

**International Window Film  
Conference and Tint-Off™**



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Automotive Division Competitor Packet  
(Includes: Rules and Regulations and Annotated Score Sheet)**

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The International Window Film Tint-Off™ Automotive Division is *the* battle to find and crown the world's greatest automotive tinter. Congratulations on your decision to be part of this international competition, now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year. It brings the industry's best together under one roof to showcase their impeccable tinting ability.

The goal of the WFCT Automotive Tint-Off™ is to identify and honor the film installer who performs the highest quality automotive window film application in an efficient and expert manner. Each competitor is judged on his or her professionalism and ability to apply film to a specified glass efficiently and expertly. He or she must also demonstrate skilled technique that results in a finished product devoid of dirt, light gaps, creases and scratches. The judges also examine the application area to see that the glass is cleaned, tools stowed, trash is removed and the vehicle is customer-ready.

All competitor registrations include access to the trade show floor, admittance to the educational sessions and (1) one entry ticket into the Closing Awards Ceremony. By competing, participants agree to comply and adhere to all rules and regulations throughout the competition. Competitors recognize that decisions of the judges and organizers are final and without any right of contestation or appeal.

**Materials Supplied**

Competitors may choose from film supplied by exhibiting /sponsoring manufacturers at the show. Film from others may not be used. Film will have a specified VLT of 20% although minor variations might be allowed. Each competitor is required to submit their film of choice when completing the competitor bio form online. Film selected must be from a sponsoring manufacturer. We are sorry, but changes to the competitor's film selection cannot be

accommodated after the competitor registration deadline has passed nor can it be accommodated onsite, so please choose carefully.

If you wish to use a film from a non-sponsoring supplier, please invite and encourage them to become a sponsor. A list of sponsors can be found on the official event website, [www.wfctevent.com](http://www.wfctevent.com), and on the event's mobile app.

Competitors are provided their film of choice from the official film table at the show and can pick up no sooner than 30 minutes before the start of their heat. Access to water is available.

Competitors may only use one heat gun at a time. Competitors are responsible for supplying all tools and leave-behinds, such as any "Do Not Roll" stickers needed for the application. Competitors may not bring or use a Mobile Peel Board.

### **Competitor Meeting**

Competitors have the opportunity to take part in selecting their vehicle and side of the vehicle they will tint at random, as well as ask questions of the judges during the competitor meeting. While this meeting is not mandatory, all competitors are expected to be there. If you do not attend you will miss important information. The most up-to-date schedule can be found on the official event website, [www.wfctevent.com](http://www.wfctevent.com) until September 12. After that time, please refer to the official show app. This meeting is for competitors, translators and judges only. It is your opportunity to ask the judges questions and to learn what has changed from past years. Competitors will be preassigned to heats. They will also select the vehicle number at random draw without the judges present to ensure anonymity. Any changes in time or location after September 12 will be provided to competitors by text message. From midnight on the morning of September 13 forward, please refer to your text messages for any announcements.

### **Before You Begin**

Competitors who do not arrive to the competition area by the start of their heat may not be permitted to compete. Please allow ample time for traffic jams, stuck elevators, etc. (we've seen a lot of this happen over the years).

Competitors will have a 5-minute prep time at the beginning of each heat. You may use your prep time to set up your materials, tools and inspect your film on the table provided to you as well as pre-cut a section of the film during that time, however do not touch your vehicle during this prep time. Touching your vehicle during this prep time may result in a 10-point deduction per occurrence from your final score.

At the beginning of the first heat, the windows and gaskets of each vehicle will be sprayed down by event staff, using a typical mounting solution. This action puts glass in the first heat in the same condition as those in other heats.

Each competitor is encouraged to inspect his or her station, and to identify any imperfections, defects or anything that could negatively impact on the quality of his/her installation. Clearly

state any issues on your Notification Form prior to the start of the competition. We don't want you to have points deducted from your score for a pre-existing condition. The notification form will be provided to the judges for review.

### **Preliminary Competitions and Finals**

Competitors will have 20 minutes for installation during the preliminary heat. The competition is based on the quality of a tint application to the glass part. Those who continue to work past the 20 minutes allotted for the heat may have points deducted (a minimum of 15) from their final score.

The top ten percent (to a maximum of 10) who score the highest among all the contestants will go on to the finals round. Competitors will be allowed 35 minutes for installation during the finals heat. The finals competition will also be based on quality of a tint application to a glass part. Those who continue to work past the 35 minutes allotted for the heat may have a minimum of 15 points deducted from their final score. The tinter who scores the highest on the finals application will be awarded the first place prize, fame, glory, international publicity, gold medal and the title "World's Best Automotive Window Film Tinter 2022."

