



## TOOLS NEEDED:

(SOLD SEPARATELY)

We recommend using the  
**GILA® Complete Window Film  
Application Kit**  
(Item #50146241 / Model #FS600)

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

Included in the GILA Complete Window Tint Application Kit



## HELPFUL HINTS:

- Before starting your DIY Window Tint 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.
- Change the utility knife blade after trimming the tint/film for each window.
- Start with the smallest flat window first to become more comfortable handling the film.
- Apply film in a shaded, well-lit, dust-free environment.
- Apply film when temperature is below 100°F, but also when temperatures will be above 40°F for at least three days.
- Handle the film carefully to prevent creasing.
- Installation is easier with two people.
- Rinse fingertips clean and keep them wet when handling the film to avoid leaving fingerprints on the surface of the film during installation.

# How to:

## AUTOMOTIVE ADHESIVE WINDOW TINT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS | REAR WINDOW (FOR TRUCK & SUV FLAT GLASS)

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED

- Single-edged razor blade (for cleaning glass)
- Tape measure
- Transparent Tape
- Portable work light

### TINT LAWS

Most states permit some tinted windows. Laws differ from state to state regarding window tint light transmission and reflectance percentages. **BEFORE** installing **ANY** window film on **ANY** vehicle, check with your state police and comply with applicable tint laws. The manufacturer and retailer assume no responsibility for the misuse, illegal or improper application of window film. Visit the following website to review your state's laws: [www.iwfa.com/state-law-charts](http://www.iwfa.com/state-law-charts)

### REAR WINDOW APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Rear windows are often curved from both side-to-side and top-to-bottom, and film cannot conform to these compound curves in one piece.

#### GENERAL GUIDELINES

##### Flatter Glass

*Installation strips not required – One piece installation – Instructions below*

Vehicle types include:

- Most pick-up truck rear windows
- SUV rear side windows (that do not roll down)
- SUV rear windows with flat glass

##### Curved Glass

*If the glass has a deeper curve, cut and apply film in narrow strips to conform to glass – See REAR WINDOW STRIPS Installation Guide on [www.gilafilms.com](http://www.gilafilms.com) for curved glass rear windows*

Vehicle type include:

- Rear windows of most cars and some SUVs

GILA® HEAT SHIELD™ Window Films are available for purchase in a 6" x 26' roll for strip installation. You can also cut your own strips from a 24" or 30" roll using a straight edge (ruler or yard-stick) to measure and cut wider window film into 6" strips.

### WHERE NOT TO APPLY

- DO NOT use automotive window films for any application other than automotive glass.
- DO NOT apply film to glass containing holes, or to frosted, etched, leaded, cracked, deeply scratched, flawed or otherwise defective glass.
- DO NOT apply film to Plexiglas, plastic or acrylic windows.
- Some newer automobiles may have plastic windows in certain locations; DO NOT apply to these windows.
- DO NOT apply to the front windshield.

### CAUTION

- Dark tinting may reduce visibility outside during poor lighting conditions. Use extra care during these conditions.
- Use caution when handling sharp objects.
- Use care with application solution. Consider placing cloth over interior near the film application area.
- Once your installation is complete, remove any excess Gila Application Solution that may have reached areas surrounding your window by simply wiping dry with a cloth or towel.



## APPLICATION | REAR WINDOW – TRUCK & SUV ADHESIVE WINDOW TINT

### 1. CLEAN THE WINDOW THOROUGHLY

The cleaner the glass, the better the finished application will look.

- DO NOT use household glass cleaner, vinegar, or ammonia to clean the glass immediately prior to film application.
- Spray the solution on the inside and outside surface of the window.
- Carefully use a razor blade to scrape away dirt or residue from the glass.  
**CAUTION: Do not use razor scraper or any sharp tools on the inside surface of glass with printed electrical wires such as defroster or antenna wires.**
- Be sure to wipe down all edges and around the brake light where dirt may be trapped.
- Re-spray and clean the inside and outside surface of the glass.
- Use a squeegee to dry the surface.

### 2. TRIM THE TINT

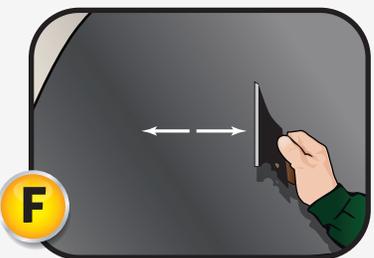
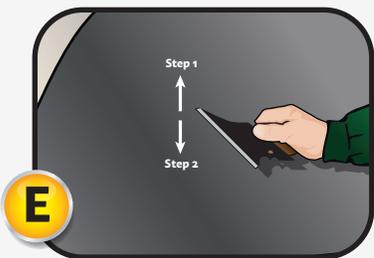
- Measure your window and cut a piece of film large enough to cover the window.
- Identify the liner side of the film. The liner is rolled to the outside during manufacturing. To double-check, rub the film against itself. The 'sticky' side is the film; the 'slick' side is the liner.
- Wet the outside of the window with application solution then roll the film onto the exterior of the glass with the liner side of the film facing out (final installation will be done on the interior). (FIGURE A)
- Squeegee gently down the film to temporarily hold it in place for trimming.
- Trim away the excess film roll. (FIGURE B)  
**CAUTION! Use care when trimming away excess film to avoid your utility knife damaging your vehicle's painted surface or window gasket.**
- Using your utility knife, accurately trim off the excess tint around the glass using the edge of the glass as a guide. (FIGURE C)

### 3. REMOVING THE CLEAR LINER

- Transfer the tint to the inside of the vehicle and determine whether you want to start on the left or right side of the window.
- Find the corresponding end of the film and place one piece of transparent tape on each side of a corner on that end of the film, half of the tape on the film, half extending over the corner edge. (FIGURE D)
- Press the two pieces of tape firmly together, and then quickly remove only the first 8" to 10" of the film, while spraying the newly exposed adhesive with application solution.

### 4. APPLYING THE TINT

- Spray the inside of the window generously with application solution.
- Apply the film to the window starting on the side you chose to begin with by placing the film with the newly exposed adhesive against the glass.
- Begin applying the film to the remainder of the window by moving across the window to the other side, removing the liner and spraying the newly exposed adhesive as you work your way across the glass.
- Spray the newly applied film with application solution.
- Starting in the center of the window, using generally straight motions, squeegee to the top edge of the window, then to the bottom. (FIGURE E) Continue this from the center to one side of the window. Then return to the center of the window and do the same for the other side of the window. (FIGURE F)
- To finish, wrap the low-lint cloth around the hard edge of the squeegee, and firmly push the application solution out to the nearest edge around the entire window. The cloth will absorb any excess solution and keep it from creeping back under the film.





## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### 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 tint. 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 MISTAKES

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 the time of installation. Simply peel the affected area of film away from the glass, spray with application solution, and use your squeegee or knife to remove any debris or bubbles. Re-spray under the film with application solution and re-apply to the glass. 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

The adhesive makes removal easy and clean. 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)

### 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).