



The Art of Hand-Carved Signs

Grafixhouse Design Studio







Several of our blog posts have discussed the painstaking quality that goes into the work of a hand carved sign. For ten years, **Grafixhouse Design Studio**, located in Garner, S.C., has specialized in high-quality hand carving and painting. While talking with the owner Steve Kolacz, it's clear he's quite proud that almost all of his beautiful work is done by hand. These pictures are a great testament to the quality and effort that goes into a hand-carved masterpiece.







When Steve is working with **Precision Board Plus** he prefers to use wood-carving tools, sanders and a Dremel. He is also an accomplished airbrush and hand-painting professional artist who does illustrations for books and other art projects. Grafixhouse is a true standout design studio known for exceptional and timely work.





Steve got his start in the professional design industry attending the Genesee Center for the Arts and Education, and later transferring to the Art School at Coker College. While in college, Steve was offered the opportunity to play for a professional soccer team located in Florida. After spending some time in the pro soccer league, Steve made the decision to return to an art career. Honing his skills as an art director for an art agency,

he took that experience and branched out on his own into what is today Grafixhouse Design Studio.

You can check out more of Steve's artwork on his website at: **grafixhouse.net.**

The Anatomy of a Formula SAE Race Car





University of Maryland Terps Racing team

The University of Maryland Terps Racing team recently unveiled their brand-new 2012 Formula SAE car. They are looking forward to an upcoming first race, which will be held in Ontario, Canada on May 24th, and is known as Formula North. Over 70 school teams out of 1200 worldwide will be competing, and University of Maryland currently ranks 10th out of all 1200 schools (All of the individual school rankings can be seen at fs-world.org). They will be competing in two major races for Formula SAE, and will also participate in an additional 8 races for the SCCA, or Sports Car Club of America.

Coastal Enterprises made a donation of the high-density Precision Board Plus that was used to make a 3D model of the under tray. In the past, students have used MDF to create master patterns, which took over 10 weeks for machining to be completed, as opposed to the 1-2 weeks Precision Board Plus took. They also praised the higher level of accuracy attained by using HDU.

For more about the University of Maryland Terps Racing Team project, see the blog post at precisionboard.com.



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- Finished project photos
- Advice for those who are new to Precision Board Plus
- Tips for working with HDU

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