

V51 – Vehicle window tinting

Information Bulletin

Introduction

Low light levels reduce vision and are an impediment to safe driving.

The national standard for vehicle window tinting was first adopted in the NT in June 1984 and provided for not less than 70% luminous transmittance (LT) on the driver and front passenger side windows, and not less than 35% LT for rear windows.

Light vehicles

From 2009, an NT exemption allows a coating or tint applied rearward of the driver's seating position to have an LT of not less than 15% - refer **Appendix A** – copy of Gazette Notice G2, 14 January 2009, 16/2. Other glazing requirements continue to apply.

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:

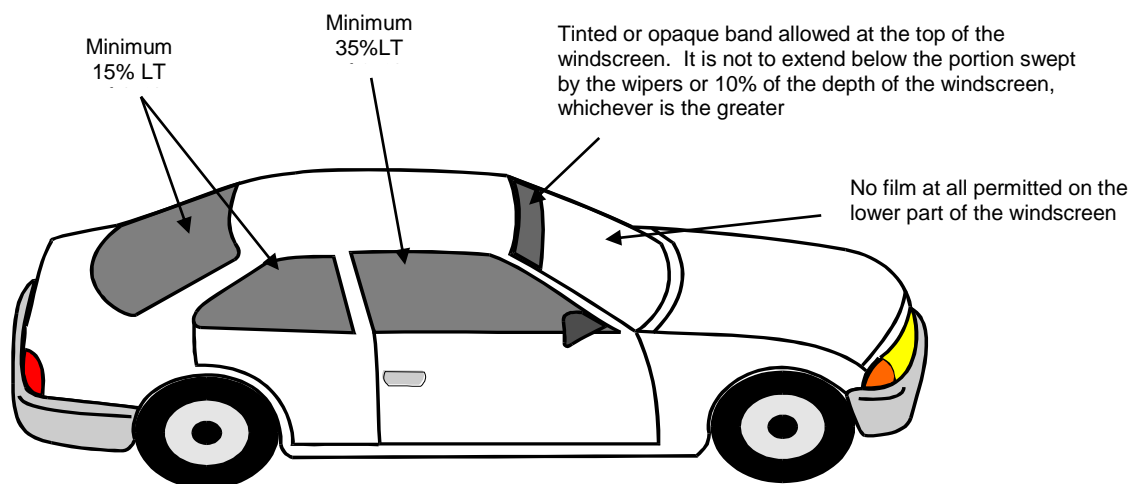
- 1) for a motor vehicle built after 1971 – 75%; or
- 2) for another motor vehicle – 70%.

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

- 1) the area above the highest point of the windscreen that is swept by a windscreen wiper; or
- 2) 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 light vehicle must have a LT of at least 70%.



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Any in-service goods carrying vehicle that has glass panels (glazing) fitted in lieu of solid panels, or a bus which has glazing fitted in positions that are not required for vision when controlling the vehicle, may tint these glass panels to any LT percentage to meet operational needs.

Any vehicle fitted with window tint with a LT of less than 70% must have external rear vision mirrors fitted to both sides of the vehicle.

Heavy vehicles (over 4.5 tonne GVM)

From 2014, an NT exemption removes LT requirements for any glazing rearward of the driver's seating position – refer **Appendix B** – copy of Gazette Notice S119, 26 November 2014. Other glazing requirements continue to apply.

A coating or tint applied on the driver and front passenger side windows 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:

- 1) for a motor vehicle built after 1971 – 75%; or
- 2) for another motor vehicle – 70%.

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

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

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

External rear vision mirrors must be fitted on both sides of the vehicle which comply with the regulations

Glazing must not have a reflectance of more than 10%.

Note:

- i. Refer **Appendix A** Gazette Notice G2, 14 January 2009, 16/2 Exemption from Motor Vehicle (Standards) Regulations.
- ii. Refer **Appendix B** Gazette Notice S119 “Heavy Vehicle Window Tint Exemption” published on 26 November 2014.
- iii. NT registered vehicles transferring registration to another jurisdiction will need to comply with the requirements of that jurisdiction.

More Information

For more information, contact the department on 08 8924 7157 or email vehiclestandards.mvr@nt.gov.au

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Appendix A

Copy of Gazette Notice G2, 14 January 2009, 16/2

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Motor Vehicles Act

EXEMPTION FROM MOTOR VEHICLES (STANDARDS) REGULATIONS

I, NICHOLAS PAPANDONAKIS, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to section 135 of the *Motor Vehicles Act*, exempt an external window of a motor vehicle fitted with an applied film or coating that is rearward of the driver's seating position from the provisions of Schedule 6 Rule 44 of the *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations*, on the condition that the luminous transmittance is not less than 15%.

Dated 6 January 2009

N. PAPANDONAKIS

Registrar of Motor Vehicles

Appendix B

Copy of Gazette Notice S119, 26 November 2014

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Motor Vehicles Act

EXEMPTION FROM MOTOR VEHICLES (STANDARDS) REGULATIONS

Heavy Vehicle Window Tint Exemption

I, SHAAN KRISTEL NOVAK, Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to section 135 of the *Motor Vehicles Act*, exempt a heavy vehicle with a gross vehicle mass greater than 4.5 tonnes from the provisions of Schedule 6 Rule 44(5) of the *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations*.

Dated 25 November 2014

S.K. NOVAK

Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles