F3 Tank Protector Surface Preparation

1. Using paper towel, wipe application surface using 70% alcohol multiple times letting the surface dry between cleaning. Be sure no wax, or other silicon based product is on the surface before application. (do not use shop towels)

2. Test the application surface by sticking masking tape to the area where the kit will be installed. If when pulling the tape off the surface you have good adhesion by your tape then you know the kit is ready to install. **NOTE:** Do not apply wet.

STEP 1.

Position to contour body line

Horizontal Hinge

Extra tape to hold in place

Position the F3 Tank Protector into place on the machine. The top half circle is designed to contour the body line just below the Gas filler bezel. (see photos) Be sure your kit is aligned evenly from side to side and vertically top to bottom. Once in position, use your masking tape to make a horizontal hinge in the center of the protector **(see photo 1)**

Close up

Alignment mark on tank and part

STEP 2.

Using a grease pencil, make a delicate line running from the tank onto the protector. This will ensure your even alignment when you install the part by matching the lines together. (tape marks can be used as well for alignment but be sure the tape is not under the area where the part will be installed.)

Alignment mark at bottom

STEP 3.
Once in position, Peel back the top half of the backing paper down to your center hinge to expose the gray adhesive.

Use extra caution not to let the kit fall and hit the tank area before you are ready the adhesive is very aggressive.
Using an razor knife or scissors cut away the backing paper.
(photos: 3 - 4)

Installing Top Half

STEP 4. Hovering your exposed top half above the application surface, use firm tension as you pull upward toward the fuel filler, aligning the mark on the protector with the mark on the tank. Use firm pressure as you push down on the kit starting from your center tape hinge and working toward the gas filler in the spine section (center) of the kit.

Once you have the center spine down you can work each wing down into position starting at the center spine and working toward the outer edge on both sides of the spine. **NOTE: Be sure the wings (outer parts) do not hit the surface before the center spine, this will allow you to let them fall into position naturally.)**

Installing Bottom Half

Optional Color backing

Pulling downward

Align your marks

STEP 5. Remove your center tape hinge. Hovering your exposed bottom half over the surface, again,use firm tension as you pull downward toward the seat, aligning the mark on the protector with the mark near the seat. Once again, use firm pressure as you push down on the kit starting from where it is mounted to the bike and working toward the seat. Once you have the center spine down you can work each wing down into position starting at the center spine and working toward the outer edge on both sides of the spine the same as you did in step 4..

Installing the bar in the "F"

Because of the size and being somewhat recessed, we chose to expose the adhesive on the bar and stick masking tape to the top of it leaving about an inch of tape top and bottom. This allows you to view and position the piece more accurately when placing it into position. Hover the piece over the desired area and place on the surface. Once in position, gently push down on the part tacking it to the surface. After applied you can go back and push down harder making sure if is good and tight.

FINISH: Once fully applied, we recommend you carefully go over each part of the kit firmly pushing down on each section to ensure you have it mounted nice and tight. In colder temps, use a hair dryer to warm the surface and the kit to help activate the adhesive.
* *Recommended application temp 60 degrees or above. Do not apply in direct sunlight.*
* * Do not apply wet. * Do not apply if application surface was recently waxed.*

Installing optional color background

A   B   C

Once STEP 2. has been completed. Mark the area under the "F3" text cut out using a tape marker **(photo A.)** To help with alignment. Peel and stick background color on the tank. **(photo B.)** Check alignment to ensure full coverage through the F3 text. **(photo C.)**