

Guidelines for Removal of UV exposed Protective Film.

This bulletin covers a specific condition where a protective film that was not intended for outdoor exposures was not removed immediately before exposure to the elements. Please determine if it is applicable in your situation.

Exposure to UV light and weather elements can result in adhesives to bond and potentially leave residue to the surfaces they were applied to. The film can also degrade to the point it can no longer be peeled off.



Important Notice: Petroleum solvents, cleaners containing abrasives, strong alkaline or strong acidic levels should not be used. Guidelines from the specific substrate, paint or surface coatings manufacturers and best practices to clean the appropriate materials should be followed to ensure performance claims and warranties are protected.

Removal of film and residue

As a general rule the film backing will be resistant to the absorption of the GOO GONE PRO-POWER*, Citrus Power Remover or Citrus Based Adhesive Remover *

- Remove as much of the film backing as possible, this will allow the GOO GONE PRO-POWER*, Citrus Power Remover or Citrus Based Adhesive Remover * to wick under the film backing.
- With the dry substrate out of direct sunlight, saturate the film backing with GOO GONE PRO-POWER* Citrus Power Remover or Citrus Based Adhesive Remover *
Keep the film backing saturated with repeated applications of remover, until the film backing swells and softens. Do not allow the film backing to dry out. The key step is to allow time for the remover to wick under the edges of the film. This can be aided by gently agitating the film edges with a soft bristle brush.
- Once film backing has softened, remove film backing by means of scraping with a soft non-abrasive scrapper, being careful not to scratch or damage the substrate. It is common for only the area of the film backing near the films edge or at film fractures to be removable; it may take numerous repeated cycles to remove all the film backing.
- When film backing and adhesive residue are completely removed, a general purpose surface cleaner may be used on a clean soft cloth to remove any light residue/haze that may be present on the substrate.
- Important note: Panel must be completely dry before applying full strength GOO GONE PRO-POWER*, Citrus Power Remover or Citrus Based Adhesive Remover.
- *GOO GONE PRO-POWER or any Citrus Based Adhesive Remover can react with certain substrate surfaces, and should always be tested on a small area before use. Carefully read and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use when using any cleaner. The attached information is provided for general knowledge only; it is not to be considered an exact method for removal of protective films or adhesive residue transfer.
- Care should be taken to avoid cleaners from contacting siding, windows, doors and vegetation. Always test cleaning methods in an inconspicuous area before proceeding.
- Local environmental guidelines should be followed for disposal, of cleaning agents.