

APATruck Application Instructions

Please read thoroughly before application

For a correct application of the APA Truck vinyl, place the curtain you want to decorate on a flat rigid surface. If the curtain is on place on the truck it is necessary to put a rigid panel behind the curtain.

Cleaning
Before applying the vinyl it is necessary to clean the PVC curtain carefully and remove any trace of grease. It is recommended to use ethyl alcohol or Isopropyl alcohol. The quick evaporation avoids any liquid drops that may remain trapped in the porosity of the curtain. In any case at the end of the cleaning use a dry cloth to eliminate any residue.

Application
The application of the APATruck vinyl must be done at a temperature not less than 15°C. To obtain the maximum adhesion of the vinyl onto the curtain we recommend the dry application method. We advise against the wet application method, as the porosity of the curtain could detain parts of the liquid. The trapped liquid between the vinyl and the curtain, could compromise the adhesion of the vinyl. Use a low tack Application Tape to avoid using too much force when removing it. Using a higher tack could result in a detachment of the vinyl from the curtain. Remove the Tape at least half an hour after the application, this will allow the adhesive of the APATruck vinyl to adhere to the curtain. The maximum adhesion of the APATruck vinyl happens after 48 hours therefore, we recommend allowing the curtain rest for at least 24 hours before using the vehicle. If possible avoid putting the vinyl on top of other vinyl and onto parts of the curtain that undergo strong excessive mechanical stress or continuous bends like the areas of opening/closure. The APATruck vinyl must be applied onto a smooth curtain. Do not apply onto folds, creases and seams. Once the APA Truck vinyl is applied we recommend running a heat gun over the graphics to completely activate the adhesive.

Washing and Use
The curtain must be washed with non-aggressive detergents (no solvents or steam washes 100°C) and put much attention to the use of the pressure pistol: an insistent water jet exerted on the borders of the vinyl could create detachments and compromise the adhesion of the decoration. We recommend that you communicate these cleaning instructions of the curtain to the end user.

APA Truck for Digital Print
With the APATruck vinyl for digital print it is necessary to pay much attention to the drying process of the solvents contained in the inks, as their presence could compromise the adhesion of the decoration. Before laminating AP/280 with the transparent vinyl L/281 or L/291 (and in any case before applying AP/280 on the curtain) make sure that the solvents contained in the inks are evaporated completely. The waiting period could be between 24-48 hours.

In regards to cleaning, application and washing, please follow the instructions given above for APATruck

