TANK EMBLEM
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Your emblems come preformed for your tank, but depending on placement you may need to tweak the shape. A careful dry fit comes first — and if the emblem already sits flush, you can skip the forming steps entirely.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN · DRY FIT

Place the emblem on the tank and make sure every edge touches all the way around. If it does, skip Custom Forming and go straight to Mounting the Emblem (step 6). If any edge stands off the tank, follow steps 1–5 to reshape it.

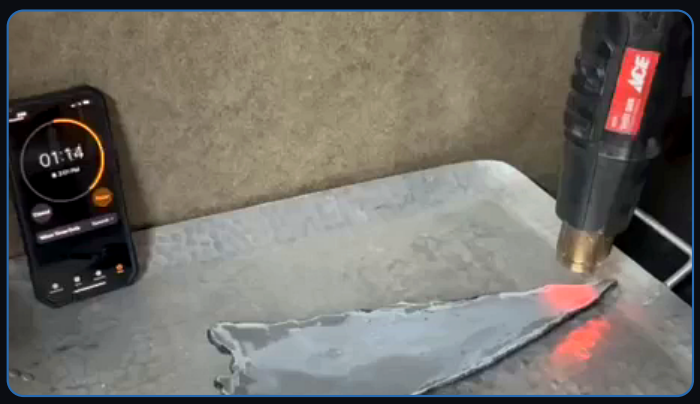
TOOLS REQUIRED

- Isopropyl alcohol
- Heat gun on High — do not use a hair dryer
- Timer
- Heat-safe surface
- Oven mitt, terry cloth, or heat-resistant pad
- Felt or a soft cloth, to protect the paint
- Painter's tape
- X-Acto knife

3M VHB tape is included with every order.

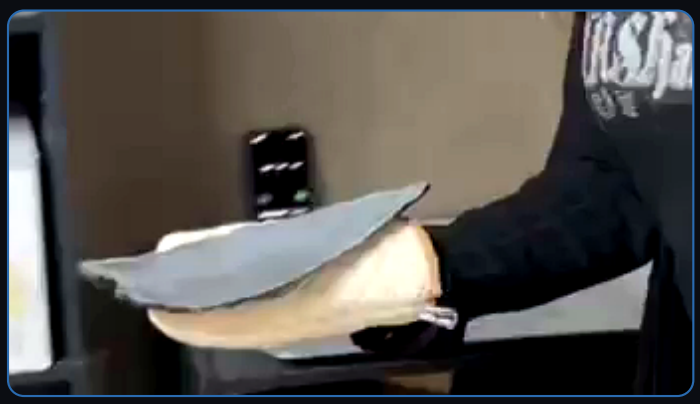
CUSTOM FORMING

Only if the edges do not sit flush against the tank.



1 Heat the back for 3 minutes

Place the emblem face down on a heat-safe surface. Set a timer for 3 minutes. Use a heat gun on High with a constant sweeping motion, close to the back, paying special attention to the outer edges. The emblem is resin with pulverized metal — it will not melt, but it can burn if you hold the heat in one spot. Do not overheat; prolonged exposure may damage the artwork.



2 Handle with care — it gets very hot

The metal inside the emblem holds the heat, so it gets very hot to handle. Pick it up with an oven mitt, terry cloth, or heat-resistant pad. Be careful not to burn yourself.

3 Protect the paint and line it up

Lay felt or a soft cloth on the tank to protect the paint, and line the emblem up with the factory bonnet or your chosen position. You do not need to remove the tank.

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CUSTOM FORMING, CONTINUED



4 Tape it down tightly

Put one strip of painter's tape across the center to hold the emblem in place. Then work around the edges, pressing firmly and taping tightly so the front and tail points sit flat against the tank.



5 Let it cool completely

Give it plenty of time to cool. You should not feel any heat left before you remove the tape. Taking it off too soon can lose the curve you just formed.

MOUNTING THE EMBLEM

6 Clean both surfaces

Clean the tank area and the back of the emblem with isopropyl alcohol and let both dry completely.

7 Apply the included 3M VHB tape

Apply the 3M VHB tape to the back of the emblem, letting the edges overhang slightly. Press down firmly, then trim the excess around the perimeter with an X-Acto knife. Remove the protective liner, align the emblem on the tank, and press firmly all the way around — paying special attention to the edges — so you get a tight seam.

3M VHB tape is included with every order. You do not need to purchase it separately.

Cover the emblem with a terry cloth and secure it with painter's tape while the bond sets. For additional sealing, silicone may be applied around the edges.

8 Let it cure for 48 hours

Allow 48 hours for the 3M VHB tape to fully cure before washing the motorcycle or riding in wet weather.

CARE & MAINTENANCE

Your emblem has been finished with three coats of high-quality professional automotive clearcoat. Clean gently with soap and water only. Avoid abrasive scrubbing, as this is a fine art piece. A quality ceramic coating can be applied for extra protection against UV fading and environmental elements.

WATCH THE INSTALLATION VIDEO

See the process in real time

A step-by-step video walks through heat-forming the emblem with a heat gun and a timer, then taping it to the tank until it cools. Scan the code or visit:

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