

JETPACK DEACL SET

Introduction:

First let me thank you for purchasing this decal set and I hope that it meets with your expectations. The reason that I choose to use water slide decals is that one of the disadvantages or in this case advantages of water slide decals is that they can be easily distressed with simple tools thus facilitating the duplication of the weathering as seen on the screen used jetpack. Once the symbols are applied scratches and rips can be applied to the markings with any sharp tool, such as a hobby knife or even a paperclip, but be careful not to go too far. As there are a number of extra symbols included in this set you might consider practicing with those first in order to develop a weathering technique before moving on to the final application. The symbols included in this set represent my interpretation of the "factory fresh" jetpack markings. In some cases missing sections of the symbols have been extrapolated in order to recreate the complete symbol.

Included in these instructions is an application key that shows where each of the symbols should be located. The set includes symbols to replicate 2 different Boba Fett versions, the Pre-Production (Pre-Pro) jetpack as seen in the *Star Wars Chronicles* and the jetpack that was on display in the *Magic of Myth* (MOM) traveling exhibit. Also included is a complete set for Jango Fett's jetpack as it appeared in the Celebration II exhibit. Of course there is nothing that says you can't do your own design and create your own combination of symbols.

Preparation & Application:

1. To prevent the decals from silvering apply a gloss clear coat to the surface first. This will provide a smooth surface for the decals to adhere to.
2. Cut out the image(s) as close as possible to the actual design and place them in lukewarm water for approximately 30 seconds, it may take longer for the larger the decals. Hold the decal carefully to avoid tearing. You will begin to feel the printed image start to slide off the backing paper. This means it is ready to apply onto the surface. Don't allow the decal to soak so long that it floats off the paper, at this point most of the adhesive has dissolved and the decal most likely will not adhere. See NOTE #2 if this does happen.
3. It is recommended to use a decal setting agent such as Microset or you can mix your own (see NOTE #1 below) to pre-treat the area to help break down the surface tension and allow the decal to adhere better, by applying the solution with a wide flat brush where the decal will be placed. Microset can be found at most plastic model hobby shops. There are stronger agents available, but use caution as these agents may cause the decal to break down. Watch the decal as it dries to determine if you need to use additional setting agent. Apply setting agent only to the parts of the decal, which isn't behaving using a very small brush. Sometimes denatured alcohol applied in the same fashion can solve setting problems. (Be VERY careful! and apply sparingly)
4. Gently slide the decal into place. Use a clean damp cloth or paper towel to blot off excess water and remove any air bubbles that may appear. Work out air bubbles starting from the center and gently work outward. Allow a setting time of about 3 hours.
5. To protect the decals from surface scratches, moisture, or fading, once dry, spray surface with a clear coat such as *Future* or an acrylic varnish such as *Krylon Crystal Clear*. Once the clear coat is dry add weathering as desired.

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NOTE #1: Mixing your own decal-setting agent

Mix 1 Quart of distilled water with 1/4 teaspoon of Johnson's baby shampoo. The distilled water eliminates the impurities and chlorine found in tap water, and the tiny amount of baby shampoo eliminates any surface tension. No residue remains from this mixture, and it doesn't break down the decal's adhesive, which is one of the causes of adhesion and silvering problems.

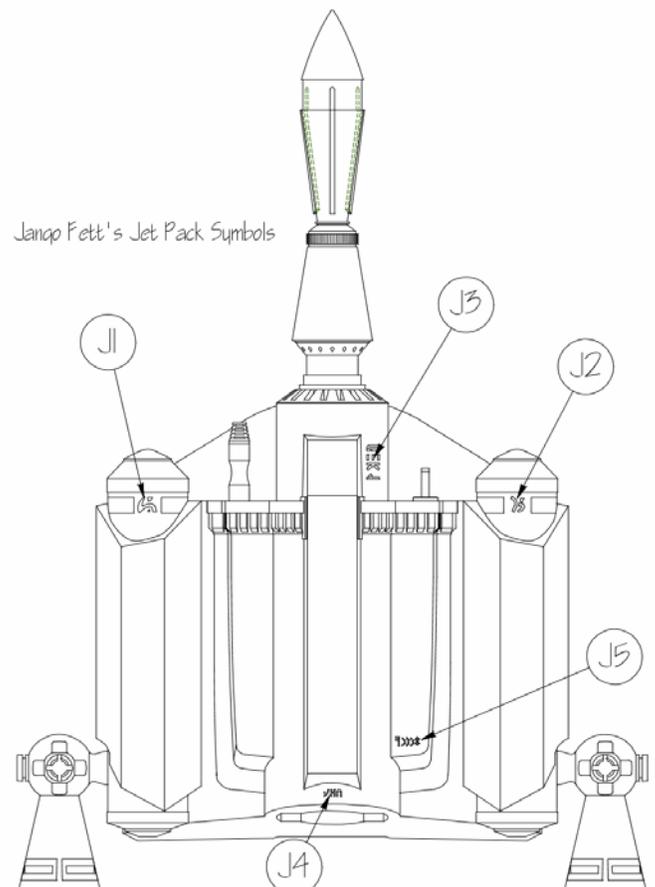
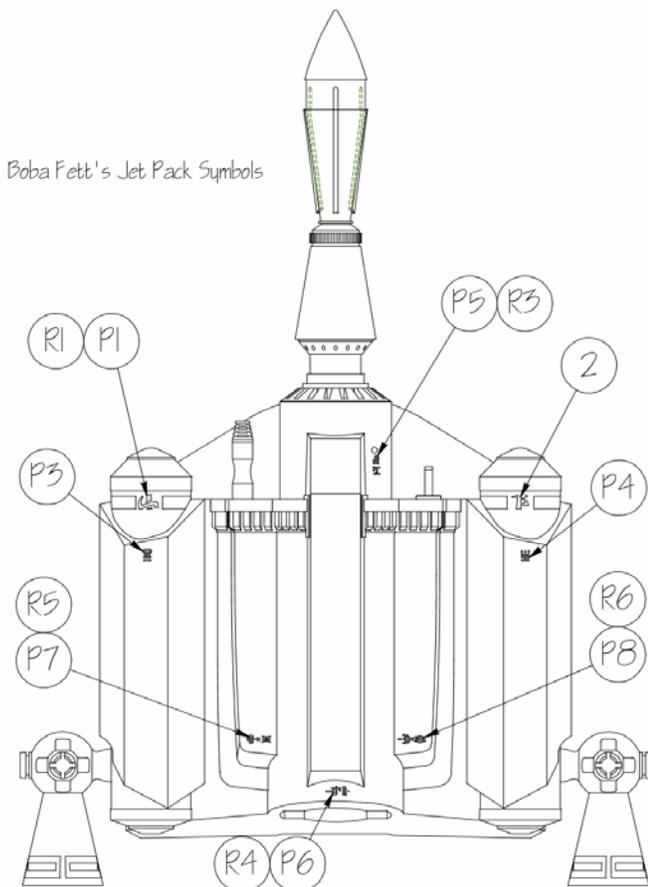
NOTE #2: Salvaging over soaked decals

