

How do I know my windows and window tint are legal in NSW?

For: Drivers of cars, trucks,
commercial vehicles and buses



Window rules



Drivers must have the **clearest possible view of the road**, particularly at dusk, night or in the rain.

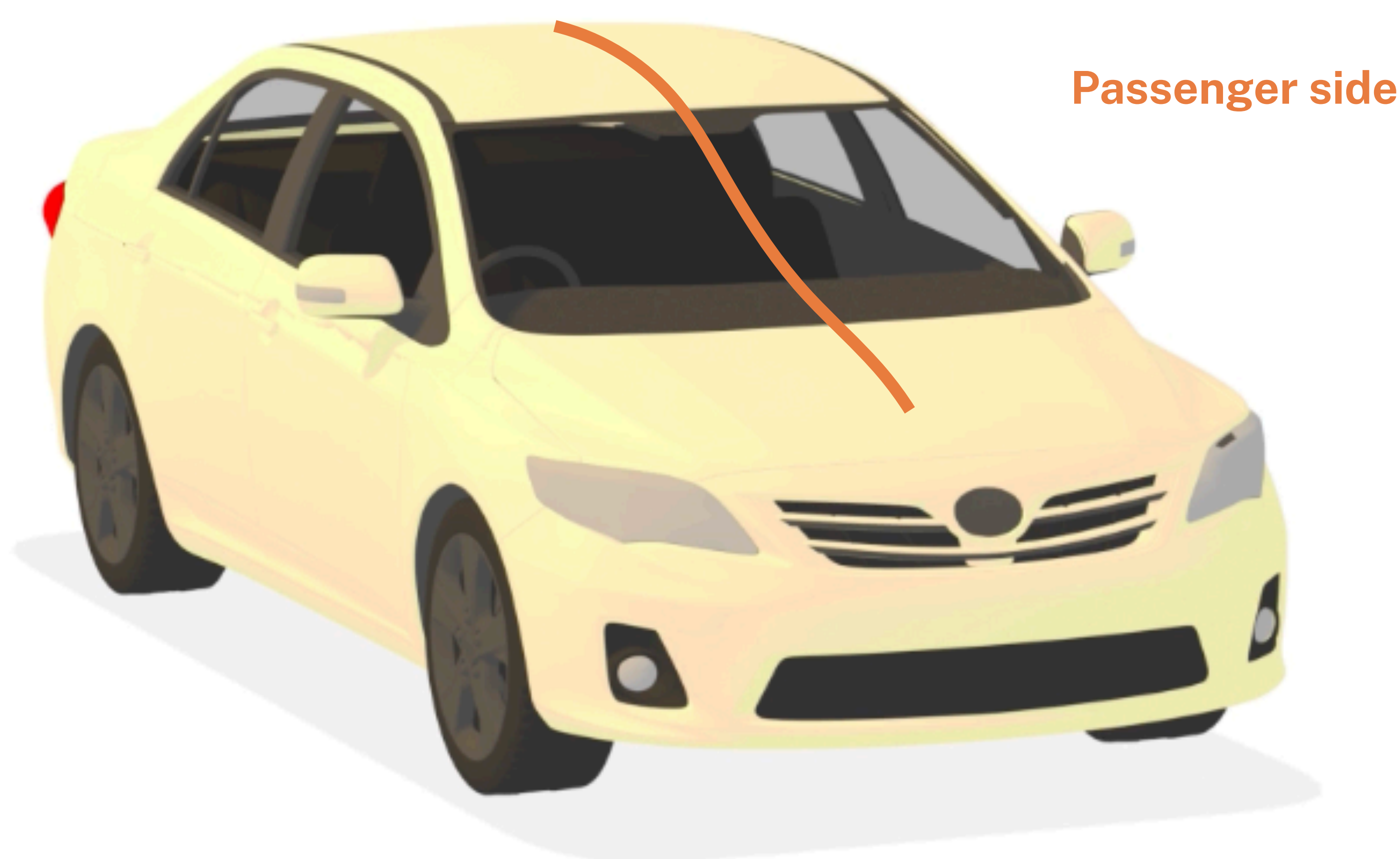
This means you **can't have damaged windows, or tints that are too dark.**

This will be checked at your yearly pink slip inspection.

Every window must be sound and properly fitted.

Each moveable window must be fitted with a suitable device for opening and closing.

When does a windscreen need to be replaced?