### **Completing the Film Application**

The competitor must call out "done" and hold up the done sign when he/she is finished. "Done" means the application and clean-up are complete, including tool and film box storage on the designated table under the drop cloth, and the car is customer-ready. Their time will then be noted for use only in the case of a tie in scores.

Once the competitor has called "done", there can be no further work or clean-up in the area and all communication with the competition staff with regard to areas of judging must end. The competitor must then step away from his/her area until the heat time has finished.

Once the preliminary round is over, all competitors must leave their tools and remains as is, and leave the area. To be customer-ready, all trash must be placed in the wastebasket without any remaining debris.

Please note: Competitors are not permitted to use cell phones, cameras, headphones, video devices or live streaming in the competition area. Competitors are to refrain from initiating any interaction (conversation) with spectators, other competitors, competition judges or organizers during their heat. Spectators may film clips of the competitions but may not speak to the competitor during the competition. Competitors are not permitted interaction with spectators and doing so during the competition may result in disqualification.

### **Timing**

This competition is about quality and efficiency. Time is a factor only in the case of a tie. In the case of a tie, the competitor taking less time to complete the application will win. Continuing to work past the allotted time for any round may result in a point deduction (minimum of 15) from your final score.

## **Judging**

Judges will enter the competition area after the preliminary and final heats are complete. They will examine the finished product carefully and note any noticeable flaws. Competitors are not allowed on the show floor while their heat is being judged. Any competitors entering or being on the show floor during the judging of their heat may be disqualified.

If judging is filmed, video footage, photos or any other media of the competition from spectators will not be reviewed or utilized during or after the judging process. All judges' rulings are final, confidential, and cannot be contested or appealed. Score sheets are not available to competitors, though final scores are.

## **Grounds for a 10-point Deduction**

The following may be cause for a minimum 10-point deduction (unless otherwise noted):

- Touching the vehicle before the start of the heat;
- Continuing to work after your "done" sign has been raised; and/or
- Continuing to work past the allotted time for any heat (minimum 15 pts).

## **Grounds for Disqualification:**

The following may be cause for disqualification:

- The use of files, blow/propane torches or open flame devices for any reason during the competition;
- Any razor blades or break-off blades found on the ground or other inappropriate places;
- Stripping of the rubber door panel, trim, gasket, rub-rail, wedging the window or removal of the door panel
- Foul language and/or improper conduct;
- Failure to remove the film and adhesive from your work station after the judging is complete. Any competitor who does not remove the film and adhesive (after judging is complete) may not compete in any future competitions;
- The use of a cell phone, camera, headphones or video device during the competition;
- Presence anywhere on the show floor during your judging. Tinters are not allowed on the show floor during judging of their heat and should be in the waiting area;
- Unwillingness to follow CDC and local health guidelines; and/or
- Anything that the judges or event management feel is worthy of a disqualification.

## **Competitor Bio Form**

All competitors must complete a bio form and upload a headshot once they are registered. The competitor bio form is located online. The link to the form will be sent via email directly from the competition coordinator. Headshots that are inappropriate in nature or poor quality will not be used within the program and/or other media.

### **Instructions for how to submit a useable headshot:**

- Make sure the photo is of the highest resolution possible to ensure clear reproduction;
- Dress in your professional attire;

- Stand in front of a neutral background with good lighting;
- Don't submit group/family photos or selfies; and
- Consider a professional headshot. If you win, this photo will go all over the world.

### **Permissions and Additional Items**

**ONCE YOU ARE REGISTERED AS A COMPETITOR, NO REFUND CAN BE PROCESSED EVEN IF A MANUFACTURER WISHES TO SPONSOR YOU.** If you believe a manufacturer will be sponsoring you for the competition, please do not process the registration yourself, as no refund is possible. Please check with your manufacturer early and prior to registering for the competition.

In order to compete, you must have been employed as a technician in a bona fide window film company within the last year and have at least one year of experience as a technician in the window film industry. Owners or managers of supplier companies may not compete themselves. Competitors must be 18 years of age by the end of the competition. As a participating member of this event, you will sign a license for permission to use your name, photograph and image for future promotion. This license is irrevocable, worldwide in scope, royalty-free and covers all possible uses of the work in all media. You will also be required to sign legal and other releases. By competing, you understand and allow event management to contact you via email, fax, phone and text in the future.

