

CALIFORNIA CODES

VEHICLE CODE

26708. (a) (1) No person shall drive any motor vehicle with any object or material placed, displayed, installed, affixed, or applied upon the windshield or side or rear windows.

(2) No person shall drive any motor vehicle with any object or material placed, displayed, installed, affixed, or applied in or upon the vehicle which obstructs or reduces the driver's clear view through the windshield or side windows.

(3) This subdivision applies to a person driving a motor vehicle with the driver's clear vision through the windshield, or side or rear windows, obstructed by snow or ice.

(b) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) Rearview mirrors.

(2) Adjustable nontransparent sun visors which are mounted forward of the side windows and are not attached to the glass.

(3) Signs, stickers, or other materials which are displayed in a 7-inch square in the lower corner of the windshield farthest removed from the driver, signs, stickers, or other materials which are displayed in a 7-inch square in the lower corner of the rear window farthest removed from the driver, or signs, stickers, or other materials which are displayed in a 5-inch square in the lower corner of the windshield nearest the driver.

(4) Side windows which are to the rear of the driver.

(5) Direction, destination, or termini signs upon a passenger common carrier motor vehicle or a school bus, if those signs do not interfere with the driver's clear view of approaching traffic.

(6) Rear window wiper motor.

(7) Rear trunk lid handle or hinges.

(8) The rear window or windows, when the motor vehicle is equipped with outside mirrors on both the left- and right-hand sides of the vehicle that are so located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway through each mirror for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle.

(9) A clear, transparent lens affixed to the side window opposite the driver on a vehicle greater than 80 inches in width and which occupies an area not exceeding 50 square inches of the lowest corner toward the rear of that window and which provides the driver with a wide-angle view through the lens.

(10) Sun screening devices meeting the requirements of Section 26708.2 installed on the side windows on either side of the vehicle's front seat, if the driver or a passenger in the front seat has in his or her possession a letter or other document signed by a licensed physician and surgeon certifying that the person must be shaded from the sun due to a medical condition, or has in his or her possession a letter or other document signed by a licensed optometrist certifying that the person must be shaded from the sun due to a visual condition. The devices authorized by this paragraph shall not be used during darkness.

(11) An electronic communication device affixed to the center uppermost portion of the interior of a windshield within an area that is not greater than 5 inches square, if the device provides either of the following:

(A) The capability for enforcement facilities of the Department of the California Highway Patrol to communicate with a vehicle equipped with the device.

(B) The capability for electronic toll and traffic management on public or private roads or facilities.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), transparent material may be installed, affixed, or applied to the topmost portion of the windshield if the following conditions apply:

(1) The bottom edge of the material is at least 29 inches above the undepressed driver's seat when measured from a point 5 inches in front of the bottom of the backrest with the driver's seat in its rearmost and lowermost position with the vehicle on a level surface.

(2) The material is not red or amber in color.

(3) There is no opaque lettering on the material and any other lettering does not affect primary colors or distort vision through the windshield.

(4) The material does not reflect sunlight or headlight glare into the eyes of occupants of oncoming or following vehicles to any greater extent than the windshield without the material.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), clear, colorless, and transparent material may be installed, affixed, or applied to the front side windows, located to the immediate left and right of the front seat if the following conditions are met:

(1) The material has a minimum visible light transmittance of 88 percent.

(2) The window glazing with the material applied meets all requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 205 (49 C.F.R. 571.205), including the specified minimum light transmittance of 70 percent and the abrasion resistance of AS-14 glazing, as specified in that federal standard.

(3) The material is designed and manufactured to enhance the ability of the existing window glass to block the sun's harmful ultraviolet A rays.

(4) The driver has in his or her possession, or within the vehicle, a certificate signed by the installing company certifying that the windows with the material installed meet the requirements of this subdivision and identifies the installing company and the material's manufacturer by full name and street address, or, if the material was installed by the vehicle owner, a certificate signed by the material's manufacturer certifying that the windows with the material installed

according to manufacturer's instructions meets the requirements of this subdivision and identifies the material's manufacturer by full name and street address.

(5) If the material described in this subdivision tears or bubbles, or is otherwise worn to prohibit clear vision, it shall be removed or replaced.

Amended Sec. 77, Ch. 1154, Stats. 1996. Effective September 30, 1996.
Amended Sec. 1, Ch. 476, Stats. 1998. Effective January 1, 1999.

26708.2. Sun screening devices permitted by paragraph (10) of subdivision (b) of Section 26708 shall meet the following requirements:

(a) The devices shall be held in place by means allowing ready removal from the window area, such as a frame, a rigid material with temporary fasteners, or a flexible roller shade.

