

# VICTORIAN VLT REGULATIONS

## How dark can I go?

Car owners get their windows tinted for a variety of reasons - aesthetics, comfort, health and safety being the main ones. But there is a legal limit to how dark car windows can be tinted in Victoria.

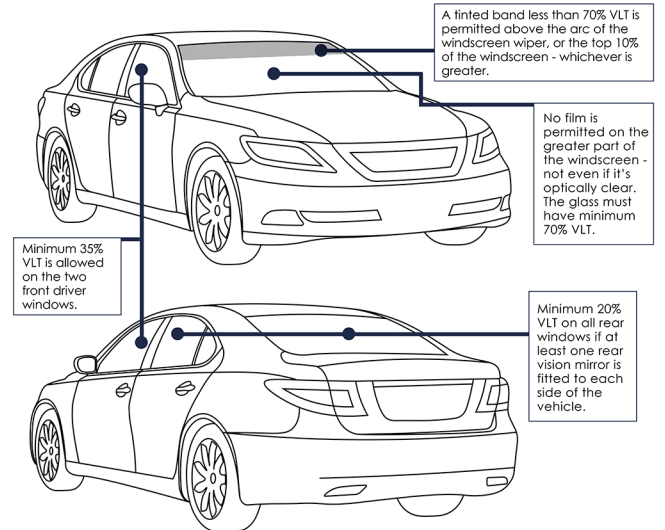
The darkness of automotive tint is expressed as a VLT percentage, which stands for visible light transmission. The lower the VLT percentage, the darker the tint.

Light vehicle windows fall into three categories, each with its own VLT limit:

- ☐ **Front windows**, also called the driver or front wind up windows, have a 35% VLT limit.
- ☐ **Rear windows**, i.e. every window behind the driver including the back window, has a 20% VLT limit if at least one compliant rear vision mirror is fitted to each side of the vehicle (this allowance was legislated in July 2018).
- ☐ **Windscreen** glass must have minimum 70% VLT. No film is permitted on the windscreen apart from a tinted band (which can be less than 70% VLT) in the area above the highest point of the windscreen wiper arc OR the top 10% of the windscreen, whichever is greater.

### The privacy glass factor

Car windows usually come with colour already in the glass, this is called factory tint or privacy glass. When applying aftermarket window film, the tinter must ensure the combination of factory-tinted glass + film complies with VLT regulations, i.e. 20% for rears and 35% for the front wind ups.



Victorian light vehicle VLT regulations for aftermarket window film

### Reflectance

Another thing to consider when tinting your windows is reflectance. This represents the ratio of light reflected outward by the tint, to the total amount of light falling onto the tint. Passenger car windows fitted with window film must not have a reflectance of more than 10%.

## What if I don't comply?

The potential ramifications of having your car windows tinted illegally include a hefty fine, roadworthiness inspection failure, voidance of insurance in a claim, compromised safety and if illegal tint is found to be a contributing factor in a car accident, litigation. That's why it pays to stick to the VLT limit.

For further information please visit [wfaanz.org.au](http://wfaanz.org.au).