

## BaggerSkins™ Installation Instructions

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Installation Video available online at [www.baggerskins.com](http://www.baggerskins.com)

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## INTRODUCTION:

**Congratulations on purchasing your new BaggerSkins™. You are about to create an exciting customization to your motorcycle.**

**BaggerSkins™ are a unique patented template of custom high visibility vinyl product designed especially for motorcycles. Applied to your motorcycle they will provide a vivid custom graphic that is durable, easy to care for and simple to remove and change.**

**BaggerSkins™ are made from high quality vinyl that is casted to make them long lasting and durable.**

## CONTENTS:

Your BaggerSkins™ should come with instructions, a Glass Tape wrapped Squeegee and a link to the video installation guide for your review.

Please watch the entire video series before attempting the installation.

## TOOLS REQUIRED

Most Installations require only hand tools you probably already have.

Exacto or Utility Knife

Clean rags (Lint free preferred)

Rubbing Alcohol or Denatured Alcohol

Clean and Dry Micro Fiber Rag

Hair Dryer or Heat Gun

White Grease Pencil

Pin or Needle

Soapy Water Solution – **(Wet Install)**

Spray Bottle **(Wet Install)**

Paper Towels



## PREPARATION

You should install BaggerSkins™ in a clean area free from wind, fans or general dust.

The air temperature should be between 45° and 85°. Colder temperatures will make it more difficult to apply, stretch and remove wrinkles from vinyl. Warmer temperature will make the vinyl softer.

Your Bike should be clean, free from dirt or debris.

Clean areas where the BaggerSkins will be applied thoroughly and then prep with alcohol and lint free rag. Make sure all lint and particles are removed.

Clean your Hands and make sure they remain clean throughout the installation.

Make sure you have good lighting as it makes it much easier to see the wrinkles and bubbles that need to be worked out.

Prop your bike and secure it on it' stand. Be Careful when working around any bike on it's stand.

If this is your first installation, start with the easier surfaces like the Saddlebag Tops and Sides before attempting the Fairing or tank.

**The Key to a successful install of BaggerSkins™ vinyl is Patience! - Take your time, the more time you take the better it will look!**

Don't get frustrated, relax and be patient. The vinyl is pretty forgiving and can be heated back to it's original shape with a Hair Dryer or Heat Gun.

The heat can be used to relax the vinyl when working with curves and edges.

Remember to work the Skins with light pressure initially working from the **center to the edges**.

## CLEANING

Make sure your bike is clean, Wash and thoroughly dry all areas where the BaggerSkins™ will be applied.

Use a lint free cloth for final drying and wipe down. Clean the area to be skinned with the lint free rag and alcohol (either denatured or rubbing).

Make sure there are no dust particles, lint, pet hair or debris on the surface



## Planning

It is recommended that you start with the flat surfaces to gain experience with the material and application. We recommend that you start with the saddlebag sides, then the lids, and then the side covers. This will give you the experience and confidence to do the more difficult areas such as the Fairing, Fenders and Tank

**There are Two Methods of installation. Wet and Dry.** The wet application is recommended for those who have little or no experience with applying adhesive based decals or skins. The Wet Application requires a soapy water solution.

**Soap Solution:** Mix 1 Part Dish soap, like Joy or Dawn to 4 parts water. Place in spray bottle with a fine mist setting. Example 1 Teaspoon Soap to Gallon of water

Keep the Skins wet during positioning. You can pull them up and re-spray if they begin to get dry before they are in the ideal position.

**NOTE:** Keep in mind that the wet application requires more patience with curves as the adhesive bonds slower and required you to squeegee the moisture out before it completely adheres.

The dry application does not require any soapy water or other application aids. The vinyl has a fine powder that allows you to adjust placement before using the squeegee to apply and activate adhesive.

If you plan on removing your placards or emblems on the sides of the tank for side placement of the Tank Skins™ then do so before you start the application process.

### Application Step A.

*We highly recommend that you view the Installation Video at least once before attempting any install.*

Starting by rolling the template out with the Fairing aligned with the front of your bike. This will orient the graphics in the correct position for application – (see Figure 1)

The Pieces are clearly marked and are oriented if you are sitting on the bike.

