

### Vehicle Safety and Standards

## **BULLETIN**

### **Re: Aftermarket Vehicle Window Tinting**

CVSE receives many inquiries regarding the application and compliance of aftermarket window tinting products. The intent of this bulletin is to clarify existing *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* and ensure proper vehicle compliance with these requirements while operating a vehicle on highway.

*British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act Regulation* division 7.05 (8) states:

**“No person shall drive or operate on a highway a motor vehicle which has affixed to or placed on the windshield or a window any material that reduces the light transmitted through the windshield or window unless the material is affixed to or placed on**

**(a) the windshield but not more than 75 mm below the top of the windshield,**

**(b) a side window that is behind the driver, or**

**(c) the rear window if the motor vehicle is equipped with outside rear view mirrors on the left and right side of the motor vehicle.”**

This regulation prohibits the application of any window tinting below 75mm from the top of the windshield and ANY DRIVERS DOOR AND FRONT PASSENGER DOOR WINDOWS. There are NO EXEMPTIONS, PERMITS OR PERMISSIONS available to contravene this regulation.

It is an offence to operate any vehicle on highway in contravention of this regulation and drivers are subject to enforcement action.

It has been reported that some vehicles have a clear UV (ultra-violet) reducing film applied to driver and passenger side windows. While this particular product does not reduce the light transmitted through the glazing material, it may alter the safety performance requirements of the glass. Individuals with sunlight sensitivity are encouraged to seek out solutions that do not compromise their driving safety. CVSE does not recommend the use of any UV film products.

Should any further information be required, please contact Vehicle Safety & Standards at (250) 953 – 4008 or [brian.kangas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:brian.kangas@gov.bc.ca)

Regards,



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