

Mark-N-Gard GLASS BUG ETCHING INSTRUCTIONS

Hints for optimum etching results: Do not etch glass in direct sunlight on very hot days. Do not etch glass when the temperature is below 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Do not etch glass in very windy or wet conditions.

DOUBLE CHECK THE STENCILS TO BE CERTAIN THEY ARE CODED PROPERLY FOR YOUR APPLICATION

Mark-N-Gard is not responsible if the wrong information is etched into your glass! If the stencils are incorrect or you're not sure, call us at 1-888-288-6382 or 704-277-2018.

For a Flawless Installation, follow these steps carefully.

First, clean area of glass to be etched with glass cleaner or plain water. Be sure to wipe dry completely.

Next, inspect the Stencils. Before starting the installation, hold the stencils up to the light and verify their condition. The images should be very distinct with no extraneous markings around them. The blue material is delicate and subject to being scratched with fingernails through careless handling. Call 1-888-288-6382 if you need new stencils.

Now, apply the stencils to the glass surface. First, fold the stencils at the perforations and tear them apart before beginning the application process. Remove the blue stencil from the white backing and apply to the glass in the desired location. Start at one end of the stencil and with your fingertips, gently "smooth and pat" the stencil as you apply it to ensure that it is in full contact with glass. Pay careful attention to the area where the data has been cut into the stencil. If any of the stencils tear or are badly wrinkled, discard them. Before applying etch cream inspect the applied stencil. **Is it aligned neatly with a nearby border or edge, Right Side Up, Not Wrinkled or Torn, correctly coded for this application?**

Etch Cream Application. The etch cream will not harm the skin with casual contact. Frequent hand washing is recommended and avoid getting the etch cream in the face or eyes. Take extra precautions with the etch cream containers when children are present. **As a normal precaution when using any chemical compound, wear protective gloves for this step.** Read the Warning Label on the Etch Cream container.

Use caution to avoid getting the etch cream off the stencil onto a glass area. If you accidentally apply etch cream to a glass area off the stencil, you MUST immediately wipe it up with a wet towel. Keep water and paper towels handy for this purpose.

Before removing the cap for use, tap the top of the Etch Cream Applicator onto the palm of your hand. This gets the etch cream in contact with the dauber top in preparation for application. Now unscrew the top and squeeze out a small dab of etch cream onto a piece of scrap paper or stencil.

IMPORTANT: The dauber-top contains a spring-loaded "stopper tip" so you must "press down" on the tip as you squeeze the bottle. Otherwise, too aggressive squeezing may cause the dauber top to "pop out" or the tube to split causing etch cream to inadvertently be applied to the glass.

Apply etch cream to the coded image portion of the applied stencil this way; Gently squeeze the applicator tube, while using a tapping motion against the stencil. As you release small amounts of etch cream, move across the stencil. Be sure to cover the entire stencil image completely with etch cream without causing an excess, which might drip down. The stencil material is made up of a very delicate tissue so be very careful with any side-to-side motions across the stencil as you may tear the stencil and create a permanent smudge on the glass. **Be Gentle!**

When you are done, cap the dauber and place it in your pocket for safekeeping. As a preventative measure do not leave these etch cream daubers laying around.

The optimum etch time is between 3 and 5 minutes in most settings. Warmer or colder temperatures can affect etch times. It is recommended that you do a test etch on scrap glass to determine the best etch time for your location. When the time is up, remove the stencil. As you remove the stencil and discard it, use caution to not let etch cream touch areas of the glass where it will leave a permanent smudge. As each stencil is removed, **IMMEDIATELY** spray the etched area with plain water or glass cleaner and wipe dry with paper towel.

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