

FACT SHEET



VEHICLE SUN SCREENING

On September 28, 1996, the Department adopted regulations regarding the use of window tinting (sun screening) on vehicles operated on Pennsylvania highways. These regulations also eliminated the requirement that sun screening be checked at the time of inspection. However, vehicle owners who have sun screening 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 sun screening 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%, this means 70% 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 sun screening 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.

Certificates of exemption are available for vehicles that were equipped with window darkening sun screening products installed prior to September 8, 1984, if the vehicle was registered in Pennsylvania at that time. Medical exemptions are available for the use of **colorless** sun screening products that filter incoming ultra violet light.

Questions regarding sun-screening materials, exemption application requests and certificates of exemption may be directed to the Vehicle Inspection Division at (717) 783-5837..

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