

Cart Tints - Legal

Car Window Tinting - what is allowed?

The Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations 1986 state the minimum levels of light that must pass through the windscreen and front side windows, of your motor vehicle, are as follows:

Motor Vehicles first used before 1 April 1985: the windscreen and front side windows must allow at least 70% of light through.

Motor Vehicles first used on or after 1 April 1985: the windscreen must allow at least 75% of light through whilst the front side windows must allow 70% through.

From this it is clear that most tinted film cannot be applied to the windscreen and front windows, although it is perfectly acceptable to apply clear UV protection films to these, as these do not affect the amount of light passing through to any degree. Although not an MoT requirement, failure to comply with the regulations is illegal, and can result in receipt of a prohibition notice, stopping you from using the vehicle until the tints are removed, a penalty notice or a court summons, as well as the possibility of invalidating your insurance. You are also not permitted to sell a vehicle with illegal windscreen and front window tints.

There are no rules for tinting the rear windscreen or rear passenger windows.

More information can be found via the [VOSA website](#).