

Mounting instructions, swing arm decals

Preparations

First thing and most important thing is to clean your swingarm surface free of all dirt and grease. I suggest using an anti-grease detergent and warm water but if that doesn't work well enough, use some mineral spirits (paint thinner) to fully remove any oils or grease. You can follow this with a good wipedown with some good old rubbing alcohol or even vodka!

The mounting process

1. Your decals will have straight lines drawn on them as shown in the first picture to aid you in being able to tell what is straight when you are lining them up. Place a piece of masking tape on each end as I have shown and position your decal in the area that it needs to be. Use your tape measure and measure you gaps between the lines I have drawn and the edges of the swing arm. You can probably just get down low and eyeball the decal straight. If it is not straight, simply lift one side of the tape or the other and straighten the decal until it looks or measures straight and centered in your area.



2. Next run a piece of masking tape along the top edge as I show from one end to the other and securely lock the top of the decal to the swingarm. This is called the hinge method and it works great.



3. Flip the decal up and begin slowly pulling the backing paper off at an angle from right to left or vice versa if you are left handed until it is all the way removed. Take care to make sure you didn't leave any of the decal itself stuck to the backing paper like a letter center or something.



4. Hold the decal at each lower corner and keep it tight enough not to sag and stick in the middle as you set one of the corners. If you are right handed, set the right corner of the transfer tape (the paper tape on top of the entire decal) and keep the left side lifted so that it doesn't touch yet, and take a credit card or drivers license and start from the right top corner and squeegee the decal down using a top to bottom, right to left motion until you get all the way across. If you are left handed, reverse the movements I described working left to right.



5. Now take your finger or thumb and rub all around with some pressure to make sure every thing is good and stuck. Begin removing the transfer tape starting at a top corner and pulling it "low" meaning keep the tape close to the surface instead of pulling straight out towards you. Don't forget to remove the clear transfer tape that is a layer under the paper tape that I have to use to be able to see through when I am layering the colors.



6. If you have any air bubbles, simply use a needle or safety pin to pop holes in the decal and then use your finger to press out the air.

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