

# PHRED SEZ.....

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## Static-Cling the WBCCI Numbers

Ever desire to take your WBCCI numbers off with a flick of the wrist when you trade trailers and reapply them to the new one easily? Maybe you polished your vintage trailer to a mirror finish and don't want to apply anything to that surface. Have you longed for a method to apply the numbers easily because yours got mounted crooked the last time?

A new way to apply numbers comes via **Jerry Larson, WBCCI #144**, from **Charles Scott, WBCCI #5641**. Charles bought a product used by **NASCAR** racing teams to attach decals to race cars. Since the product is guaranteed to stay on at 200 mph, it should be secure on our travel trailers! The decals are applied to a clear Static Cling plastic film and then applied to a flat surface or a single direction curved surface including aluminum, glass, or fiberglass. The attached photo shows fingers pointing to the edges of the clear film beside the numbers on Charles' Airstream. The clear film is very difficult to see, except on close inspection.

Since the film is purchased by the square inch, Charles suggests arranging the decals (numbers, logo, and stars if any) then adding a ½ inch border all around the proposed application and ordering that amount for the front and an equal amount for the rear of the Airstream. At each end Charles used one piece for the numbers and a second for the logo/stars. Avoid applying it over aluminum panel seams, since the static cling does not seal as well over the rivets and seamed surface variations. A purchase of smaller pieces (or of a larger piece that can be cut without waste) that will fit between the seams is suggested. The number of seams on the trailer end cap varies with the year of the Airstream.

If seams are not a concern the numbers, logo, and stars can be placed on the static cling while sitting at a table. Be aware that equal spacing between numbers is not an absolute guarantee of visual correctness in number spacing. For instance the number one (1) looks crowded and generally needs more space on each side to be visually appealing.

Also be aware that the numbers 6 and 9 as well as 3 and 8 are prone to get slightly twisted from the vertical in their number

position. Walk away and take a look at it from a distance to see if minor refinements are required.

When satisfied mark the static cling at the corners and edges of each number/logo/star and apply each to the face of the static cling on its exact marks. This is usually done with a drop of **Joy** liquid detergent in a quart of distilled water. Utilizing a spray bottle with the sprayer set to mist, spray the sticky side of the decals and the surface to which each will be applied. The moisture allows for sliding the number along the plastic to settle on each exact mark. Gently blot or rub out moisture or air pockets in each decal before continuing to the next.

After allowing the numbers/logo/stars to set on the static cling until dry, their application to the trailer is accomplished in a similar manner. Clean the trailer surface, peel the white paper backing off the static cling, spray the trailer and the clear plastic, and apply per the static cling directions, making sure it is centered and level. A squeegee may be used to gently remove excess water and air bubbles.

The website for information/ordering is <http://squierdesign.com>. Charles indicates the four pieces (which he ordered with radius corners) with ½ inch borders for his Airstream will probably cost less than \$70. Once applied to the Airstream, static cling clear plastic film can be peeled off in seconds and reapplied many times.



The CD book, *Phred Sez - the First Ten Years*, has been well received and is in its third printing. It is available on computer CD (written in Microsoft Works and also Microsoft Word). Order by mail for yourself or for loved ones by sending a check for \$15 each (Includes shipping) to the address below.

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