

Window Tinting FAQ's

Where does it go?

Window film is applied to the inside of the glass on both automotive and residential applications. While there are films that can be applied to the outside of the glass, this is not general practice as it leads to fast failure of the film.

What is the legal limit?

In WA, the legal limit of window film to be applied on any non-commercial vehicle is 35%VLT (Visible Light Transmittance). Now this is film and glass together, not just the film, in some cases applying a 35%VLT film to standard glass may in fact lower the total VLT to an illegal level. The installer should check the starting VLT of the glass before recommending any film.

How long does it last?

Depending on the type of film and the maintenance the film has received, some films can last up to 20 years with minimal fading, discoloration and blistering.

What makes of films are there?

There are several types of window films available to the consumer of today. Metalized, Carbon, dyed, ceramic, infra-red and security are a few choices the customer has today. Each film has its pro's and con's so it is important to make sure you get the best film which is applicable to your own needs. Some block out more heat and glare, others are suitable for the safety conscious while some films are purely for looks, but make sure whichever film is chosen it is best suited to the requirements it is being used for.

Can it be damaged?

Yes. Window film does have a good tolerance to everyday wear and tear however mistreatment of the film can destroy the look and effectiveness of the product. In some cases it may need to be replaced.

Why are there tiny bubbles in my film?

Once the film has been applied, there is generally an initial drying time of 48 hours as well as a curing period of approximately 28 days depending on the amount of sunlight the film has received as well as the location of the film. In this time there may be tiny points of light that appear, they are inherent to the film adhesive and do not affect the performance of the film in any way.

Why should I get window tint?

Window tint is one of the fastest hassle free ways of decreasing heat, reduce fading and cutting glare there is on the market today. As well as the bonus of looking good and feeling great, the energy savings and increase in safety make window films one of the best ways to protect yourself and your valuables from the harmful effects of the sun.