

## International Window Film Conference and Tint-Off™



### International Window Film Tint-Off™ - Automotive Division 2019 Rules and Regulations

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The International Window Film Tint-Off™ Automotive Division is *the* battle for the world's greatest automotive tinter. Congratulations on your decision to be part of this international competition, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, that brings the industry's best together under one roof to showcase their impeccable tint ability.

The goal of the WFCT Automotive Tint-Off™ is to identify the film installer who performs the highest quality automotive window film application in an efficient and expert manner. Each competitor will be judged on his or her professionalism and ability to apply film to a specified glass efficiently and must also demonstrate skilled technique that results in a finished product devoid of dirt, light gaps, creases and scratches. The judges will 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 must use film supplied by exhibiting manufacturers at the show. Film will have a specified VLT of 20% although minor variations might be allowed. Each competitor will be required to submit their film of choice when completing the competitor bio form online. Film selected must be from a sponsoring manufacturer. Changes to the competitor's film selection will not be accommodated after the competitor registration deadline has passed nor will it be accommodated onsite.

If you wish to use a film from a non-sponsoring supplier, encourage them to 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 will be provided their film from the official film table at the show and can pick up no sooner than 30 minutes before the start of their heat. The organizers will also supply access to water.

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

### **Competitor Meeting**

Competitors will have the opportunity to take part in selecting their vehicle and side at random, as well as ask questions of the judges during the competitor meeting. Any competitor who does not arrive on time or lacking in attendance at the meeting may have a minimum of 10 points deducted from their final score in the preliminary round and may 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 August 30. After that time, please refer to the official show program or program addendum on-site. This meeting is for competitors, translators and judges only. Competitors will be preassigned 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 August 30 will be provided by text message.

### **Before You Begin**

Competitors who do not arrive to the competition area by the start of their heat may not be permitted to compete.

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 vehicle before the start of your heat. Touching your vehicle before the start of your heat may result in a 10-point deduction from your final score per occurrence.

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. The purpose of this is to put 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 their installation. Clearly state any issues on your Notification Form prior to the start of the competition or else you risk the chance of having points deducted from your score. This form will be provided to the judges for review.

## **Preliminary Competitions and Finals**

Competitors will be allowed 20 minutes for the preliminary heat. The competition will be 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 a minimum of 15 points deducted from their final score.

The top ten percent (to a maximum of 10) who score the highest among all the applications will go on to the finals round. Competitors will be allowed 35 minutes for 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, gold medal and title "World's Best Automotive Window Film Tinter."

### **Completing the Film Application**

Once the application and clean-up, including tool and film box storage on the designated table under the drop cloth, is finished to a customer-ready satisfaction, and the competitor has completed all areas to be judged, the competitor must call out "done" and hold up their done sign. Their time will then be noted in the case of a tie in scores.

Once the sign has been provided, there can be no further work or clean-up done 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 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 or video devices in the competition area. Competitors are to refrain from initiating any interaction (conversation) with spectators, other competitors, competition judges or organizers. Spectators are to refrain from any communication with anyone in the competition area. Competitors are not permitted interaction with spectators and do so during the competition may result in disqualification.

### **Timing**

This competition is about quality and efficiency. Time is a factor 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 minimum of 15 points deduction 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 on the show floor during judging of their heat may be disqualified.

No cell phone, camera or video recordings are permitted to be made by spectators while judging is in progress. Neither video footage nor photos 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.

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

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

- Lateness or lack of attendance at the mandatory meeting;
- 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 misrepresentation;
- 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 be banned from competing 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; and/or
- Anything that the judges or event management feel is worthy of a disqualification.

### **Permissions and Additional Items**

Once you are registered as a competitor a refund cannot 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 prior to registering for the competition.

In order to compete, you must be employed currently as a technician in a bona fide window film company 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 they will receive their title, but will not receive the prize money. Competitors must notify the competition coordinator within 60 days of the event closing if they have not received their award money or the award money may be forfeited.

### **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.