

To help keep your 1/8" PolyTough™ Stencil in good shape for years of service, please follow these simple guidelines.

## UNPACKING

- For shipping convenience, many of our stencils ship rolled up.
- Once you take the stencil out of the box, lay it on the ground.
- It will start to flatten out, as its natural state is flat.
- Stencil flattening can take between 30 minutes and a few hours, depending on surface and air temperatures. Warmer is better.
- You can also apply some weight to the curved area of the plastic to help the stencil flattening process.
- Once your stencil lays flat, it will remain flat as long as it is stored flat.



## STORAGE

- Avoid storing stencils in extreme heat, cold, or in direct sunlight.
- Never try to use stencils that are extremely cold or when the temperature is below 40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- If stencils are stored rolled, allow them to warm up, unroll, and let the stencil flatten out. It is best to store stencils flat during off seasons.
- Care should be taken when handling your stencil to prevent stretching in the tie areas.

## CLEANING

- Allow paint to build up on your stencil and dry. Then simply bend the stencil and paint will easily peel off. Solvents may be used to clean your stencil after use without harming the stencil.
- Scraping your stencil will only cause scratches on the stencil surface and encourage more paint to adhere to the plastic. Deep scratches may cause the stencil to crack.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Spraying your stencil with cooking spray or silicone lubricant before spraying enamel will help paint come off more easily after use.
- Move the spray gun or can along the stencil as you spray to keep the spray nozzle the same distance and perpendicular to the stencil. Moving the spray nozzle in an arc will result in "foggy" edges and incomplete coverage.
- Small stencils used for marking cartons can be taped to the back of a piece of cardboard that has a "window" cut out for the stencil. This helps keep your stencil flat and makes it easier to hold.

**NOTE:** Depending on the size, number of characters, and paint used, some "lifting" or "cupping" in certain areas may occur. This is normal but should not exceed 1/4". To minimize this condition, always lay your stencil flat after use.



## **1/8" PolyTough™ Stencils**

### **Lifetime Warranty**

Newstripe, Inc. ("Newstripe") warrants to the original purchaser that the stencil hereby sold shall be free from defects in materials and workmanship when delivered and that the stencil will be warranted against tearing or cracking for the usable life of the stencil. This warranty does not extend to any damage or malfunction resulting from misuse, neglect, outside storage, accident, improper use, or normal wear and tear. This warranty does not pass to a new owner if the stencil is resold.

Damage incurred in shipment from Newstripe to the purchaser is the total responsibility of the shipping carrier. The purchaser is responsible for noting damages on the Bill of Lading of the shipping carrier and Newstripe will furnish to the purchaser the cost of parts and labor. The customer can then bill the shipping carrier for the damages by placing their signature on the documents.

The Newstripe obligation under this warranty and any implied warranties is limited to replacement of the defective stencil without charge for its usable life. For service under this warranty, the purchaser shall obtain an approved Return Materials Authorization (RMA) from Newstripe (303-364-7786) and then ship the defective stencil, transportation prepaid by the purchaser, to Newstripe together with a written description of any claimed defect and proof of purchase date of the materials being returned. To review Newstripe's complete guidelines for warranties and returns, please visit our website at [www.newstripe.com](http://www.newstripe.com).

This warranty shall be in lieu of any and all other warranties, expressed or implied, including any warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, and there is no other representation or warranty of any kind with respect to the goods sold hereby except as set forth herein. It is expressly agreed that this warranty shall be limited to the replacement of the stencil(s) and the labor, and services required thereby. In no event, including any claim of negligence, shall Newstripe be liable for incidental or consequential damages.