Some templates are different for the different bikes, others are smaller if you have only purchased a front or rear kit or separate components.





Figure 1

**Step B:**

Peel the Graphic off of the Template. Start by lifting the non graphic part of the template as not to damage the edge of the graphic. (See Figure 2) Lift slowly and hold down template while lifting. Be careful not to pull too hard or quickly.

The Vinyl graphic will easily come away from the backing. Do not drop the graphics or expose it to dust or allow it to hit your clothing. If you do get debris on the adhesive, you should be able to remove it with your finger nails. Don't panic, just take your time. If you need to set the material back down put it back on the backing paper.





**Figure 2**

Place the Skin onto the surface and adjust position (this is a very light process, do not push down on the skin until you have verified the position and straightness of the lines, etc. (see Figure 3)

There will be a small edge around the entire skin so make sure this is all even the way you like it and keep in mind, that you will need to duplicate it on the other side. Some people like to mark out the position with a grease pencil for accuracy.

Remember the key to a successful installation of BaggerSkins™ is patience - Take your time and do it right.







Figure 3

**Step B.**

Use the included squeegee to begin smoothing out the Skin and removing air and wrinkles from the skin. **NOTE: Start from the Center and work towards the edges.**

Keep the squeegee on at least a 45° angle and start with **Light** pressure.

See Figure 4



Figure 4



## Step B Continued

You will use the squeegee with one hand while using the other hand to keep the material tight as you pull on the edges lightly while apply the squeegee.

When you have complete the first pass and removed all of the bubbles and air, you now go over the entire skin surface with heavier pressure to complete the application and bonding process. Check for any final bubbles or wrinkles especially near the edges.

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When Installing the Saddlebag Sides use the lines in the Bags to to position the Skins horizontally. (see Figure 5)



Figure 5

**Next you will apply the Side Fairing or Side Covers. These will begin the more difficult part of the installation as you will now need to work with curves and angles.**

Place the Side Cover Skin on the side cover at the top first. Check for alignment with all the edges and that it is positioned correctly (see figure 6)

Once again, take your time.







**Figure 6**

Apply from the center line horizontally - This is the line about mid way down the cover where it begins to curve.

Work it with your finger first and make sure it is aligned at the top. (see figure 7)



**Figure 7**



Complete the installation of the Side Cover using the squeegee and pulling the edges. Remember to work from the center out to the edges.

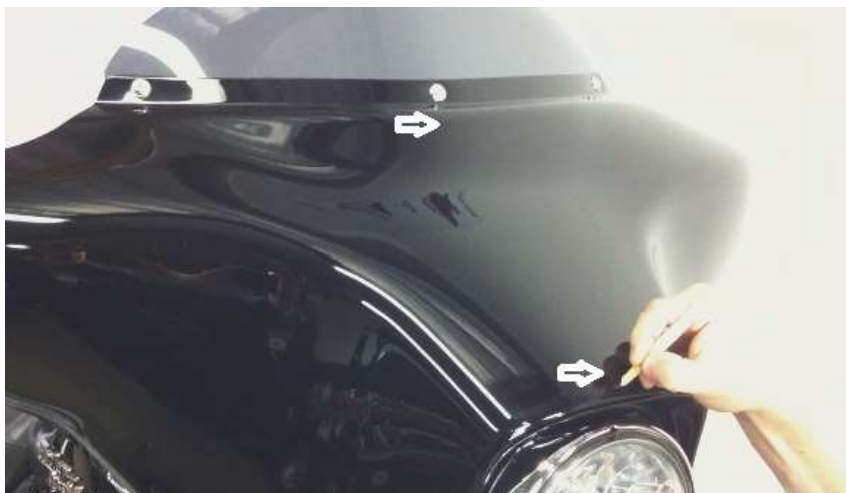
You are now ready to tackle the Front Fairing. Take a break before starting. Make sure the area is clean from dirt and debris. Wipe down the fairing one last time before beginning.

You will install the Large Center Piece first. Please note there are center marks on the Template. Use your White grease pencil to mark the center on the Graphics (See Figure 8) as well as the center on the Fairing.



