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## TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

# Applying Decals over Fresh Topcoats

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When it comes to applying decals over a fresh paint job not only does it depend on the width of the decal but also the thickness. If a decal is applied before the recommended flash off times, blistering may result, caused by trapped "tail" solvents. Tail solvents are slow solvents used to help the flow and leveling of many coatings.

BASF Technical Service Lab recommendations are as follows for both ambient temperature curing, and force drying.

**48 Hours** for strip tapes.

**1 Week** for Large Decals and thicker strips.

This recommendation applies to most decal applications. To ensure the best results possible, one should check with the manufacturer of the decals being applied as their recommendations may vary.

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