The area of the windscreen in front of the driver is only allowed to have any two of the following defects.

- A hairline crack up to 30mm long
- A crack from an edge up to 75mm long
- A “bullseye” crack up to 16mm in diameter

Any defects on the passenger side of the centre line are not included.

If any repair was completed with clear resin, this rule still applies.

If it is severely chipped, cracked, abraded, scratched or discoloured (or it cannot be repaired to fix the fault).

If the damage is worse than this, it will get rejected at your next inspection (pink slip).

What glass is approved for use?

The glass must meet approved industry standards. You'll know it's correct when there is an identification mark on the glass.

AS2080 is the most often used, but there are others.



What is VLT?

VLT (Visible Light Transmittance) is the measurement used to describe how much light a window lets through.

A window with 0% VLT allows no visible light through. A window 100% VLT allows 100% of visible light through. So the lower the VLT percentage, the darker glass.

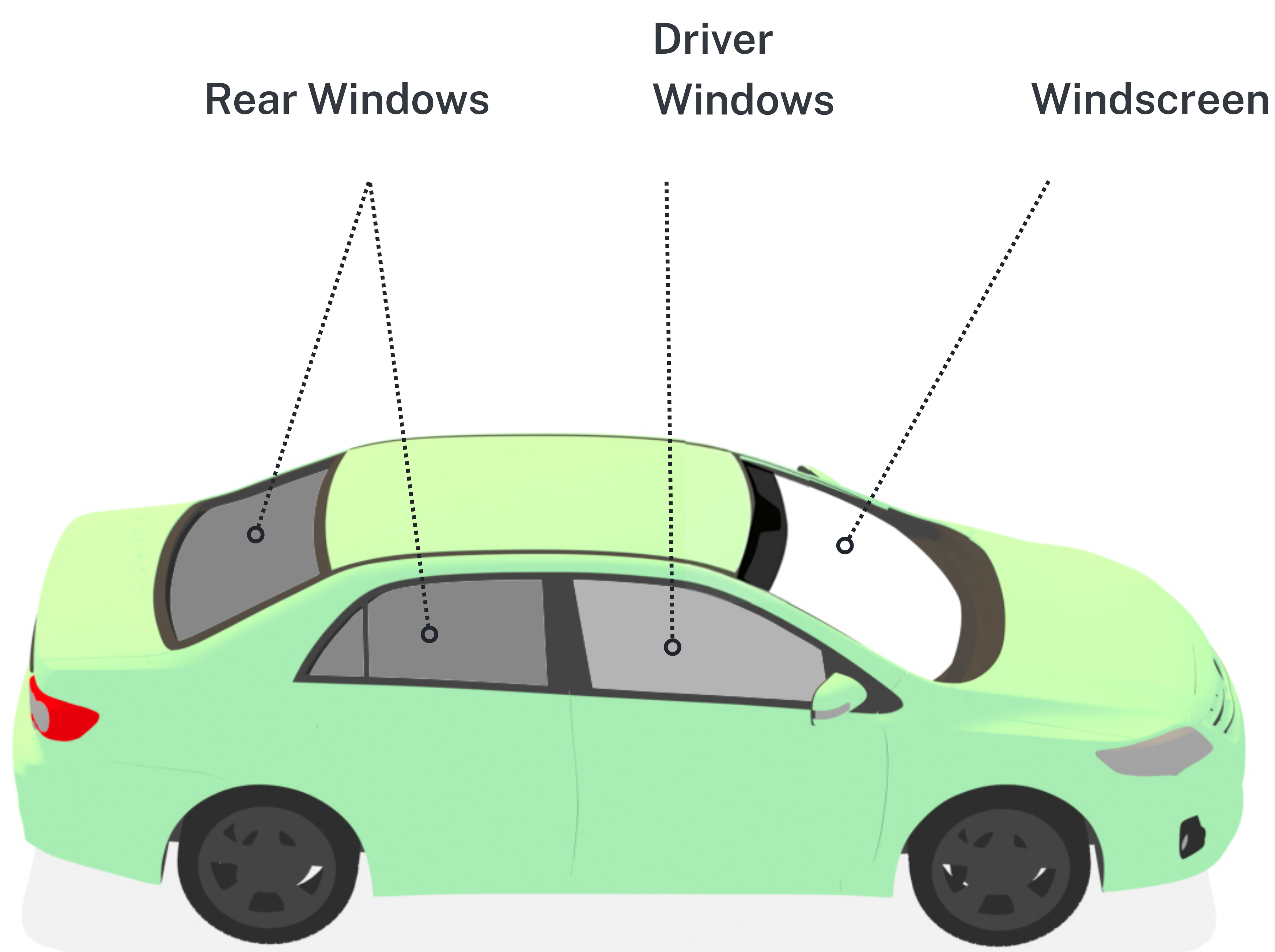
Depending on the vehicle type and which window it is, a certain amount of light must be let through.



What is VLT?

The window types are defined as:

1. Windscreen
2. Driver Windows (the windows in line with the driver on both sides of the vehicle)
3. Rear Windows (everything behind the driver, including the back-seat side windows, the rear screen and any quarter-glass windows)



What are the rules for vehicle windscreens?

Any glazing used in a vehicles windscreen must not have a VLT lower than 70%.

It must not be coated in any film, except for a tinted or opaque band at the top of the windscreen.

The tinted or opaque band can cover no more than 10% of the windscreen height, or the windscreen above the swept arc of the wiper blades, whichever is greater.



What is not allowed on your windows?



Mirror-like window film that is too reflective

Film on glass must not have a reflectance of more than 10%



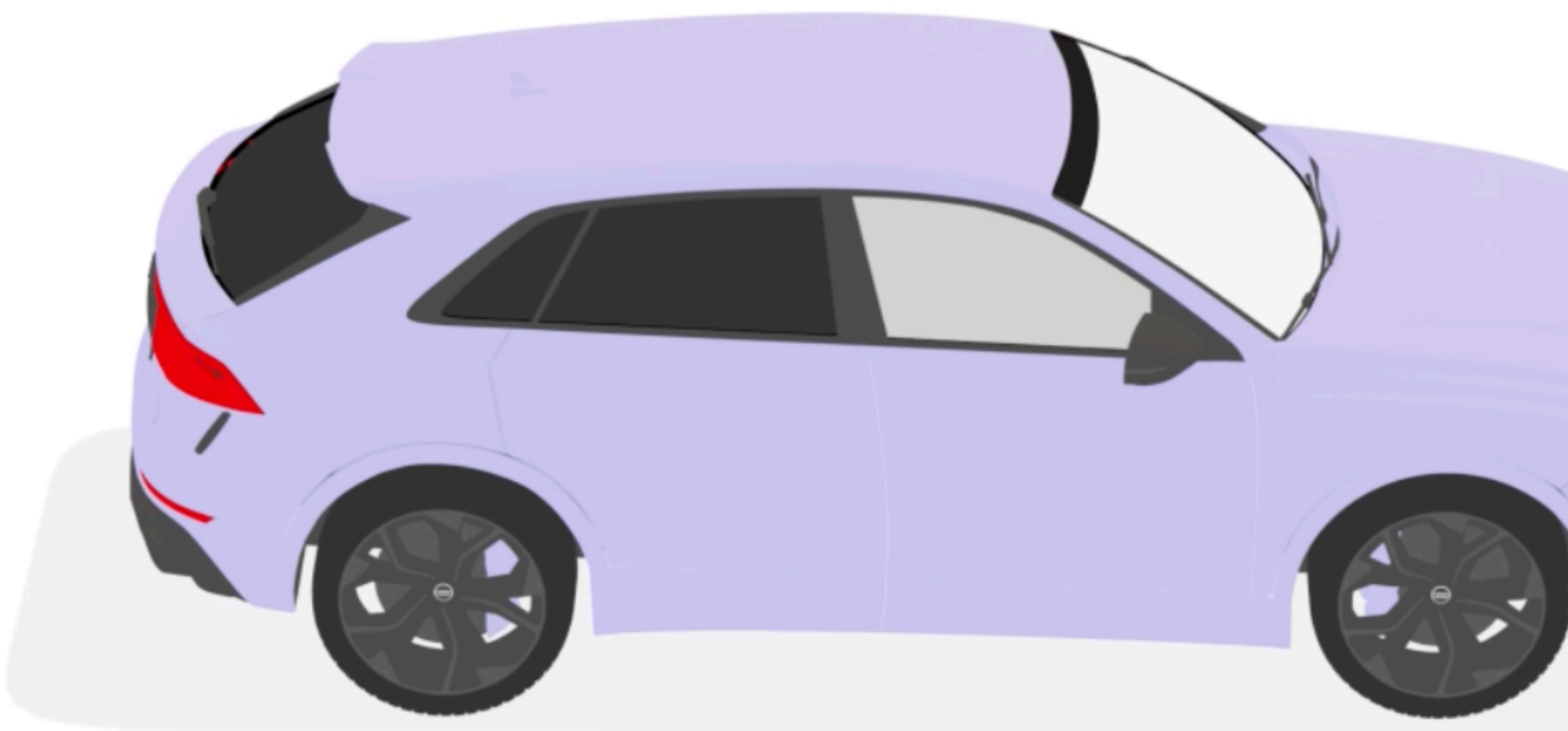
Spray on tinting or finishes



Window film that is darker than specified

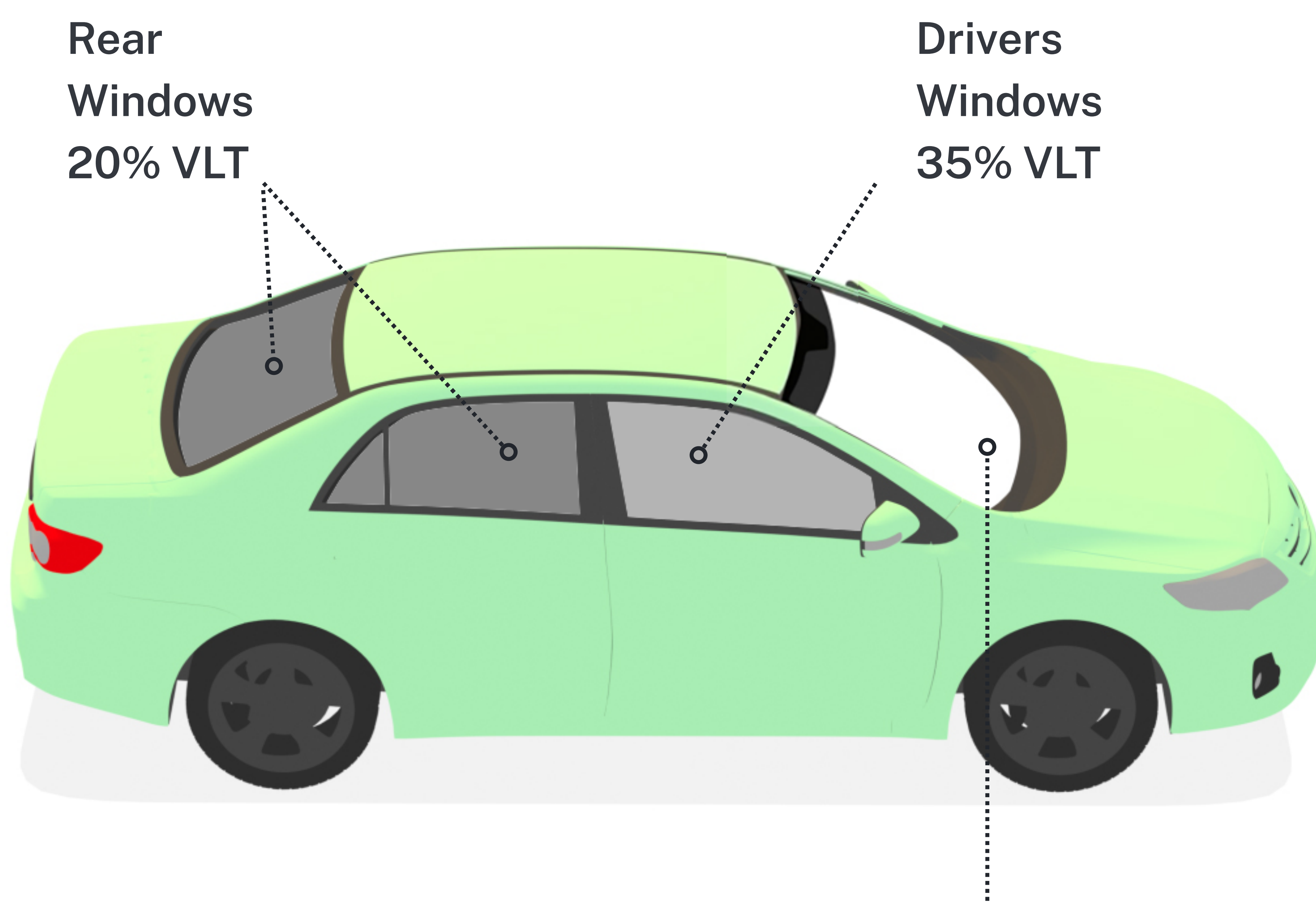


Damaged tint that impairs the driver's visibility



What are the pink slip rules for tinting car windows?

