

Subchapter O

VEHICLE SUN SCREENING DEVICES

175.261. Scope

This subchapter governs the application upon windows and wings, except roof locations, of sun screening devices, and other material which do not permit a person to see or view the inside of the vehicle, and which do not comply with FMVSS No. 205, and the application for a certificate of exemption from the provisions of this subchapter.

175.262. Applicability

This subchapter applies to vehicles which are subject to a periodic safety inspection, except those inspected in accordance with §175.130 (relating to inspection procedure).

175.263. Sun Screening Location

- (a) **Windshields, Side Windows and Side Wings** - A person may not operate, on a highway, a motor vehicle with a front windshield, side window or side wing that has been equipped with a sun screening device or other material which does not permit a person to see or view the inside of the vehicle. This subchapter does not prohibit the use of products or material along the top edge of the windshield if the products or materials are transparent and do not encroach upon the AS-1 portion of the windshield as provided by FMVSS No. 205 and if the devices or materials are not more than 3 inches from the top of the windshield.
- (b) **Rear Window** - The rear window on a motor vehicle may be treated by the vehicle owner with a sun screening device or other material. If the rear window is treated with a sun screening device or other material, the vehicle shall comply with §175.264 (*relating to mirrors*). See Table X for specific requirements for vehicles subject to this subchapter).
- (c) **Louvered Materials** - Louvered materials, may not reduce the area of driver visibility below 50% as measured on a horizontal plane.

175.264. Mirrors

Right and left outside rearview mirrors shall be required with the use of a sun screening device or other material unless the sun screening device or other material is only used or applied above the AS-1 portion of the windshield as permitted in §175.263(a) (*relating to sun screening location*). Each mirror shall have a minimum reflective surface of 19.5 square inches, except as otherwise provided in §175.148(b) and §175.177(b) (*relating to mirrors*). A vehicle for which a certificate of exemption has been issued for medical reasons may be equipped with only a left outside rearview mirror, unless originally equipped with an outside rearview mirror on both sides of the vehicle.

175.265. Exemption provisions

- (a) **Exempt Vehicles** - The following vehicles are exempt from §175.263 (relating to sun screening location):
 - (1) A hearse, ambulance or government vehicle.
 - (2) A vehicle for which a certificate of exemption has been issued by the Department under subsection (b).
- (b) **Certificate Of Exemptions** - The Department will issue a certificate of exemption from §175.263 for the following vehicles:
 - (1) A vehicle which was registered in this Commonwealth as of September 8, 1984, and was equipped with a prohibited sun screening device or other prohibited material prior to September 9, 1984. Requests for this type of exemption shall be accompanied by an application for a certificate of exemption, made on a form furnished by the Department, which shall contain a description of the vehicle by make, year, model, vehicle identification number, windows and wings equipped with sun screening device or other material and other information as the Department may prescribe.
 - (2) A vehicle owned by a person who is afflicted with a condition for which the Department has determined, in consultation with a Medical Advisory Board, that the use of prohibited sun screening devices or other materials is justified; or a vehicle owned by a person residing with a person who is so afflicted, if the afflicted person normally drives or is driven in the vehicle. An application for a certificate of exemption

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shall be granted only for colorless sun screening device or other material and shall be made on a form furnished by the Department, which shall contain the following:

- (i) A description of the vehicle by make, year, model and vehicle identification number.
 - (ii) A medical certification of need due to a disability from a licensed physician or optometrist.
 - (iii) Other information as the Department may prescribe.
- (c) **Display Of Certificate Issued For Vehicles Registered As Of September 8, 1984** - Upon compliance with the criteria in subsection (b)(1), the Department will issue a certificate of exemption which shall be carried in the vehicle at all times by the operator of the vehicle and shall be displayed upon request of a police officer. The certificate of exemption shall also be submitted to the inspection station upon submission of the vehicle for inspection.
- (d) **Display Of Certificate Issued For Medical Reasons** - Upon compliance with the criteria listed in subsection (b)(2), the Department will issue a certificate of exemption authorizing the installation of a colorless sun screening device or other material which filters ultraviolet light. This certificate of exemption shall be carried in the vehicle at all times by the operator of the vehicle and shall be displayed upon request of a police officer. The certificate of exemption shall also be submitted to the inspection station upon submission of the vehicle for inspection.
- (e) **Sale Or Transfer Of Exempted Vehicle** - Upon the sale or transfer of a vehicle for which a certificate of exemption has been issued under subsection (b)(2), the certificate of exemption is void. Prior to the sale or transfer of a vehicle exempted under subsection (b)(2), it is the sole responsibility of the owner or seller of the vehicle to remove sun screening devices or other materials which do not comply with Departmental regulations. The owner or seller shall destroy the certificate of exemption and provide the purchaser with a notarized statement specifying the name and address of the owner or seller, the vehicle identification number, year and model, and the business entity and process used to remove the sun screening device or other material.