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Albany, New York

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TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Window Tint and Window Tint Exemptions

The Department of Motor Vehicles has become aware of an increase in the number of vehicles on the road with tinted windows including full windshield tint. We recognize that many of these vehicles are legitimate and have been issued a medical exemption by the DMV. However, we are concerned about the high number of vehicles with tinted windows on the road with current inspection certificates and/or fraudulent window tint medical exemption certificates.

Acceptable levels of window tint are dependent on the model year of the vehicle. The portion of Commissioner's Regulations Part 54.40 that outlines this information is attached.

If during your vehicle checks you encounter a vehicle with a questionable window tint medical exemption certificate, please contact DFI Albany Frauds Unit (518) 473-6470 to check its validity. Examples of the front and back of a window tint medical exemption certificate are attached for your reference.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

Mark J.F. Schroeder
Commissioner

Attachments

NYS DEPARTMENT OF
MOTOR VEHICLES



**EXEMPT
TINTED WINDOW(S)**

VEHICLE:

Plate Number	Year
Make	Color

THIS SIDE FACES WINDOW

MV-80W.2 (07/21)

Front Side

These windows are permitted to be darkly tinted, as authorized by Section 375 (12-a)(c) of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law. A permanent record is on file with the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, Medical Review Unit, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-0220.

VEHICLE:

Plate Number	Year
Make	Color

Place this certificate on the inside center top of any window except for the front windshield.

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VOID IF ALTERED

Rear Side

54.40 Light Transmittance Standards for Motor Vehicle Windows and Windshields

- (a) The front windshield below the top 6 inches shall not have a light transmittance of less than 70 percent for 1992 and newer vehicles or 35 percent light transmittance for 1991 and older vehicles.
- (b) The windows on either side forward or adjacent to the driver's seating position shall not have a light transmittance of less than 70 percent for 1992 and newer vehicles or 35 percent light transmittance for 1991 and older vehicles.
- (c) Any rear side windows in a 1992 or newer vehicle shall not have a light transmittance of less than 70 percent if the vehicle is classified as a station wagon, sedan, hardtop, coupe, hatchback, or convertible. A vehicle is so classified if it is labeled "Passenger Car" on the Federal ID label found on the left front door panel.
- (d) For vehicles that are not equipped with a side-view mirror on both sides of the vehicle, the rear windshield shall not have a light transmittance of less than 70 percent for 1992 and newer vehicles or 35 percent light transmittance for 1991 and older vehicles. (Added 3/15/17)