

Citristrip Etching Cheat Sheet

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ~ Use powder / dura coated tumblers / cups. Most tumblers are powder coated. You can find this information on the manufacturer's website or Amazon.
- ~ Use permanent vinyl for your stencil. The brand name matters. Oracle 651 and Teckwrap both work well. Some brands do not hold up.
- ~ When possible always do a test spot on the bottom of the cup. Times vary from brand to brand and even within brands times for different colors and designs can vary.
- ~ See my Citristrip Etching times cheat sheet for approximate times for certain brands.

STEPS FOR ETCHING

1. Prepare your stencil and weed out the portion you want to etch.
 2. Clean your tumbler with rubbing alcohol.
 3. Apply the stencil using transfer tape. Rub the stencil down as hard as you can. I use a tennis ball to rub it well. Remove transfer tape. Use high heat from a hairdryer or low heat from a heat gun (300F - 400F) for 30 seconds to get the vinyl to adhere well.
 4. Use painters tape to tape around the vinyl.
 5. Apply a thick layer of Citristrip using a brush.
- **If using the heat method skip to the next section. If not, continue to step 6.**
6. Leave the Citristrip on until paint peels off when tested by gently scraping it.
 7. Wash Citristrip off using water.
 8. Scrape paint off using non-scratch scrubbers.
 9. Remove the vinyl. Use orange stick, etc. to detail any lines that aren't crisp.

STEPS FOR ETCHING WITH HEAT

1. Perform steps 1-5 from above.
2. After approximately 10 minutes, put a sheet of aluminum foil over the tumbler.
3. Heat the design for approximately 90 seconds at 700F using a heat gun (see Citristrip Etching times cheat sheet for more details).
4. Perform steps 7-9 from above.

