

WINDOW FILM INSTALLATION GUIDE

**EXPERT
APPROVED**

- THOROUGH STEP BY STEP GUIDE
- CO-CREATED WITH ONE OF OUR EXPERTS
- INSIDER TIPS
- DETAILED COLOUR PHOTO REFERENCES



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INTRODUCTION

PREPERATION

If you have purchased our window film already pre cut to the sizes of your windows, you may ignore all cutting steps, as your film will already be cut and you will simply have to peel the film from the backing liner.

IMPORTANT

All information provided is as in depth as possible and is designed to aid you to installing your film with a perfect finish. Some people may find it harder than others, but the process is simple and practice makes perfect.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Some window films are thicker than others and may require different amount of pressure and different types of squeegees. If you have a safety or security film, please use a more heavy duty squeegee.

If you are installing a vinyl, or our Polytint Conservatory Window Film (Coolkote), please use a soft squeegee, as this material is stretchy and can snap with too much pressure.

Please do not use any abrasive materials when cleaning the glass and only use soapy water.

YOU WILL REQUIRE

- A sharp knife with a snap off blade
- Hard card squeegee
- Scrubbie pad
- Glass scraper
- Spray bottle filled with water and a mix of approx 1tsp of Johnsons baby shampoo per pint of water (known as slip solution)
- Lint free cloth (doesn't leave fibers behind)

Most of these tools are available on our online store individually and in ready to go kits. Alternatively, you can call our hotline on 0333 355 3030.

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1. Measure the window, make note of the maximum width and length and cut the film slightly oversized.

2. Spray solution onto the glass, covering the whole glass panel with a fine mist.

3. Using a glass scraper, thoroughly clean the glass, taking special attention to the edge of the window. You may also use a non-abrasive scrubbie pad to do this.

4. Spray the window again and using the squeegee, remove all water from the glass.

5. Using the lint free cloth, dry around the edges of the glass, so that contaminated water doesn't drip down behind the film.

6. Now, spray the glass again so there is a fine mist covering the entire panel.

7. Remove the backing liner from the film and spray the sticky side as you peel. You'll most likely need someone to spray the sticky side as you remove the film from the backing liner.

PRO TIP: To remove the backing liner, use your teeth to separate the 2 sheets of film, or put some tape on either corner. Professionals will almost always use their teeth. It's the most easiest way.

NOTE: The backing liner on most of our window films is a flimsy, thin and clear sheet of film. If you have a vinyl, then it will be a paper backing.



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8. At this point, you should have a wet window and the sticky side of the film should also be wet.

Now, place the film onto the glass so that the sticky side goes onto the glass. Using the squeegee, start to remove the water from behind the film starting from the centre, moving outwards. Do not worry if you don't remove all the water, this is just to keep the film in place for now.



9. Cut around the edges of the film, following the edges of your panels. You can either use a trim guide, or the squeegee if you find this easier.

10. Spray the glass with the solution again and using the squeegee, remove all of the water from behind the film. You will need to work from the centre outwards, moving from top to bottom. Overlap each stroke and work slowly. You will need to use as much pressure as possible without breaking the glass. Ensure all water has been removed from behind the film.

PRO TIP: We recommend that you squeegee the window 2 or 3 times to be sure that no water is left behind the film. If there is any water left behind, it will dry and you will have bubbles in the film. This is an error that many people make but it is very easily avoidable.



11. Dry around the edges of the film with a lint free cloth so that no water drips behind the film.

JOB DONE!

