



**2022 International Window Film Conference and Tint-Off™
Paint Protection Film (PPF) Division Competitor Packet
(Includes: Rules and Regulations and Annotated Score Sheet)**

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The International Window Film Tint-Off™ Paint Protection Film (PPF) division is *the* battle of the world's greatest paint protection film installers. Congratulations on your decision to be part of this international competition, now in its 8th year. It brings the industry's best together under one roof to showcase their impeccable film application ability.

The goal of the WFCT Paint Protection Film competition is to identify and honor the PPF installer who performs the highest quality paint protection film application in an efficient and expert manner. Each competitor is judged on his or her professionalism and ability to apply film to a vehicle efficiently. Competitors must also demonstrate skilled techniques that results in a finished product devoid of dirt, distractions and scratches. The judges also will examine the application area to see that the vehicle 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 entry into the Closing Awards Ceremony. By competing, participants agree to comply and adhere to all rules and regulations throughout the competition. Competitors recognize that the 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. Other film may not be used. If you wish to use a pattern, vehicle specific patterns will be pre-cut by an exhibiting sponsor using the competitor's preferred and approved film. Each competitor is required to submit his or her film of choice when completing the competitor bio form online. 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.

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, and on the event app. Your film of choice will be provided from the official film table at the show. Film can be picked up no sooner than 30 minutes before their heat. Access to water is available.

Competitors may only use one heat gun and/or steamer at a time and are responsible for supplying all tools and materials needed for the application. Vehicle ramps or lifts will not be provided and may not be used by competitors. Fire Marshall Regulations state that the ignition may not be turned on during show hours, except for auxiliary power.

Competitor Meeting

Competitors will have the opportunity to 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 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 changed from last year. Competitors will be pre-assigned to heats however will 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, however do not touch your vehicle during this prep time. Touching your vehicle during your prep time will result in a 10-point deduction per occurrence from your final score.

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 or 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 have 30 minutes for the preliminary heat. The competition is based on the quality of a film application to the full fender of a vehicle or other locations as directed. Edges will require wrapping. Continuing to work past the allotted time for any round may result in a point deduction (a minimum of 15).

The top ten percent of competitors (to a maximum of 10) who score the highest among all the contestants will go on to the finals round. Competitors will be allowed 80 minutes for the finals heat. The finals competition will be based on the quality of a film application to the front bumper part of a vehicle or other locations as directed. Continuing to work past the allotted time for any round may result in a 15-point deduction. The installer who scores the highest on the finals application will be awarded the first place prize, fame, glory international publicity, gold medal and the title of “World’s Best Paint Protection Film Installer 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. This includes tool and film box storage on the designated table under the drop cloth, and the car is finished to a customer-ready condition, and the competitor has completed all areas to be judged. The time will then be noted for use in the case of a tie in scores.

Once the contest 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 stand away from his/her area until the heat time has finished.

Once the competition is over, all competitors must leave their tools and materials 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 to interact 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. Please note: there is a set time frame for the preliminary competition and finals. Continuing to work past the allotted time for any round may result in a point deduction (minimum of 15).

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 who enter or are 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 in any way 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 each may result in a minimum 10-point deduction (unless otherwise noted):

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

Grounds for Disqualification:

The following may result in disqualification:

- Any razor blades or break-off blades found on the ground or in inappropriate places;
- Foul language and/or improper conduct;
- Failure to remove the film and adhesive from their workstation 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;
- Razor marks found in the vehicle paint;
- The use of a cell phone, camera, headphones or video device during the competition;
- Presence anywhere on the show floor during judging. Installers 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 paint protection film company within the last year and have at least one year of experience as a technician in the paint protection 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 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. No judges' notes nor deductions will 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. 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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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, however do not touch your vehicle during this prep time. Touching your vehicle during your prep time will result in a 10-point deduction per occurrence from your final score.

Competitors will be allowed 30 minutes in the preliminary heat to prep their vehicle, apply the film and clean up their area so it is customer-ready. Continuing beyond the allotted time for any heat may result in a 15-point deduction. Competitors will be timed, but time only becomes a factor in case of a tied score. In that case, the installer with the faster time moves on to the finals.

In the finals round, competitors will be allowed 80 minutes to prep their vehicle, apply the film and clean up their area so it is customer-ready. Competitors will be timed, but time only becomes a factor in case of a tied score. In that case, the installer with the faster time wins. The installer who scores the highest on the finals application will be awarded the first place prize, gold medal and title “World’s Best Paint Protection Film Installer 2021.”

A perfect score is a 150, derived from zero point deductions in all three sections. Any cutting of the paint on a panel will be a 50 point deduction. Competitors will be provided their finals scores only. Judges’ score sheet will not be made available to competitor. The following is a guide to the actual score sheet, complete with notes. Areas to be judged include:

Cleanliness of Vehicle – Maximum deduction is 15 points

Look for streaks, water or soap spots on the film, paint or vehicle surface. Point deductions will be made for any materials left near the vehicle such as film scraps, towels or tools.

Points may be deducted for:

- Water and/or water streaks on any panel - (10 point max)
- Application materials left in or near car - (5 point max)

Edging – Maximum deduction is 40 points

Judges will check to see that the edges are smooth, clean and sealed down, with no jagged, torn or nicked edges.

Points may be deducted for:

- Lifting/fingers - (25 point max)
- Gap size to the edge (acceptable parameter is 0 mil – 3 mil) - (15 point max)

Quality of Application – Maximum deduction is 95 points

Judges are to examine the aesthetic appearance of the vehicle’s film application, installation defects, cuts and other detractions.

Points may be deducted for:

- Water bubbles - (25 point max)
- Scratches/squeegee scuffs - (10 point max)
- Lift lines - (25 point max)

- Marring - (25 point max)
- Silvering - (10 point max)