

## STEP 1: Pre-Installation

- Carefully read all of the instructions before you begin.
- Watch the entire “Demonstration Video” for “Skates” at <https://www.rinkratwrapz.com/installation/> .
- *Note* — Installation should be performed by a mature person. Unlike many adhesive product applications which offer only one opportunity for accurate placement, with the use of appropriate caution and care, the skate wrap may be lifted and re-positioned as needed. The process is not difficult; however, best results are dependent on progressing slowly, and with attention. Therefore, take your time!


## STEP 2: Preparation

- Remove all adhesives, residue, plastic imperfections, and miscellaneous markings from the blade holders.
- *Note* — All raised applications (decals, stickers, etc.) and defects (gouges, nicks, etc.) will likely be visible if wrapped, and may potentially damage the wrap material. Therefore, thoroughly inspect holders and prepare surfaces, as necessary. Although most every single-colour wrap has a grey blocker on the adhesive side, some do not. For medium and light-coloured wrapz without the grey blocker, consider removing all manufacturer labeling and contrasting designs prior to installation, using fine steel wool and warm water. Otherwise, partial visibility of underlying graphics through the wrap material is a possibility when complete.
- Clean holders with warm water and a mild liquid detergent. Rinse thoroughly, ensuring no detergent film remains.
- Thoroughly dry with a lint-free towel and proceed with installation when skates are at room temperature.

## STEP 3: Section Identification ( Reference ILLUSTRATIONS: FIGURE 1 )

- Orient your wrap set as per the generic illustration below, which identifies order for each of the four components addressed in STEP 4 thru STEP 8.

## STEP 4: Left Heel Application ( Reference ILLUSTRATIONS: FIGURE 2 )

- While seated, hold the left skate firmly between your knees, with the back of the heel facing up.
- Carefully separate **CORNER** of the left heel wrap from the paper backing. Slowly remove the entire left heel wrap, ensuring the wrap does not stick to itself or anything else in the removal process.
- *Note* — Use particular caution when separating the backing and installing the wrap at all angled locations, as the wrap can be most easily torn in these areas. Examples of such points are indicated with a  .
- While supporting the **LEFT SIDE** and the **RIGHT SIDE** of the wrap with your corresponding hands, align the **UPPER NOTCH** and the **LOWER NOTCH** with the vertical seam on the skate blade holder.
- Ensure both notches are precisely centered over the seam line, and lay the wrap ovetop of the seam only.
- *Note* — The wrap material is heat-activated in the next STEP for initial adhesion. Prior to heating, it can be easily and repeatedly manipulated throughout the installation process with the use of appropriate caution and care. If, at any time, the application is not in the desired position, simply lift, re-align, and re-lay the wrap as needed. In doing so, always be aware of the angled location points so as not to tear the wrap.
- In order to first install the right side, allow the left side of the wrap to gently lay on the left side of the holder, without adhering to itself. Do not apply any pressure to the left side of the wrap.
- With the notches precisely aligned, use your left thumb to hold the wrap over the seam, and use your right hand to extend the right side of the wrap until taut.
- Align **TOP EDGE A** of the wrap to the top of holder face, with a gap of approximately 1mm or less. While maintaining proper edge alignment, begin laying down the wrap with modest pressure.
- Starting from the notches and working slowly to the right, continue to extend the wrap until taut, while sliding your thumb across and down the entire right side of the wrap. If creases begin to form as you move along, simply lift the wrap

material at and around the location, smooth out the crease, and continue. Carefully do the same to flatten potential air bubbles and pockets.

- *Note* — Wrap material may be gently stretched to position. Instances for this consideration will likely only be when wrapping skates with raised hardware, and/or in the event precise overlap alignments are desired. If over-stretched, however, the wrap will tear. Therefore, stretch only as necessary, use minimal heat to soften the wrap material, and proceed cautiously. An alternative for skates with raised hardware is to simply cut an “X” in the wrap at the specific hardware location, and wrap it over top. If this option is elected, the hardware will protrude the wrap material and be partially visible. Also, when removing air bubbles and pockets, always direct air release to the nearest edge of the wrap. Do not be concerned if some remain, or if the wrap material does not entirely adhere, as this will be addressed in the next STEP of the installation process.
- Align **BOTTOM EDGE A** of the wrap directly alongside the steel blade, without any gap. If the wrap material partially overlays the blade at any location, it will, likewise, be addressed in the following STEP.
- When the right side wrap application has been aligned and smoothed satisfactorily, carefully lift the left side wrap from the holder, and install the left side in the same manner as performed on the right side.

### **STEP 5: Section Finishing**

- To activate the adhesive, use a heat gun or hair dryer to warm the wrapz, which will become soft, pliable, and conforming with heat. Begin with low to medium heat, and use higher heat only if and as necessary.
- *Note* — Excessive and prolonged heat will damage the wrap. Therefore, DO NOT isolate the heat in one location for extended time, and DO NOT allow the heat source to come in direct contact with the wrap.
- With constant motion, move heat source slowly across each side, smooth any remaining imperfections as you progress, and firmly adhere the wrap over the entire holder. Pay particular attention to wrap edges and seams to ensure maximum adhesion.
- *Note* — Some imperfections will likely dissipate and conform in place when exposed to the heat and minimal pressure. Others can be gently smoothed out to the nearest edge more easily when the heat is applied. In order to avoid creases when smoothing the heated material, do so slowly and carefully.
- If air bubbles or pockets remain following the initial heat-activation and smoothing process, poke them with a fine needle or pin, apply more heat, and carefully smooth them out by releasing the air through the hole.
- Although not necessary, wrap material may be trimmed as desired with the responsible use of a standard utility knife. Again, only a mature person should perform this task.

### **STEP 6: Left Toe Application**

- Remain seated, hold the skate firmly between your knees, with the front of the toe facing up.
- Repeat STEP 4 process to install the Left Toe wrap — begin with the left side, followed by the right.
- Finish the Left Toe section by repeating STEP 5, and then proceed to STEP 7.

### **STEP 7: Right Heel Application**

- Repeat STEP 4 process to install the Right Heel wrap — begin with the left side, followed by the right.
- Finish the Right Heel section by repeating STEP 5, and then proceed to STEP 8.

### **STEP 8: Right Toe Application**

- Repeat STEP 4 process to install the Right Toe wrap — begin with the right side, followed by the left.
- Finish the Right Toe section by repeating STEP 5, and then proceed to STEP 9.

### **STEP 9: Complete Finishing**

- After installing the four sections, inspect all surfaces, apply final heat to entire wrapz, and firmly smooth accordingly.
- Use a soft cloth to wipe the wrapz, and allow adhesive 24 hours to set, in room temperature.
- *Note* — For cleaning, use only water, mild liquid detergent, and a soft cloth. DO NOT use abrasive cleaning supplies and/or chemical agents. Also, Wrapz are designed to manage reasonable wear and tear; however, the use of soft fabric skate blade covers is highly recommended for further protection while in storage and transport.

### STEP 10: Sport Your Wrapz!

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### ILLUSTRATIONS:

