

Removing Window Film



How does window film stick to glass?

There are two types of adhesives commonly used to apply film to windows in the home, office or vehicles:

- ☐ Pressure Sensitive (PS) adhesives, typically used in decorative, automotive and some flat glass installations. When the backing sheet is removed from the window film, one surface is sticky to touch
- ☐ Clear dry adhesive (CDA), activated by a chemical treatment process, is not sticky to the touch when the liner sheet is removed



WFAANZ recommends you always seek professional advice when removing film

The polyester component of the film can be removed from the glass with minimal physical effort

The challenging part is removing the glue from the window

Three approaches to removing adhesive — chemical adhesive remover, industrial scraper or a combination of both



Each approach has risks when handled by a novice, such as...

Personal injury

Damage to the interior of the car or room

Scratching the glass

When removing film from your vehicle's rear window, you could ruin the demister bars

Hiring a professional with the necessary experience and equipment will save you money in the long run

THINGS TO KNOW

- ☐ **Professional.**
Leave it to the experts. DIY film removal usually ends up costing more than hiring a professional
- ☐ **Risks.**
Consider the risks to yourself, your windows and your furnishings before taking on the job alone
- ☐ **Negotiate.**
Some installers will remove film for free if you hire them to apply new film
- ☐ **Cost.**
The cost of film removal varies from case to case, but it will always be cheaper than buying new windows
- ☐ **Warranty.**
Such is the confidence in modern window films, WFAANZ distributor members (film suppliers) warranty their products for a minimum of seven years

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