For passenger cars with two rear-vision mirrors

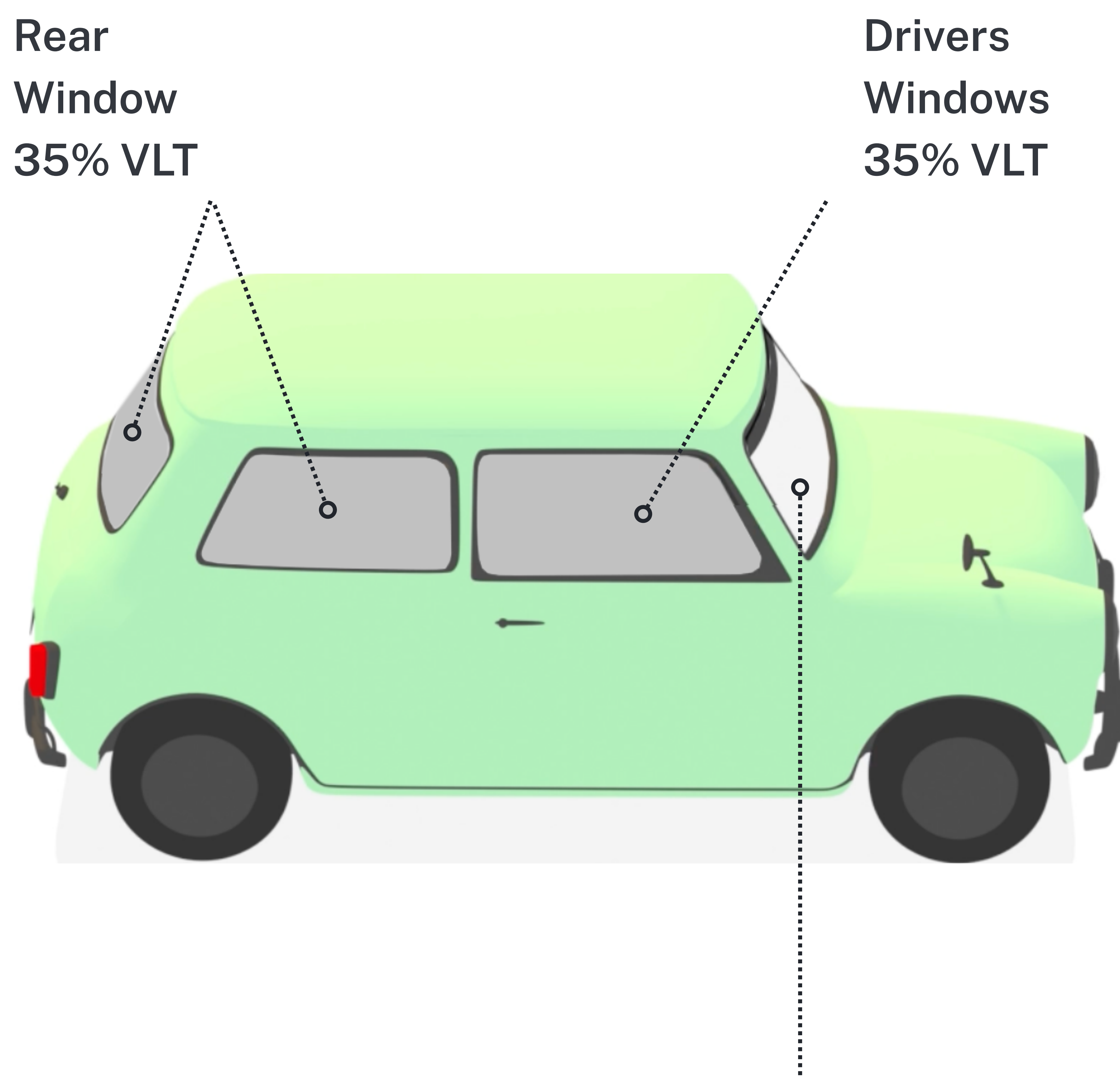


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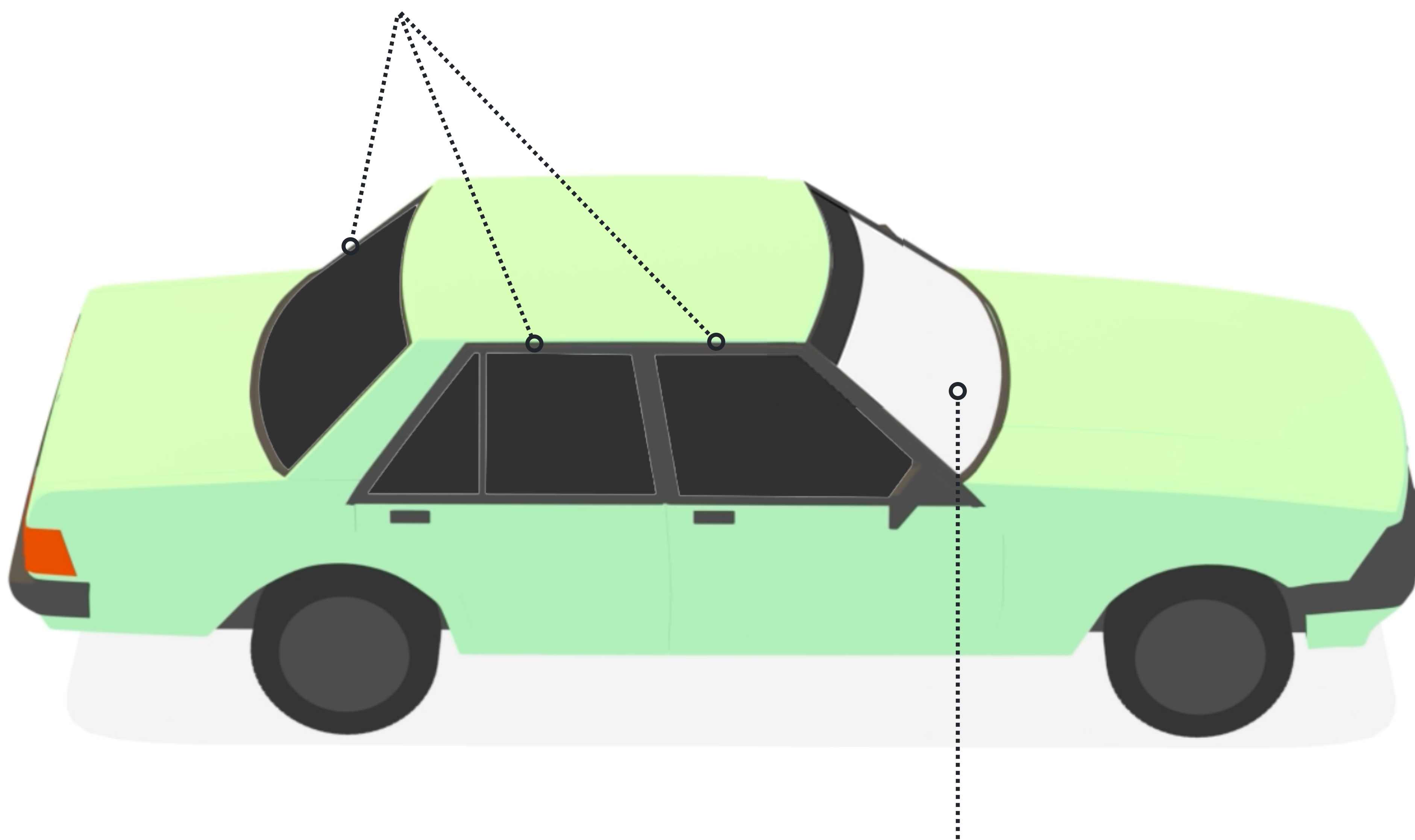
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The Rear and Driver Windows may have a lower VLT than otherwise allowed, as long as they were fitted before 1 August 1994



