FACT SHEET

Vehicle Window Tint

In 1996, PennDOT adopted regulations regarding the use of window tint on vehicles operated on Pennsylvania highways. These regulations also eliminated the requirement that window tint be checked at the time of inspection. However, vehicle owners who have window tint materials that exceed the light transmittance requirements indicated below may be stopped and cited while operating their vehicle on the highway.

The table below is designed to assist you in determining what level of window tint is acceptable under the current regulations. The percentages represent the total minimum light transmittance permitted. For example, if the minimum light transmittance noted is 70 percent, this means 70 percent of the light contacting the window must pass through the window.

VEHICLE TYPE	WINDSHIELD	FRONT SIDE WINDOWS & WINGS	REAR SIDE WINDOWS & WINGS	REAR WINDOW
Pre-1998 Passenger Cars	70%	70%	70%	VESC-20 [1]
1998 & Newer Passenger Cars	70%	70%	70%	70%
Trucks & Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles [2]	70%	70%	No Requirement	No Requirement
Medium/Heavy Trucks & Buses	70%	70%	No Requirement	No Requirement
All Other Vehicles	70%	70%	No Requirement	No Requirement

1 Must display a label, permanently installed between the window tint material and the window to which it is applied, containing the name of the material manufacturer or a registration number and the statement, “Complies with VESC-20.”

2 For the purpose of this fact sheet, multi-purpose passenger vehicles are defined as vehicles that are built on a truck chassis or specifically designed for occasional off-road use.

Medical exemptions are available for the use of **colorless** window tint products that filter incoming ultra violet light. To apply for a medical exemption or for questions regarding the medical exemption process, contact PennDOT’s Medical Unit at (717) 787-9662.

Questions regarding window tint materials may be directed to PennDOT’s Vehicle Inspection Division at (717) 787-2895.

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