

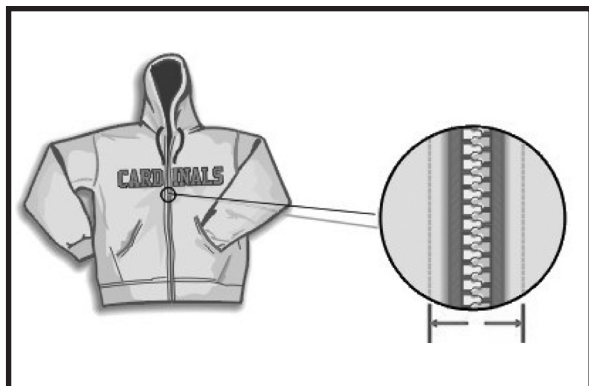
# ALIGNMENT & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR Zipper Front

With an Embroidery Sew Disk

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## BEFORE YOU START:

Design will be straight unless 15° rotation specified



You received a paper proof for your zipper split design. The paper proof shows the stitch file at the actual size. Make sure your appliqué matches the stitch file exactly by laying the appliqué pieces on top of the paper proof. The proof also indicates the number of color changes and appliqué stops.

Because the design cannot be sewn over the zipper, the spacing from seam to seam must be included in the overall design size. Your finished garment will have the design go up to the seam on both sides.

## FOR PROPER ALIGNMENT:

Non-connected block letters work best,  
due to gap in the design between seams.

1. **Please note:** on the proof, the origin point is where the cross hairs intersect. Use the proof as a template for the correct alignment. Trim the template to create a pattern that will easily fit the garment. (Idea: laminate the pattern pieces).
2. With a pin, poke a hole at the origin in your paper pattern. Lay your garment flat. Align paper proof on the right side of the garment along the sewn seam. You may want to tape the pattern pieces in place while you mark the origin. Rub tailor's chalk or marking pen over the origin pinhole that you made.
3. To guarantee a straight, horizontal alignment, use the horizontal lines on the paper proof to draw a chalk line going across the shirt. Mark the hoops to ensure horizontal alignment.
4. With the garment already hooped, place the hoop into the embroidery machine. (Your point of origin will NOT be centered -rather it will be slightly over to the right side of the hoop).

## GETTING READY TO SEW:

5. Load the design from the disk into your embroidery machine. Make certain your needle is over the origin point you marked on the garment.
6. **BEFORE** you start sewing, do a frame trace of the design to ensure proper sewing in the hoop.
7. If the design is a straight layout (ex: script) the file will begin with a straight stitch. If it does not line up along the seam, make adjustments to ensure the garment is straight in the hoop. Sew out running stitch and position appliqué (use Thermo-Tape, spray adhesive or hand iron to tack design down). Finish sewing your design. After sewing, remove the hoop.
8. Heat sealing prevents puckering due to shrinkage. Refer to product tech sheets.  
You are done - Proper alignment in your hoop gave you a perfect zipper split.

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