(b) Devices utilizing transparent material shall be green, gray, or a neutral smoke in color and shall have a luminous transmittance of not less than 35 percent.

(c) Devices utilizing nontransparent louvers or other alternating patterns of opaque and open sections shall have an essentially uniform pattern over the entire surface, except for framing and supports. At least 35 percent of the device area shall be open and no individual louver or opaque section shall have a projected vertical dimension exceeding 3/16 inch.

(d) The devices shall not have a reflective quality exceeding 35 percent on either the inner or outer surface.

26708.5. (a) No person shall place, install, affix, or apply any transparent material upon the windshield, or side or rear windows, of any motor vehicle if the material alters the color or reduces the light transmittance of the windshield or side or rear windows, except as provided in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 26708.

(b) Tinted safety glass may be installed in a vehicle if (1) the

glass complies with motor vehicle safety standards of the United States Department of Transportation for safety glazing materials, and (2) the glass is installed in a location permitted by those standards for the particular type of glass used.

26710. It is unlawful to operate any motor vehicle upon a highway when the windshield or rear window is in such a defective condition as to impair the driver's vision either to the front or rear.

In the event any windshield or rear window fails to comply with this code the officer making the inspection shall direct the driver to make the windshield and rear window conform to the requirements of this code within 48 hours. The officer may also arrest the driver and give him notice to appear and further require the driver or the owner of the vehicle to produce in court satisfactory evidence that the windshield or rear window has been made to conform to the requirements of this code.

a STATE WINDOW TINTING RULES & LAWS

Rev May 24, 2005		% OF <--- VISIBLE LIGHT TRANSMISSION --->							% OF REFLECTIVITY		RESTRICTED COLORS	L&R.MIR R.	CERTI F.	STCKR/LOC	MEDICAL
LAW	WIND- SHIELD	F.SID E	B.SID E	B.SID E	REA R	REAR (MPV)	F.SIDE (SEE LEGEND)	B.SID E	ALL GLASS (SEE LEGEND)	REQ.	REQ.	SPEC / ALL	YES		
ST R	YEA R	TYPE	D	(car)	(MPV)	(car)	(MPV)	NMM A	NMM A	R, A, Y	NO	NO	NO	YES	
AL	96	NET	6"	32	32	ANY	32	ANY	20	20	N/S	NO	YES	SPEC / ALL	YES
AK	94	NET	5"	70	40	ANY	40	ANY	NMM A	NMM A	R, A, Y	NO	NO	NO	YES

AZ 94	NET	AS1	33	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	35	35	R, A	YES	NO	NO	YES
AR 93	NET	5"	25	25	10	10	10	NR	NR	N/S	NO	NO	SPEC / DRIVER	YES
CA 99	NET	4"	70	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	MNIR	MNIR	R, A, B	YES	NO	NO	*YES
CO 95	NET	4"	27	27	27	27	27	NMM A	NMM A	R, A	YES	NO	RECOMME ND	NO
CO 95	NET	4"	NO	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	NMM A	NMM A	R, A	NO	NO	NO	NO
CT 94	NET	AS1	35	35	ANY	ANY	ANY	21	27	N/S	YES	YES	SPEC / ALL	NO
DE 92	NET	AS1	70	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	NR	NR	N/S	YES	NO	SPEC / DRIVER	YES
FL 91	NET	AS1	28	15	6	15	6	25	35	ALL	YES	NO	SPEC / DOOR	YES
GA 2005	NET	6"	32	32	ANY	32	ANY	20	20	R, A	NO	NO	NO	YES
HI 89	NET	4"	35	35	ANY	35	ANY	NR	NR	N/S	YES	NO	NO	NO
ID 92	FILM	AS1	35	20	ANY	35	ANY	35	35	N/S	YES	NO	NO	YES
IL 98	NET	6"	NO	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	MBNR	MBNR	N/S	YES	NO	NO	YES
IN 2003	VAGU E	AS1	30	30	VAGU E	30	VAGU E	25	25	N/S	NO	YES	NO	YES
IA 83	NET	AS1	70	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	NE	NE	N/S	NO	NO	NO	YES
KS 87	NET	AS1	35	35	35	35	35	MBNR	MBNR	R, A, Y	YES	NO	RECOMME ND	NO
KY 94	FILM	AS1	35	18	8	18	8	25	25	N/S	NO	YES	SPEC / DOOR	NO
LA 93	NET	AS1	40	25	ANY	12	ANY	20	20	N/S	NO	YES	SPEC / DRIVER	YES
ME 89	FILM	4"	50	50	ANY	50	ANY	MBNR	MBNR	N/S	YES	YES	NO	NO
MD 95	NET	5"	35	35	ANY	35	ANY	NONE	NONE	R, A, Y	YES	YES	SPEC / ALL	YES