**Figure 8**

Use the Center bolt for the windshield as your center point for the top, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the edge of the headlight make another mark in line with the center of the headlight. (see Figure 9)



**Figure 9**



Once you have found your center on the fairing, you can now remove the Skin from the backing and place it on the fairing. Be sure to line up the marks. Place the Skin in the center and note placement on all edges - Remember, just place it gently at first until you have it positioned where you like. Make sure you are placing it by grasping it at the widest part of the wing edges to keep it taught. This will make it easier to begin the application process.

Make sure you have marked the ½ inch point from the front edge. This is a key to a proper install. The top will fall in place correctly if you accurately place the front or leading edge one half inch back from the edge. (see figure 9)



**Figure 10**

Place the Skin (see Figure 11)



**Figure 11**



Once Positioned align the grease pencil marks at the front - Press down with on finger just above the marks on the skin to anchor it, Then you can go back and pull the wings wide and lay down on the Fairing. (see Figure 12)



**Figure 12**

Now run the edge of the squeegee or your finger down the center to anchor the rest of the skin. This will become your center point for working with the squeegee. (see Figure 13)



**Figure 13**

Begin using the squeegee working from the top out to the wing and down towards the front a little bit at a time. Using your other hand to keep the edges pulled. (see Figure 14)

***\* Trick - If you get some small bubble trapped use the pin to puncture a small hole, and then use the squeegee or your finger to flatten,***





**Figure 14**

Continue to work your way to the edges keeping constant pressure on the edges with your opposite hand. Concentrate on the center portion first working up and down from windshield to headlight - moving towards the curve in the middle. Now you can move to the wing and start pulling it towards the outer edge of the fairing.



**Figure 15**

Use the Squeegee to run a horizontal line across the center before beginning to work from the center out to the edges. Remember to take your time and keep light pulling pressure on the edges with your other hand. (see Figure 16)







Figure 16

Once you have completed the center section you can now move on to the lower sections - These will be your most difficult because of the curve. You will need to pay close attention to where they top and lower line up. It is recommended that you keep a 1/8 inch gap between the two skins.

***Be sure to wipe down the surface and check for any lint or debris before starting each section.***

You accomplish this gap using your hands and guiding the material along the path of the top portion of the skin keeping the gap the same along the way. About half way into the center of the curve you will need to begin stretching the material so that it will be long enough to match the completed edge of the top skin (see Figure 17)

***You will need to Stretch the material to match the length of the top while tacking down the top edge and keeping the 1/8 inch gap. (see Figure 18 & 19)***



Figure 17







Figure 18



Figure 19

Continue to work the Skin like all the others starting in the center and working to the outer edges. Only this time start with the edge you just stretched and work about an inch of this down back towards the center just to keep the edge from popping up. (see Figure 20)





**Figure 20**

Then work the center of this lower skin first working in the curve. Pull from the edge with your other hand. This will be the most difficult spot of the installation. The key once again.....Take your time!. (See Figure 21)



**Figure 21**



Once you have completed the installation off all the Skins, you can now clean them up by using some Quick Spray Wax (non drying type) Like Wizards or Plexus windshield and Plastic cleaner to shine them up!



Reminder some applications may require that you cut or trim the skins for a perfect fit. BaggerSkins have been designed to fit many applications so some adjustments may need to be made during installation.

**SECRET WEAPON: Sunlight - That's right, Leave your freshly installed BaggerSkins in the direct sunlight for a few hours and watch them come to life - The swirl marks disappear and some of the smaller imperfections from installation can be smoothed out!**

Finally, patience is a virtue and that is certainly true when installing BaggerSkins™

Care:

**You can wash and wax your BaggerSkins™ just like you would for your bike without them. Please avoid any harsh chemicals, brushes or buffing machines.**

**Thank you for choosing BaggerSkins™**

**What Happens if I damage a Piece either while installing or after installation?**

**Answer:** Simple, Call BaggerSkins and Purchase the Piece you need. If you have a damaged piece as a result of an accident, we will work with you or your dealer/repair shop to make sure we get the replacements you need.

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