

## STEP 1: Pre-Installation

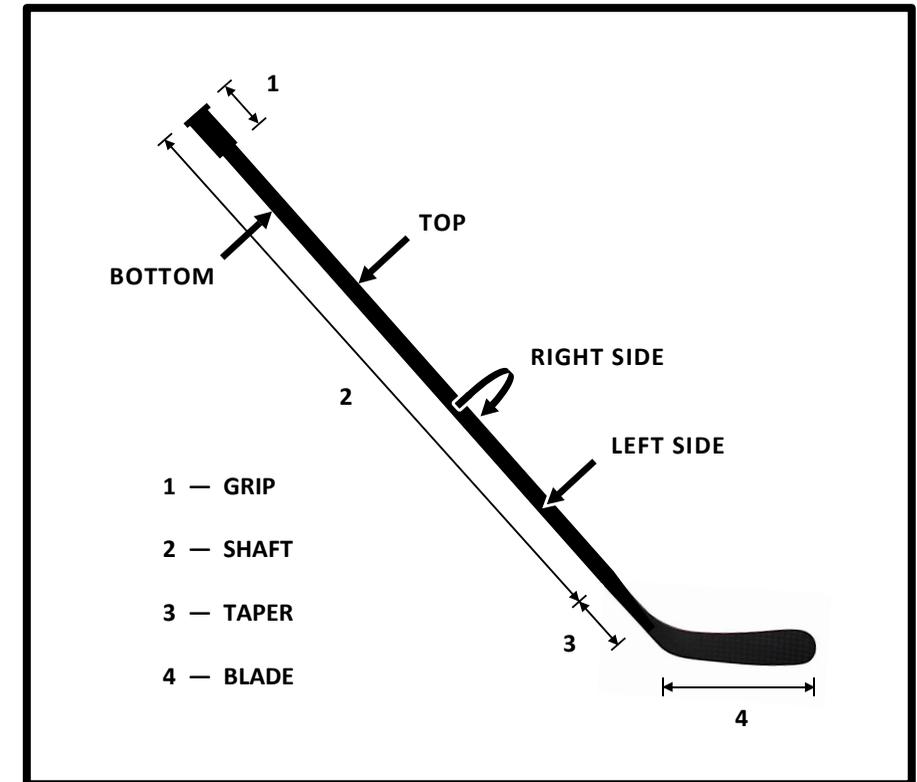
- Carefully read all of the instructions before you begin, and refer to the **FIGURE 1** illustration throughout the installation process.
- Watch the entire “Demonstration Video” for “Stick” at <https://www.rinkratwrapz.com/installation/>.
- *Note* — Installation should be performed by a mature person. Unlike many adhesive product applications which offer only one opportunity for accurate placement, with the use of appropriate caution and care, the stick wrap may be lifted and re-positioned as needed. It 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, composite imperfections, and miscellaneous markings from the stick **SHAFT**. If a **GRIP** exists, it should also be removed.
- *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 stick shaft and prepare surfaces, as necessary. Also, although most every single-colour wrap has a grey blocker on the adhesive side, some do not. For those 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 stick shaft 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 shaft is at room temperature.

## STEP 3: Top Application

- Measure the total length of the shaft and cut wrap length to match, without removing the backing. The wrap should cover the entire shaft, but not cover any **TAPER**.
- Carefully separate one corner of the wrap from the backer and peel approximately 6 inches of the wrap backing.
- With the **TOP** of the stick facing toward you, align the upper edge of the wrap with the upper edge of the shaft, while carefully centering the width of the wrap on the top face. Apply the exposed wrap when precisely aligned and centered, beginning with the top of the shaft only. Allow the **LEFT SIDE** and **RIGHT SIDE** of the wrap material to fall naturally as you install the top; however, do not apply any pressure to either side.
- To aid in preventing the wrap from pre-maturely sticking to itself, or anything else, continue to peel and apply approximately 6 inches of backing at a time.
- *Note* — The wrap material is heat-activated in STEP 7 for final 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.
- While ensuring the wrap width remains centered on the top, press firmly on the wrap with your thumb and slowly slide it down the shaft, removing potential air bubbles and pockets as you progress.
- *Note* —When removing air bubbles and pockets, always direct air release to the nearest edge of the wrap. Do not be concerned if some imperfections remain, as they will be addressed later in the installation process.
- Continue the top application to the **BLADE** end of the shaft, ultimately removing and discarding the entire backing.



#### **STEP 4: Right Side Application**

- Return to the grip end of the shaft and take hold of the right side of the wrap material.
- Without stretching the wrap, extend it firmly towards the right side, align it with the grip edge of the shaft, and apply it. Do not yet adhere the wrap to the left side or bottom of the shaft.
- Using your thumb, slide from the top of the shaft, around the curved edge, and over the full width of the right side. Press firmly on the wrap, removing any potential air bubbles and pockets as you progress.
- Continue this process, carefully moving down the entire right side of the shaft only.

#### **STEP 5: Left Side Application**

- When the right side has been completely applied, return to the grip end of the shaft and repeat the process as directed in STEP 4 on the left side of the shaft.

#### **STEP 6: Bottom Application**

- With both sides complete, return to the grip end of the shaft and take hold of the remaining wrap on either side.
- Extend the wrap fully, align it with the grip edge of the shaft, and apply it completely to the bottom of the shaft.
- *Note* — Although not likely necessary, at this point the wrap may be gently stretched to the final position. If over-stretched, however, it will tear. Therefore, stretch minimally, slowly, and with caution.
- Using your thumb, slide from the corresponding side of the shaft around the curved edge and across the bottom. Press firmly on the wrap, removing air bubbles and pockets as you progress.
- Continue this process, carefully moving down the same side of the shaft only.
- When the first side of the wrap material has been entirely applied to the bottom, return to the grip end of the shaft and repeat the process with the remaining wrap material on the opposite side of the shaft.
- When complete, the wrap will overlap on the bottom of the shaft, from the grip end to the blade end.

#### **STEP 7: Finishing**

- To activate the adhesive, use a heat gun or hair dryer to warm the wrap, 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 the heat source slowly across the wrap, smooth any remaining imperfections as you progress, and firmly adhere the wrap over the entire shaft. Pay particular attention to wrap edges and seam 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 heat-activation and final 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.
- Use soft cloth to wipe wrap, and allow adhesive 24 hours to set, in room temperature. DO NOT use abrasive cleaning supplies and/or chemical agents. Use only water, mild liquid detergent, and a soft cloth to clean.
- When dry, re-install grip. If a pre-fabricated grip end is being installed, use caution so as not to damage the wrap edge at the upper end of the shaft. An alternative option is recommended if existing grip is noticeably tight, and requires force to install over wrap edge.

#### **STEP 8: Sport Your Wrapz!**

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