MA 85	NET	6"	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	N/S	YES	NO	RECOMME ND	YES
MI 2000	NET	4"	4"	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	35	35	N/S	NO	NO	NO	YES
MN 85	VAGU E	NO	50	50	50	50	50	20	20	N/S	NO	NO	SPEC / DRIVER	YES
MS 2005	NET	AS1	35	35	35	35	35	20	20	N/S	NO	YES	SPEC / ALL	YES
MO 2002	NET	AS1	35	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	35	35	N/S	YES	NO	NO	YES
MT 91	FILM	AS1	35	20	ANY	20	ANY	35	35	N/S	NO	NO	RECOMME ND	YES
NE 94	FILM	AS1 OR 5"	35	20	35	20	35	35	35	**R, A, Y	VAGUE	NO	NO	YES
NV 93	NET	AS1	35	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	NONE	NONE	N/S	YES	YES	NO	YES
NH 90	NET	6"	NO	35	ANY	35	ANY	NR	NR	N/S	YES	NO	RECOMME ND	NO
NJ 00	NET	NO	NO	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	NMM A	NMM A	N/S	YES	NO	NO	YES
NM97	NET	AS1 OR 5"	20	20	ANY	20	ANY	NONE	NONE	N/S	YES	YES	SPEC / DRIVER	YES
NY 91	NET	6"	70	70	ANY	ANY	ANY	NR	NR	N/S	YES	NO	SPEC / ALL	YES
NC 95	NET	AS1	35	35	ANY	35	ANY	20	20	R, A, Y	YES	NO	NO	YES
ND 2003	NET	70	50	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	NR	NR	N/S	YES	NO	NO	NO
OH 2004	NET	70	50	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	MNIR	MNIR	R, Y	YES	YES	SPEC / ALL	YES
OK 95	NET	AS1 OR 5"	25	25	ANY	25	ANY	25	25	N/S	YES	YES	NO	YES
OR 2003	NET	6"	35	35	ANY	35	ANY	13	13	R, G, A, Y, BK	YES	YES	NO	YES
PA 99	NET	NO	70	70	ANY	70	ANY	NR	NR	N/S	YES	NO	SPEC / REAR	YES
RI 00	NET	AS1	70	70	ANY	70	ANY	NONE	NONE	N/S	NO	NO	NO	YES

SC 92	NET	AS1	27	27	ANY*	27	ANY	MBNR	MBNR	R, A, Y	YES	YES	SPEC / ALL	YES
SD 89	NET	AS1	35	20	NR	20	NR	NR	NR	N/S	NO	YES	SPEC / ALL	NO
TN 90	NET	AS1	35	35	ANY	35	ANY	NR	NR	N/S	NO	NO	SPEC / DRIVER	YES
TX 2003	NET	AS1 or 5"	25	25	ANY	ANY	ANY	25	25	R, B, A	YES	YES	SPEC / DRIVER	YES
UT 94	NET	AS1	43	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	NMM A	NMM A	N/S	YES	NO	NO	NO
VT 84	NET	AS1	NO	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	NR	NR	N/S	YES	NO	NO	NO
VA 99	NET	AS1	50	35	ANY	35	ANY	20	20	R, A, Y	YES	NO	NONE	YES
WA 93	FILM	6"	35	35	ANY	35	ANY	35	35	R, A, Y	YES	YES	SPEC / DRIVER	YES
WV 91	NET	5"	35	35	ANY	35	ANY	20	20	R, A, Y	YES	YES	SPEC / ALL	YES
WI 96	NET	AS1	50	35	35	35	35	MBNR	MBNR	N/S	YES	NO	NO	YES
WY 96	NET	AS1 OR 5"	28	28	ANY	28	ANY	20	20	N/S	YES	NO	NO	YES
Wass 2001	NET	AS1 OR 5"	70	50	35	50	35							YES

**Pick-Up Trucks are not considered MPV's

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NET = VLT% refers to the combined LT of film and glass.

Reflectivity: NR = NOT REGULATED, NE = NOT EXCESSIVE (NOT SPECIFIC), MBNR = MUST BE NON - REFLECTIVE (NOT SPECIFIC),

MNIR = MUST NOT INCREASE REFLECTIVITY, NMMA = NO METALLIC OR MIRRORED APPEARANCE,

NONE = NO REFERENCE

TO REFLECTIVITY IN

THE CURRENT LAW

* Medical Exemption Day Time Only

Colors: R = RED, A = AMBER, Y = YELLOW, B = BLUE, G = GOLD, BK =

BLACK, N/S = NOT SPECIFIED

**Above AS1 only

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