installation guide for each pane, one section at a time. Place the film in the centre of each pane and trim all sides.

#### How to Remove

Our window graphics can be peeled away like any normal sticker. Depending on how long the film has been installed, it may leave some adhesive residue which should easily be cleaned off with detergent.

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