

# Avery® Instructional Bulletin 2.05

## Working Procedure for Avery® Signmask Films

### Introduction

There are three types of Avery Signmask films available:

- Avery Signmask Light Blue designed for use on irregular surfaces
- Avery Signmask Grey designed for large graphics on flat surfaces
- Avery Signmask Green is designed for multipurpose applications on flat to corrugated surfaces

### Working Procedure

1. After weeding / stripping of excess film, Avery Signmask should be laminated with application tape. For easy pick-up of fine detail, it is recommended that the application tape be squeegeed immediately after application.
2. Before applying Avery Signmask, ensure that the substrate is free of dust, oil, grease or any other surface contaminants that may prevent good adhesion. Follow the procedure outlined in Instructional Bulletin 1.01 for substrate cleaning and preparation prior to application of the stencil.
3. After applying Avery Signmask, allow the adhesive 5 minutes to settle before removing the application tape. This will ensure none of the fine detail delaminates with the removal of the application tape.
4. After removal of the application tape, re-squeegee the Avery Signmask. This will allow sufficient bonding of the Avery Signmask material to the substrate and guarantee a sharp edge to the paint stencil.
5. Allow 30 minutes between application tape removal and painting for the adhesive to build sufficiently.
6. The solvent content of paint is very high, particularly during spraying. These solvents can be very aggressive and it is therefore recommended that only a thin coat of paint be sprayed first, particularly around the edges of the masking film. Allow the paint to dry for 3-5 minutes to seal the edges. Then continue with the remaining coats of paint to achieve the required coverage.

Avery Signmask should be removed not more than 24hrs after its application, except for flexible truck curtains where it is recommended that Avery Signmask be removed between 2 and 12hrs after application.

For further information, contact your local Avery Graphics representative.