Your own professional uniform should be worn for the Closing Awards Ceremony. If a winner is unable to attend the Closing Awards Ceremony he or she will receive their title, but will forfeit the prize money. All prize money will be distributed by October 7, 2022. Eligible winners must notify the competition coordinator by November 16, 2022 if they have not received their award money or the award money may have to be forfeited. Contestant must supply a valid W-9 form in order to receive prize money.

You are signing up to be part of a special event. Competitors tell us you get out of it what you put into it. Take time to watch the techniques other tinters use, to attend the demos and to meet other tinters. The friendships formed at WFCT often become life-long friendships.

### **Health and Safety**

All competitors must adhere to the latest CDC and local health guidelines in place in the venue regarding face coverings and social distancing. Unwillingness to follow the CDC guidelines will be grounds for immediate disqualification. Show management will alert you as to the guidelines in place at the time of the competition.

### **Appeals**

Competitors will be provided their finals scores only. Judges' notes and deductions will not be disclosed. There is no right of appeal or contestation. Competitors understand that the judges' and event organizers' decisions are final and beyond contestation and that all decisions of the event management are final, not subject to appeal and without contestation. These rules and regulations shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, County of Stafford.

Venue for any dispute regarding the rules and regulations shall be in the County of Stafford, Commonwealth of Virginia, and adjudicated there. Event management reserves the right to modify the rules and regulations at any time. If modifications to the rules are made, every effort will be made to notify competitors of those changes prior to the competition.

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## **2022 International Window Film Tint-Off™ - Automotive Division Annotated Score Sheet**

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Competitors will have a 5 minute prep time at the beginning of each heat. You may set up your materials, tools and inspect your film on the table provided to you, as well as pre-cut a section of the film, however do not touch your car during this prep time. Touching your car during this prep time may result in a deduction (up to 10 points) from your final score per occurrence.

Competitors are allowed 20 minutes in the preliminary heats to prep their window, apply the film and clean up their area so it is customer-ready. Competitors will be timed, but time only becomes a factor in the case of a tie score. In that case, the tinter with the faster time moves on to the finals.

In the finals round tinters will be allowed 35 minutes to prep their window, apply the film and clean up their area so it is customer-ready. Competitors must cut around the third brake light, if applicable. Competitors will be timed, but time only becomes a factor in the case of a tie score. In that case, the tinter with the faster time wins. The competitor who scores the highest score in the final round will be awarded the gold medal and title "World's Best Automotive Window Film Tinter 2022."

Continuing beyond the allotted time for any heat may result in a point deduction (15 points). A perfect score is 220, meaning zero point deductions in all six sections. The following is a guide to the actual score sheet, complete with notes. Areas to be judged include:

### **Cleanliness of Film – Maximum deduction is 20 points**

Examine the vehicle for dirt, adhesive, hairs or fibers between the film and glass. Points may be deducted for:

- Typical dirt specs (a few sprinkles throughout the window)
- Hair or lint
- Anything else the judges feel worthy of deduction.

### **Cleanliness of Vehicle – Maximum deduction is 50 points**

Look for streaks, water or soap spots on the film, glass or vehicle surface. Point deductions for any materials left near the vehicle such as film scraps, towels or tools. Points may be deducted for:

- Interior and exterior of window and mirrors not wiped down
- Exterior door panel not wiped down
- Excessive water
- Application materials left in or near car
- Rubber untucked (if tucked during application)

### **Light Gaps and Edge Cuts – Maximum deduction is 80 points**

The judges will check to see that the edges are smooth, clean and sealed down, without jagged, torn or nicked edges. Points may be deducted for:

- Visible edge gaps where light is detectable
- Edge of film lifted from glass
- Film edge not below lower door frame rubber
- Exposed film past the top edge of the window
- Visible damage to glass, defogger lines or terminals
- Uniformity
- Within industry standards
- Neatness of the corners

### **Quality of Application – Maximum deduction is 50 points**

Judges are to examine the aesthetic appearance of the vehicle's film application, creases, cuts and other detractors. Points will be deducted for:

- Creases
- Water bubbles between film and glass
- Scratches
- Bleeder or finger
- Damage of felt around the window

### **Efficiency of Application – Maximum deduction is 10 points**

Once applied, any film that is removed will be a 10-point deduction.

### **Final Procedure/Instruction – Maximum deduction is 10 points**

- Leave a "Do not roll down" stickers or a piece of tape that is not branded in any way on car.
- Explaining to the customer to not roll down windows for a specific time period. Customer interaction is necessary. Warranty card can be given to customer but is not required. Leave behinds are encouraged.