

## International Window Film Conference and Tint-Off™



### **International Window Film Tint-Off™ - Paint Protection Film (PPF) Division 2019 Rules and Regulations**

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The International Window Film Tint-Off™ Paint Protection Film (PPF) division is *the* battle for the world's greatest paint protection film installer. Congratulations on your decision to be part of this international competition, now in its sixth year, that 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 the PPF installer who performs the highest quality paint protection 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 vehicle efficiently. Competitors must also demonstrate skilled techniques that results in a finished product devoid of dirt, creases 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 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 manufacturers at the show. Film from non-exhibiting manufacturers 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 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 app. Competitor's film will be provided from the official film table at the show. Film can be picked up no sooner than 30 minutes before their heat.

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 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 take part in selecting their vehicle at random, as well as ask questions of the judges during the competitor meeting. Any competitor not arriving 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, however do not touch your vehicle before the start of your heat. Touching your vehicle before the start of your heat will result in a 15-point deduction from your final score per occurrence.

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 55 minutes for the preliminary heat. The competition will be based on the quality of a film application to the hood, fender and mirror parts 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 15-point deduction.

The top ten percent of competitors (to a maximum of 10) who score the highest among all the applications will go on to the finals round. Competitors will be allowed 85 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, gold medal and title of “World’s Best Paint Protection Film Installer.”

### **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 condition, and the competitor has completed all areas to be judged, the competitor must call out “done” and hold up their done sign. The time will then be noted for use 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 competition 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. 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 15-point deduction.

### **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 anyone while judging is in progress. Neither video footage nor photos from spectators will not be 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 each may result in 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 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 be cause for disqualification:

- Any razor blades or break-off blades found on the ground or in inappropriate places;
- Foul language and/or misrepresentation;
- 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 be banned from competing 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; 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 paint protection 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. 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. 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.