KICKIN' CUSTOMS / CARE GUIDES

Window Tint Maintenance Checklist

Use this checklist to protect your automotive tint while it cures and long-term.

Window-Up Timing

- ☐ Over 80 degrees: keep windows up for 3 to 5 days.
- ☐ 60 to 80 degrees: keep windows up for 3 to 5 days.
- ☐ Below freezing or winter conditions: keep windows up for about 5 to 7 days.
- ☐ If tint still looks wet, hazy, cloudy, or soft near the lower edge, waiting longer is safer.

First 7 Days

- ☐ Do not clean the inside of the tinted glass for the first 7 days.
- ☐ If cleaning is absolutely necessary during early curing, contact us for guidance and use gentle methods.
- ☐ Do not pick at film edges, bubbles, haze, moisture pockets, or streaking.
- ☐ Do not use ammonia cleaners, scrapers, razor blades, magic erasers, or abrasive pads.
- ☐ Avoid suction cups, stickers, dashcam mounts, radar mounts, phone mounts, and adhesive accessories during cure.

Normal During Cure

- ☐ Haze, cloudiness, streaking, moisture pockets, small bubbles, and a milky appearance can be normal.
- ☐ Most tint cures within 1 to 2 weeks depending on weather and glass conditions.
- ☐ Winter, cold, humid, or rainy conditions can take up to 2 weeks or longer.
- ☐ Do not judge final appearance too early.

Cleaning Tinted Glass

- ☐ Use ammonia-free glass cleaner after the early cure period.
- ☐ Use clean microfiber towels only.
- ☐ Spray cleaner onto the towel when possible, not directly into film edges.
- ☐ Wipe gently and avoid heavy pressure near film edges.
- ☐ Do not scrape the inside of tinted glass.

Rear Defroster and Windshield

- ☐ Clean rear glass gently around defroster lines.
- ☐ Do not scrape rear window tint or use abrasive tools on defroster lines.
- ☐ Avoid rear defroster use until the film has cured, following the care instructions supplied at pickup.
- ☐ Windshield tint may show haze more because it is directly in your line of sight.
- ☐ Avoid dashcams, suction cups, toll transponders, or adhesive mounts on windshield tint during cure.

Warranty Notes

- ☐ XPEL automotive tint warranty may cover peeling, bubbling, fading, discoloration, and delamination depending on film and terms.
- ☐ Damage from rolling windows down too soon, scraping, ammonia cleaners, scratches, adhesives, accidents, or improper care is not a film defect.
- ☐ Contact Kickin' Customs if tint peels, bubbles, lifts, scratches, discolors, or looks unusual after full cure.

Window Film Replacement Benefit

- ☐ Qualifying tint packages include the three-year Kickin' Customs Window Film Replacement Benefit for eligible accidental or customer-caused film damage.
- ☐ One film replacement on one covered roll-down side window. Original customer and original vehicle only; the glass itself is excluded.
- ☐ Separate from XPEL's defect warranty. Written eligibility, exclusions, proof requirements, scheduling, and claim procedures apply. Standalone windshield, strip, and roof work do not automatically qualify.

When to Contact Kickin' Customs

- ☐ Tint is peeling, lifting, creased, scratched, discolored, or delaminating.
- ☐ Large bubbles, heavy contamination, or large fingers remain after full cure.
- ☐ Windshield or rear glass still looks unusual after expected cure time.
- ☐ You are unsure whether a cleaner, mount, sticker, or accessory is safe for tint.
- ☐ You have a warranty or Window Film Replacement Benefit question.

Quick reminder: Let the tint cure before rolling windows down or cleaning aggressively. Use ammonia-free cleaner, microfiber towels, and avoid scraping tinted glass.