

## **Decal Maker Printing Instructions**

### **General Information:**

The special *Water Slide Decal Paper* sheets are specially made for use in inkjet printers only! It is recommended that you try your designs on plain paper first before using the Water Slide Decal Paper.

Place one sheet of the Water Slide Paper—the “shiny” side is the side that will be printed—in your printer. The Water Slide Decal Paper should be fed into your printer one sheet at a time. It should be fed alone. No other paper should be present in your printer.

### **To Insure Quality:**

Do not store your Water Slide Decal Paper in humid or hot places. The Water Slide Decal Paper should be kept in the plastic bag it is shipped in. Your decal paper has been wrapped around the Decal Bonder to prevent damage. Remove from package and lay on flat surface. To flatten decal paper faster, place between two heavy books until flat. Using curled decal paper in a printer may cause jams.

### **How to Print:**

Included in this kit is a mini-CD of the SureThing DecalMaker software. This easy-to-use program will guide you through the process of creating a customized decal. In addition, the software contains popular decal images, ready to print and apply.

Set your printer on all three of the following settings: Plain Paper, Normal Quality, Portrait Mode.

Remember to use the Water Slide Decal Paper with inkjet printers only. Make sure you allow the printed sheets to dry completely before you touch them.

### **Bonding:**

1. After the ink has had a chance to dry, you need to apply a coat of Decal Bonder over the top of the ink to bond the inks together. This holds the inks together when sliding off of the backing paper. Shake Decal Bonder vigorously before using and reshake frequently. Avoid spraying when humidity is high.
2. Spray a light coating over printed decals; do not apply too much Bonder as this may cause unwanted results when Decals are applied over complex surfaces.
3. Allow 2 hours dry time.

### **Application:**

1. Use your scissors to cut around each decal design, staying as close as possible to the decal (1/16" – 1/8" if possible)
2. Working with only one decal at a time, dip the decal in clear water for no more than 5 seconds. Remove from the water and set on dry paper towel while the adhesive backing softens.
3. When the decal slides easily on the backing paper, slide it to the edge of and onto the surface of subject with small paintbrush or tweezers.

REMEMBER: Decals are very thin and can be ripped easily. Work slowly and carefully. Once the decal is in position, allow the decal to dry undisturbed for about 12 hours to 24 hours.