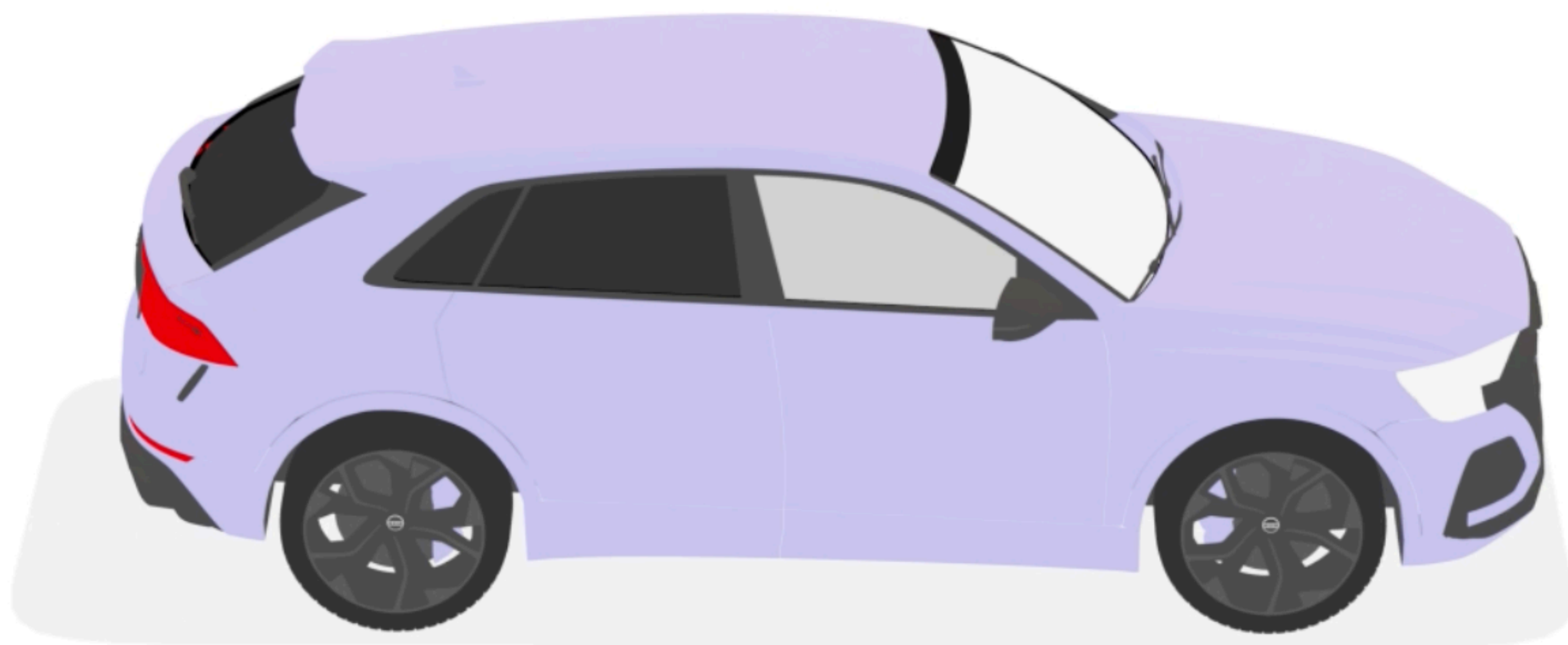
No film at all permitted on the lower windscreen*. Minimum 70% VLT

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What do I need to know about privacy glass and window film?

Privacy glass is fitted by the vehicle manufacturer

“Privacy glass” is glass with a VLT lower than the regulated limits fitted by a vehicles manufacturer as an option for that vehicle and is included in the manufacturers federal approval to sell those vehicles in Australia.

