Disclaimer: We have tested our media in various personal inkjet printers with good results. The user of this paper/film must determine the suitability of this product before beginning production, using his equipment and method of application. The Sellers and Manufacturer's maximum obligation shall be to replace paper/film that has been found to be defective. Neither the manufacturer nor the seller shall be held liable for any injury, direct or consequential, arising out of the use of, or inability to use this paper/film.

Printing and Application Instructions

This paper can be used to make clear water-slide decals.

Printing Instructions.

1. Print onto the glossy side of the paper using glossy “film” setting in you printer driver.
2. Before applying water (step 4) you MUST seal the printed image using Papilio Clear Decal Fixative. Some clear acrylic or clear oil enamel spray may also work. If you use Krylon TM spray make sure you apply a “wet” coat because applying a “dry” coat may cause problems or failure in step 3. For best results use Papilio Decal Fixative.
3. Apply the fixative to the whole page, do not cut out individual decals and apply fixative as the edges of the paper will absorb the fixative making it impossible to slide the decal off the paper.
4. When the clear fixative (or the spray is dry), cut out each individual decal with scissors. Dip in warm water (not hot). The paper may roll up and if so it will then straighten out again. When the film starts to loosen from the paper, place the paper on the substrate to be decorated and slide the paper from under the decal. Do not leave the paper for a long time (over one minute) in the water.
5. Work out air bubbles with decal squeegee and let it dry. It is important to remove all water and air.

Tip: To aid in adhesion of all water-slide decals to most substrates use Papilio Decal Mounting Fluid. The decal fluid also makes it easy to apply and reposition larger decals and prevents the rubber decal squeegee from tearing the decal.

Printing clear decals using an inkjet printer.

When you print onto a regular sheet of paper using an inkjet printer, the white color is the color of the paper or in others words inkjet printers do not print the white color. When you print on clear media the background color of the image will be the color of the substrate you are going to decorate. Example; if you print a red X-Mass decoration and then apply the decal onto an item that is painted red most of the image (all the red colors) will disappear as red will not show up on red substrate. The same is true with all other “same color” combinations and it will be extremely difficult to see anything at all on substrate that is black. Clear decals are therefore mostly used on white or light color substrates and color combinations selected based on the color of the substrate. Example: on light gray substrate you could use almost any color, but on any light single color (example yellow) substrate you would avoid the same color (the yellow)