



Windscreens and Window Tinting

Introduction

Low light levels reduce vision and are an impediment to safe driving. The national standard for vehicle window tinting (applied film) was first adopted in the ACT in August 1995 and provided for not less than 35% luminous transmittance (LT) on the side and rear window glass.

Requirements/Standards for Window Tinting

Passenger vehicles

A coating or tint applied on the driver and front passenger side windows and rear window must have a resultant LT of not less than 35%.

Any coating or tint applied to vehicle windows and windscreens must be non reflective (i.e. reflectance must not exceed 10%) and must be uniform (i.e. no distortion or bubbling).

Glazing used in the front windscreen of a motor vehicle must have a luminous transmittance of at least 70 percent

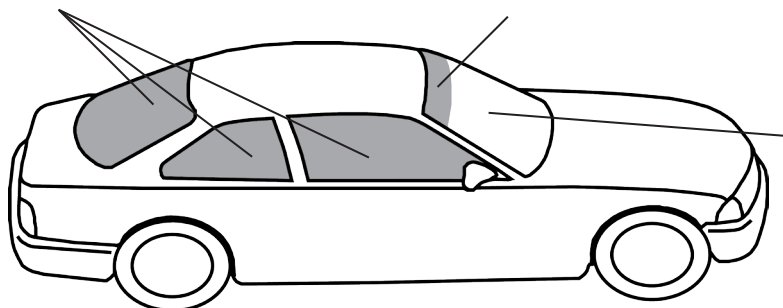
A strip with any LT may be applied to the greater of the following areas of a windscreen:

- (a) the area above the highest point of the windscreen that is swept by a windscreen wiper; or
- (b) the upper 10% of the windscreen.

No other coating or tinting is permitted on the windscreen that reduces its LT.

Glazing used in an interior partition of a motor vehicle must have a LT of at least 70%.

Minimum LT of 35%



Tinted or opaque band allowed at the top of the windscreen. It is not extended below the portion swept by the wipers or 10% of the depth of the windscreen, whichever is greater.

No film at all permitted on the lower part of the windscreen.

Please Note: All passenger vehicle windows that have glass that meets the Australian Design Rules (ADRs) and has dark glass (also called privacy glass) fitted cannot have any window film applied to it. All glazing that includes applied film is required to meet the 35% LT.

Trucks, Commercial vehicles and Buses

The windows either side of the driver have the same window tint requirements as those for passenger vehicles.

Goods-carrying vehicles such as trucks and utilities are designed to be fitted with bodies to carry a load behind the driver. The type of vehicle construction reduces the need to see through the rear window when driving. Therefore there is no minimum LT for windows rearward of the driver on these vehicles.

Further information on Heavy Vehicle Safety Standards; contact the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator via the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator website. www.nhvr.gov.au/

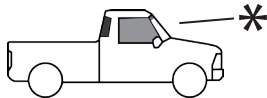
The National Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual (NHVIM) is available online at; www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201402-0124-national-heavy-vehicle-inspection-manual.pdf

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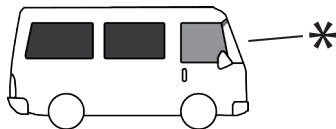
- No limit for windows to the rear of the driver if the vehicle is a bus, stretch limousine, ambulance or hearse.
- No limit for windows with glazing or coating fitted before 1 October 1996 behind the rear of the driver's seat of the vehicle.
- No limit for windows with glazing or coating adjacent to the rear of an area of a motor vehicle designed and built to carry goods.
- No limit for a tinted or opaque band at the top of the windscreen, provided it is above the arc swept by the windscreen wipers, or the upper 10% of the windscreen, whichever is the greater.

Window tinting - trucks, commercial vehicles and buses

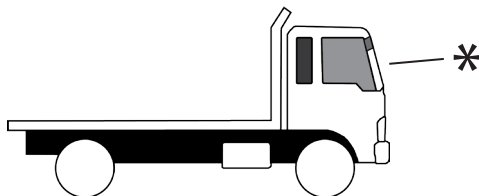
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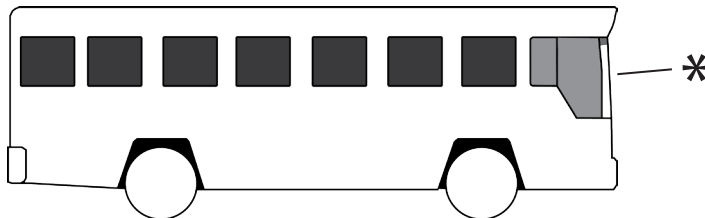
Panel Vans



Trucks



Buses - 10 or more seating positions



* Windscreen

- No film at all allowed on the lower part of the windscreen Minimum 70% LT
- Tinted or opaque band allowed at the top of the windscreen. It is not extended below the portion swept by the wipers or 10% of the depth of the windscreen.

■ Windows

- Minimum 35% LT
- must be non reflective
- must not be damaged, bubbled or discoloured.

■ Windows rearward of driver

- No minimum LT specified for rear windows

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