If for some reason the decals are allowed to soak such that they float off the backing paper all is not lost. The decals can still be applied by using *Future* acrylic floor finish. Make sure that the area where the decal is to be applied is clean and dry. If the decal has dried out soak it water as before for 30 seconds. Apply a thin coat of *Future* to the area where the decal is to be applied with a wide flat brush making sure to cover the entire area where the decal is to go. Before the *Future* dries apply the decal to the coated area. Using the brush, position the decal and work out any air bubbles and smooth out any wrinkles that might exist and allow to dry. The *Future* will act as the glue holding the decal in place. I have used this method many times with excellent results.

Boba Fett - ROTJ MOM Symbols: R1, 2, R3, R4, R5 & R6

PRE-PRO Symbols: P1, 2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P7 & P8

Jango Fett - Celebration II Symbols: J1, J2, J3, J4 & J5

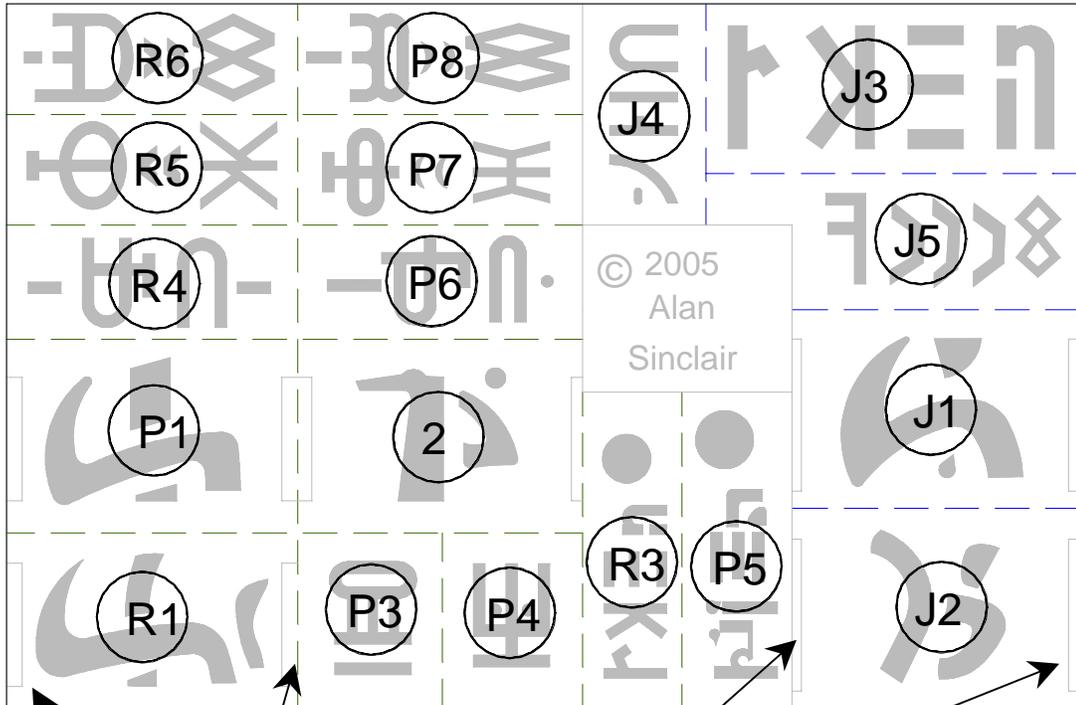


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Once you have chosen a JP version use the character map below to select the appropriate symbols and the diagrams above to position the symbols.

Boba Fett

Jango Fett



Banding Reference Lines:

These reference lines are included to aid in locating the symbols in relationship to the black banding locate at the top of the tanks. They should be trimmed away prior to applying the decals.

If you have any questions or comments please let me know. Feedback and constructive criticism are always welcomed. You can reach me at: wizardofflight@comcast.net I would really like to see pictures of your final results. Good luck.