



Asset Identification Solutions

# KISS<sup>®</sup> Removal Guide

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## 1. Caveat

The guide has been developed following request by a customer, to produce a procedure detailing how to remove Aquasign<sup>®</sup> KISS<sup>®</sup> markers from a substrate before subsequently applying Aquasign<sup>®</sup> Aquahesive<sup>™</sup> markers.

This is a unique request and as such Aquasign<sup>®</sup> has no test data to verify the adhesion of the Aquasign<sup>®</sup> Aquahesive<sup>™</sup> to the cleaned substrate.

From experience, we believe the guide provides an effective solution to the problem; however the customer must follow all recommendations. In particular, the surface preparation must be carried out in strict accordance with the Aquahesive<sup>™</sup> installation guide.

Note the KISS<sup>®</sup> system does not require surface abrasion.

## 2. Removing the Aquasign

When removing Aquasign<sup>®</sup> markers, care must be taken to ensure no damage is made to the coated surface.

Use a glass scrapper along the edge of the marker, ensuring it is placed below the Biohesive<sup>®</sup> seal bead – see Image 1. If no Biohesive seal has been applied, use the scrapper just below the Aquasign marker – see Image 2. This will allow the marker to be removed from the substrate with minimal damage to the coated surface.



**Image 1: Biohesive Seal**



**Image 2: No Biohesive Seal**



Once the scraper has broken the seal, use it to lift the marker edge and peel off the substrate gently using hands – see Images 3 and 4.

**Image 3: Removing Aquasign from Substrate**





#### **Image 4: Peeling Back the Aquasign**



### **3. Preparing the Surface**

To prepare the surface for re-applying an Aquasign KISS<sup>®</sup> marker, acetone should be used as a surface cleaner.

The surface must be completely free of the acrylic/silicone adhesive.

### **4. Aquasign<sup>®</sup> Re-attachment**

Once the surface is prepared, follow the Aquahesive<sup>™</sup> Installation guide to re-attach the markers.