

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

VLT in VIC: what you need to know



Rear windows get darker

In July 2018 the *Victorian Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009*, incorporating amendments as at 1 July 2018, announced a revision of the visible light transmission (VLT) allowance for Victorian light vehicles. Providing a rear vision mirror is fitted to both sides of the vehicle, tinters can apply aftermarket film to the rear passenger windows and back window to achieve 20% VLT. This amendment aligns with model law maintained by the National Transport Commission (NTC).

One crucial point to keep in mind - the VLT limit of the two front wind up windows remains at 35% VLT.

WFAANZ provides a further summary of considerations for tinters below. For the full regulations please refer to the VicRoads regulations available on the WFAANZ website, www.wfaanz.org.au.

Getting it clear

Windows in front of the B pillar: may have aftermarket window film installed to achieve 35% VLT.

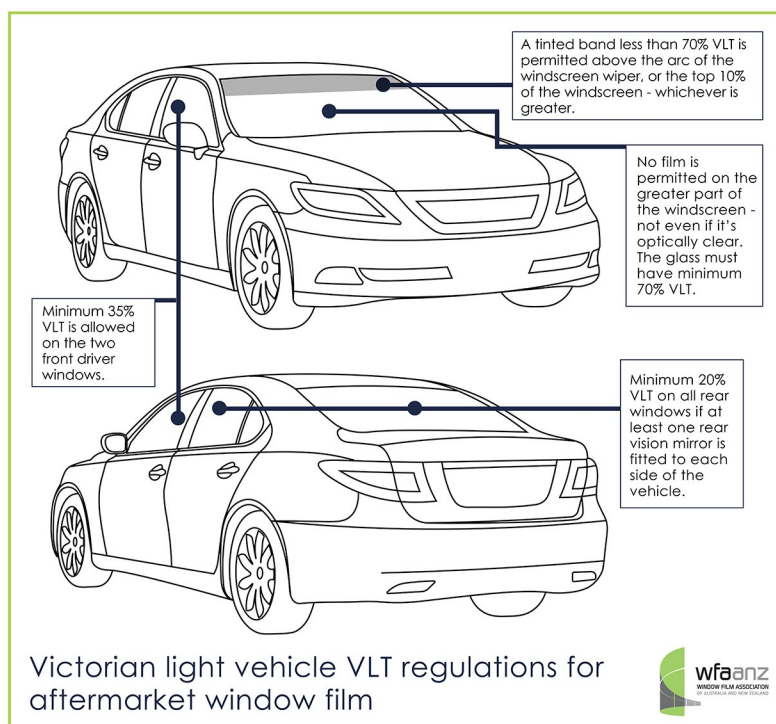
Windows behind the B pillar: may have aftermarket window film installed to achieve 20% VLT if at least one compliant rear vision mirror is fitted on each side of the vehicle.

Windscreen: window film cannot be applied to the greater part of a windscreen, and the glass must not be darker than 70% VLT. Film can be applied to the area above the highest point of the windscreen wiper arc, or the upper 10% of the windscreen.

Privacy glass: film cannot be applied to privacy glass if the VLT is already less than 20% for rears or 35% for front wind ups. In all cases, the combination of glass + film must comply with the regulations.

Goods vehicle: Clause 44(5B) of Schedule 2 to the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations provides a 0% VLT for goods vehicles with either: a) four wheels, regardless of mass, or b) three wheels with a GVM of more than 1 tonne.

Reflectance: must not be more than 10% on any window fitted with film.



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