



## TOOLS NEEDED:

(SOLD SEPARATELY)

We recommend using the  
**GILA® Complete Window Film  
Application Kit**  
(Item #50146305 / Model #RTK500)

- GILA® Window Film Application Solution
- Low-lint cloth
- Utility knife (for cutting film)
- Squeegee or squeegee card

Included in the GILA Complete Window Film Application Kit



## HELPFUL HINTS:

- Before starting your DIY Project, refer to [www.gilafilms.com](http://www.gilafilms.com) for comprehensive and updated support material including frequently asked questions, product data and installation videos.
- The GILA® application solution will serve as a lubricant for the squeegee during glass cleaning, application, and future cleaning after installation.
- Use smaller pieces of extra film to practice before your first time installing.
- Apply the film to cool glass, when it is not facing direct sunlight.
- Apply film in a well-lit, dust-free environment.
- While it is safe to apply film year-round, we do not recommend applying film when the temperature is below freezing (32°F).
- Handle the film carefully to help prevent creasing.
- Installation is easier with two people.
- Rinse fingertips clean and keep them wet when handling the film to help avoid leaving fingerprints on the surface of the film during installation.

# Installation Instructions

## ARCHITECTURAL WINDOW FILMS

### PRIVACY CONTROL MIRROR WINDOW FILM

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED

- Single-edged razor blade (for cleaning glass)
- Tape measure or ruler
- Transparent tape
- Scissors

**CAUTION!** Use caution when handling sharp objects

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

### INTENDED USE

*Gila architectural Privacy Control Mirror Window Film should only be applied as directed:*

- Apply to the **INSIDE** surface of standard 1/8" glass panes. This includes single, dual, removable, storm panes, all window shapes such as patio and French doors, and half-rounds.
- Apply to the **INSIDE** surface of exterior removable storm panes

## WHERE NOT TO APPLY

- **DO NOT** apply any architectural window films to motor vehicle windows. Visit [www.gilafilms.com](http://www.gilafilms.com) for information on products designed for automotive applications.
- **DO NOT** apply film to glass containing holes, or frosted, etched, leaded, cracked, deeply scratched, flawed or otherwise defective glass.
- **DO NOT** apply film to glass that is more than 40 years old.
- **DO NOT** apply film to materials other than glass, including plastic or plexiglass surfaces.
- **DO NOT** apply film to triple pane windows.







## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### CUSTOMER SUPPORT

**Customer Service:**

1.800.528.4481  
Available 24 hours,  
7 days a week

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### POST YOUR RESULTS!

Great work. You have successfully applied your window film. Please share your photos with us on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/gilafilms.com](https://facebook.com/gilafilms.com).

### CURING TIME

The film fully "cures" over the next week to 10 days. Dry, sunny weather speeds curing; wet, cold weather prolongs it. During curing, the film may initially look hazy or cloudy; this effect will disappear with time and/or exposure to heat (i.e. the sun or a hair dryer).

### CORRECTING IMPERFECTIONS

You may notice imperfections such as air bubbles or debris between the film and the glass. The film's adhesive allows you to peel the film away from the glass, address the imperfection, and re-apply for up to 24 hours from time of installation. Simply peel the affected area from the film away from the glass, spray the film and glass with application solution, and use your squeegee or utility knife to remove any debris or bubbles. Once applied, re-spray the outer surface of the film and re-squeegee.

### CLEANING AND CARE

Wait at least 3 days after installation before cleaning your windows. Clean the film with application solution and a low-lint cloth or paper towel. It is safe to use ammonia-based cleaners if the cleaner sits on the film for no more than two minutes.

### REMOVAL

Removal is as easy as peeling the film away from the glass. However, if your film has been installed for several years or it doesn't peel off the glass easily, please use the GILA® Window Film Remover Kit (Item #FR200, sold separately) to facilitate removal. Additional information about this removal kit can be found at [www.gilafilms.com](http://www.gilafilms.com).

### FOR WINDOWS LARGER THAN FILM SIZE

To cover larger windows, you may need to seam the film, as you would wallpaper. To obtain a perfect butt seam, vertically overlap two sides, then use a ruler as a straight edge to guide your knife as you cut through the center of both layers of film. After cutting the seam line, peel the loose sheet of film from the top, then lift the edge and slide the other waste piece from underneath. Rewet the glass, lay down the film, rewet the film, then squeegee from top to bottom in a slow vertical motion. A week after installation, we suggest you waterproof the seam with a coat of clear fingernail polish.

### LIMITED WARRANTY

Eastman Performance Films, LLC warrants GILA® window films against manufacturing defects for a period of two years from the date of original purchase with the exception of Heat Shield™ Elite automotive products that are warranted for a three (3) year period from the date of original purchase. If any product fails to conform to the foregoing limited warranty, and the purchaser submits a valid warranty claim during the warranty period set forth above, the purchaser may be eligible for replacement product at no charge. Original proof of purchase and an explanation of the manufacturing defect will be required to substantiate any warranty claim. It is therefore recommended that the purchaser retain the sales receipt. In addition, we reserve the right to request samples of the defective window film to substantiate any warranty claim. For complete warranty information or to submit a claim, please visit the Warranty section at [www.gilafilms.com](http://www.gilafilms.com).