

Georgia window tint law

2026 cheat sheet. HB 1161 took effect July 1, 2026. Older articles still list 32%.



Window	Sedan, coupe, hatchback	SUV, truck (multipurpose)
Front side windows (driver and front passenger)	28% or lighter (+/- 3%)	28% or lighter (+/- 3%)
Rear side windows	15% or lighter (+/- 3%)	No limit
Rear windshield (back glass)	15% or lighter (+/- 3%)	No limit
Front windshield	Top 6 inches only	Top 6 inches only
Reflectivity	20% or less	20% or less where a limit applies

VLT is how much light gets through the glass and film together. A lower number is darker.

What counts as an SUV or truck?

A "multipurpose passenger vehicle" is built to carry ten people or fewer on a truck chassis, or with special features for occasional off-road use. Most pickups and body-on-frame SUVs fit. Car-based crossovers and minivans can be classified differently, so check before you choose a shade. Rear windows are also exempt on school and public buses, nonprofit or religious buses and vans, limousines, and vehicles tinted before factory delivery or as federal law permits.

Quick answers

35% film on the front windows	Lighter than 28%, so it fits the number. The meter reads glass plus film.
20% on the front windows	Darker than 28%. Not legal on any vehicle.
5% on the rear of a sedan or coupe	Darker than 15%. Not legal.
5% on the rear of a pickup or SUV	No rear limit for a multipurpose vehicle.
Tint strip across the windshield	Top 6 inches only.

Good to know

- The meter reads glass plus film. A 35% film on factory glass usually measures lower than 35%.
- Front side windows are the two directly right and left of the driver. All other side windows are rear side windows.
- A driver can be ticketed for tint that is too dark for a window, and Georgia law can also penalize the installer.
- A medical exemption is available through the state.

Source: HB 1161 as passed, Section 3 (O.C.G.A. 40-8-73.1), checked Oct 25, 2026. Summary only, not legal advice.

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