

PLAYSTATION 3 SKIN INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

This document explains how to correctly install an PS3 skin. It is very important that you read these instructions thoroughly before attempting installation of your new skin.

As with all decal installations, the cleanliness of the surface is crucial to obtaining maximum performance from your decal.

Supplies Needed:

- Installation instructions
- Playstation 3™ game system
- Soft, lint-free cloth
- Rubbing alcohol
- Pair of scissors
- Skin kit from DansDecals.com (see "About Your Skin Kit" at right)
- Plastic squeegee (or a flat, rigid piece of plastic, like a credit card)
- A small hair dryer (optional)

Start by gathering all of the supplies listed above on a clean, flat surface in a well-lit area such as a kitchen table. Make sure your 360 is unplugged and that no controllers or devices are plugged into any of the ports.

About Your Skin Kit:

The number of pieces included with your skin kit varies depending on the kit you purchased.

There are 3 layers to your decal. The top layer is the transfer tape layer. It has a clear, rough finish and is used to correctly position and apply the decal. This layer is removed after the decal has been applied. The middle layer is the decal/skin itself and the bottom layer is the paper release backing.

*** If you've ordered a skin kit and some of the pieces look like they have a different finish than the others, this is because some of the pieces do not have transfer tape and some do. Certain skins, like those made for controllers, do not require transfer tape to install and therefore do not come with transfer tape on them.

Before going any further, read these instructions carefully, from start to finish.

Should you ever desire to remove the skin, removal instructions are online at www.dansdecals.com/removal

We can not stress enough the importance of taking your time and not rushing - we know you're anxious to get your new skin installed, and we know these instructions are quite lengthy, but you'll be much happier if skin is applied correctly. Reading these instructions from start to finish before beginning will give you a good understanding of what you will be doing, and will help insure that you get the best installation possible of your new skin. The most common problems experienced with vinyl decals (bubbles, wrinkles, creases, poor adhesion, etc.) can be avoided entirely by a proper application.

Surface Preparation:

Surface preparation is crucial. The surface must be cleaned to remove all dirt, dust particles, grime & oils, including fingerprints. If the surface is not properly cleaned the skin may not adhere well. To clean the surface pour some rubbing alcohol on a soft cloth and wipe down the areas where the skin is to be installed. Be sure the cloth you use is lint-free and doesn't leave any fibers on the surface as they may show up under your skin.

Note: Because we are not in control of the application of the decals that we sell we can not and do not guarantee them after they have been removed from their protective backing.

Skin Layout & Application:

The next step is to see where each piece goes. Photos 1-6 (page 3) show the skin pieces included with a full PS3 skin kit. Other kits may not include all of the pieces shown. Once you have a good understanding of where each piece goes, it's time to start applying them.

Start by taking that large piece that goes on the top and SET IT ASIDE. This is the most difficult piece to install and we'll do it last. Installing all of the other pieces first will give you more of a feel for the skins and will make installation of the more difficult pieces easier. Take one of the smaller pieces and start there. Peel back the white paper release layer from the skin. Carefully position the piece above the place where it goes, then, starting at one end or corner, slowly and firmly press it into place. Do not lay the entire piece down at once or you'll likely trap air in places and end up with large air bubbles under the skin.

Repeat this procedure on the remaining pieces, working from the smaller pieces up to the larger pieces being careful not to let the pieces touch the surface until you have them

Note: It is important that you not let the skin touch the surface until it is in the exact position you want it. Some skins (especially the chromes) are very unforgiving if you try repositioning them. Take your time and get it right the first time.

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correctly positioned (*see Note*). If you're finding it difficult to correctly position the skin and without letting it touch the system, you can use the paper release backing to help you. Once you removed the skin piece from the backing, put it back on the backing with just one edge slightly hanging over the backing about 1/4" - 3/8". This will allow you to position one edge of the skin and press it down in place without allowing the rest of the skin to touch the surface. This technique must be used on the top piece to achieve good alignment without bubbles or wrinkles.

Now, when you're finished installing of the smaller pieces (including the pieces for the bottom of the console), we'll move on to the last piece, the top. This piece will appear differently than the rest because it has a layer of clear transfer tape applied to it. The transfer tape will remain on the skin until you're finished installing it and then it will be removed.

Start by removing the paper release backing from the skin, then put the skin back on the backing with 1/4" - 3/8" of the long edge closest to the power button and dvd tray hanging over the backing. Position the skin on the top of the PS3 and press down the edge that's hanging over the backing. Be careful to get it aligned properly and pressed down straight. Now, fold the skin over along the edge that's been pressed down, exposing the backing, and completely remove the backing. You should be looking at the adhesive side of the skin. Carefully fold it back over the top of the PS3 but **don't let it touch** except where it's already tacked down. At this point it is highly recommended that you have someone assisting you with the remainder of the installation. Have someone hold the edge of the skin opposite of the side that's already attached to the PS3 and keep constant tension on it pulling diagonally outwards from both of the corners. It is important that the tension be kept diagonal outwards from the corners because if you simply pull straight out you may inadvertently press the skin in place incorrectly around the "PLAYSTATION 3" logo and end up with a large crease at the end of the skin from the "P" in the logo to the back edge. It only takes a very minor offset around the logo to end up with a very large crease at the end.

While tension is being kept on the skin, use a squeegee or credit card to carefully but firmly press the skin down, working your way slowly and evenly from the edge that you previously tacked in place over to the opposite edge. Do this incrementally in small sections working from the center out towards the top and bottom. Once the skin has been firmly squeegeed all over, slowly begin peeling off the clear transfer tape. Start with one corner and peel the tape backwards, over itself at about a 45 degree angle. If the skin tries to come off with it, stop, re-squeegee firmly then try again using one hand to apply pressure to the problem area while peeling the tape off.

Congratulations, you've completed installation of your new skin.

If there are any small air bubbles in your skin they will usually disappear over the next few days. Any air bubbles that do not dissipate can be punctured with a pin to release the air (although this will leave a small puncture hole).

Cleaning Your Skin:

Always unplug your PS3 before cleaning your skin. The skin can be cleaned with non-abrasive soaps and water. Glass cleaners work well. Avoid solvents and thinners as they can have unpredictable results. Use a soft cloth (a rough, abrasive cloth may scratch the skin) and apply the cleaner to the rag, then use the rag to wipe down the skin. Applying the cleaner directly to the skin could damage your PS3 as it is an electronic device and spraying water directly on it would not be good. When cleaning the faceplate skin, we recommend removing the faceplate first (not the skin) and then reinstalling it after cleaning. We also recommend you let your PS3 sit for 8 hours after cleaning before plugging it back in - just in case any water or cleaner got inside the case.

Polishing Your Skin:

Under normal conditions your skin should remain looking like new for quite some time. However, in some circumstances unusual wear can cause a skin to look less than desirable. Not to worry, your skin can be brought back to it's original luster and shine. The vinyl used to make your skin is the same vinyl used for automobile graphics; this means that you can use the same method for restoring it's shine: car wax. *Yes, you can wax your skin* the same as you'd wax your car. Doing so will hide minor scratches and surface imperfections and will restore a glossy finish to your skin. To wax your skin follow the instructions included with your wax, being especially careful not to get any wax inside vent holes, edges and crevices.

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