



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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AUGUST LAW OF THE MONTH – WINDOW TINT

For those who may not be aware, Wisconsin does have limits on window tint. Though it may look good to darken windows down to "limo tint" or as of recently our deputies have been seeing many put tint on their windshields, doing so is illegal. Window tint beyond the statutory limits poses risks to the drivers of the vehicle with illegal window tint, law enforcement officers who stop these vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other motorists. Wisconsin window tint laws can be found in Trans Code 305.

Trans 305.32(4)(b) Tinting of the vent and front side windows is permitted as follows:

1. The windows are tinted by the manufacturer of the glazing and are installed as part of the original manufacturing process. (Dealerships applying tint are not considered part of the manufacturing process)
2. The windows are tinted by the application of tinting film to the inside of the glazing provided that the combination of the glazing and tinting film permits passage through the windows of at least 50% of the visible light striking the windows. Tinting films permitted under this subdivision may not be reflective.

Trans 305.32(6) Tinting of rear side windows is permitted as follows:

The windows are tinted by the manufacturer of the glazing and are installed as part of the original manufacturing process.

The windows are tinted by the application of tinting film to the inside of the glazing provided that the combination of the glazing and tinting film permits passage through the windows of at least 35% of the visible light striking the window. The tinting films permitted under this subdivision may not be reflective.

Trans 305.35(6) Windshields

(b) Windshields tinted by the manufacturer of the glazing and installed as part of the original manufacturing process.

(c) Application of window tinting film or other nontransparent material to the inside of the windshield if it is attached only to that portion of the windshield that is both outside the critical area and above the horizontal line delineated by the mark "A" or "A." If no such mark was affixed to the windshield by its manufacturer, no window tinting film may be attached to the windshield.

If stopped for window tint violations, law enforcement could issue you a written warning or issue a citation with a Forfeiture amount of \$175.30 and demerit points ranging from 0 to 3.