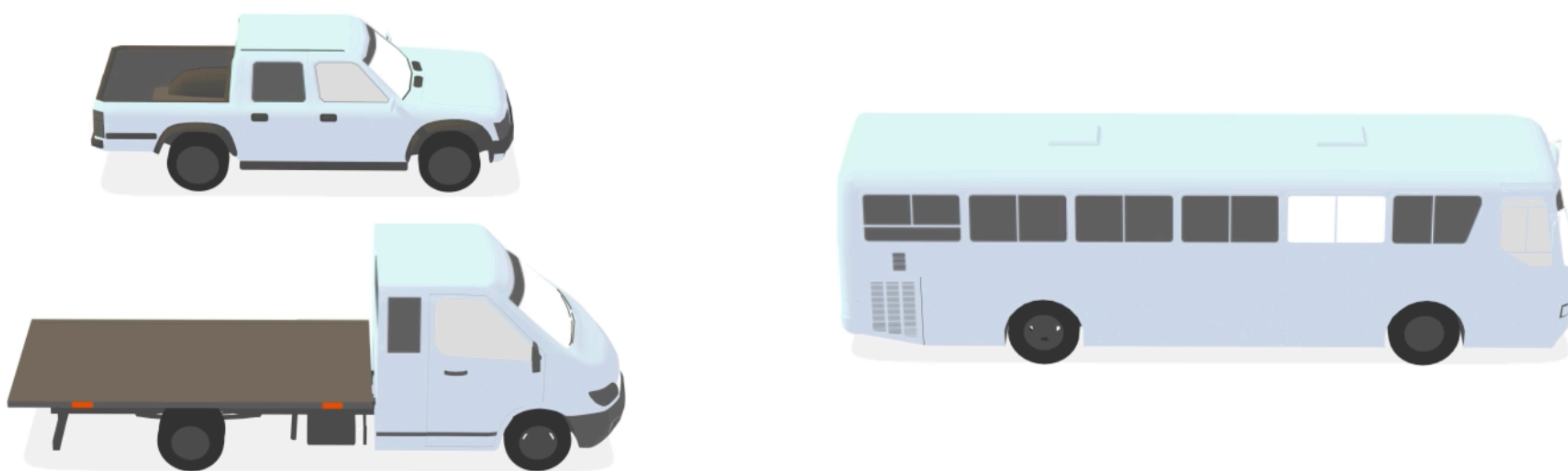


The rule to follow when having window film applied to privacy glass is: **The combined VLT of the privacy glass PLUS the applied film must be within the regulated VLT limits.**

Providing the privacy glass is fitted as an option by the vehicle’s manufacturer, it can be darker than the allowable VLT limits for applied window film.

However, if the privacy glass is already darker than the regulated VLT limit for window film, then no film can be applied to it.

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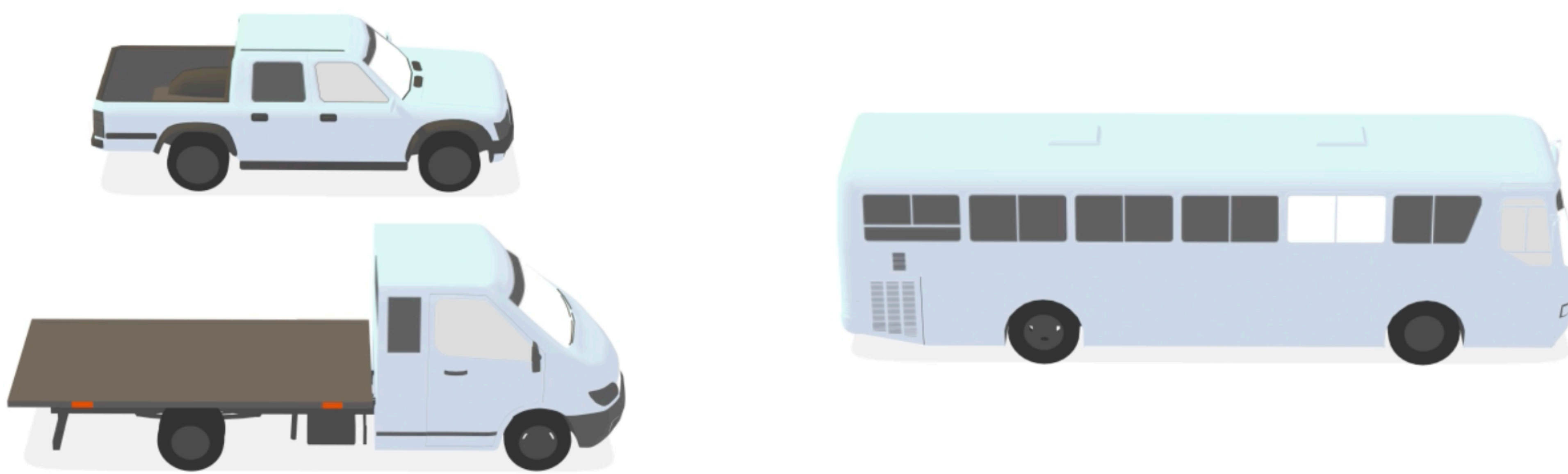


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Driver Windows

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Windows rearward of driver

No minimum VLT specified for rear windows.

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Windows used as emergency exits in public passenger service buses must **not be** coated unless approval and certification is obtained from an Approved Vehicle Examiner (AVE).

For more information, see Vehicles Standards Guide 8 (VSG 8) on the NHVR website.

What are the pink slip rules for tinting on light buses?

Vehicles with 10 or more seats and a Gross Vehicle Mass of 4500kg or less

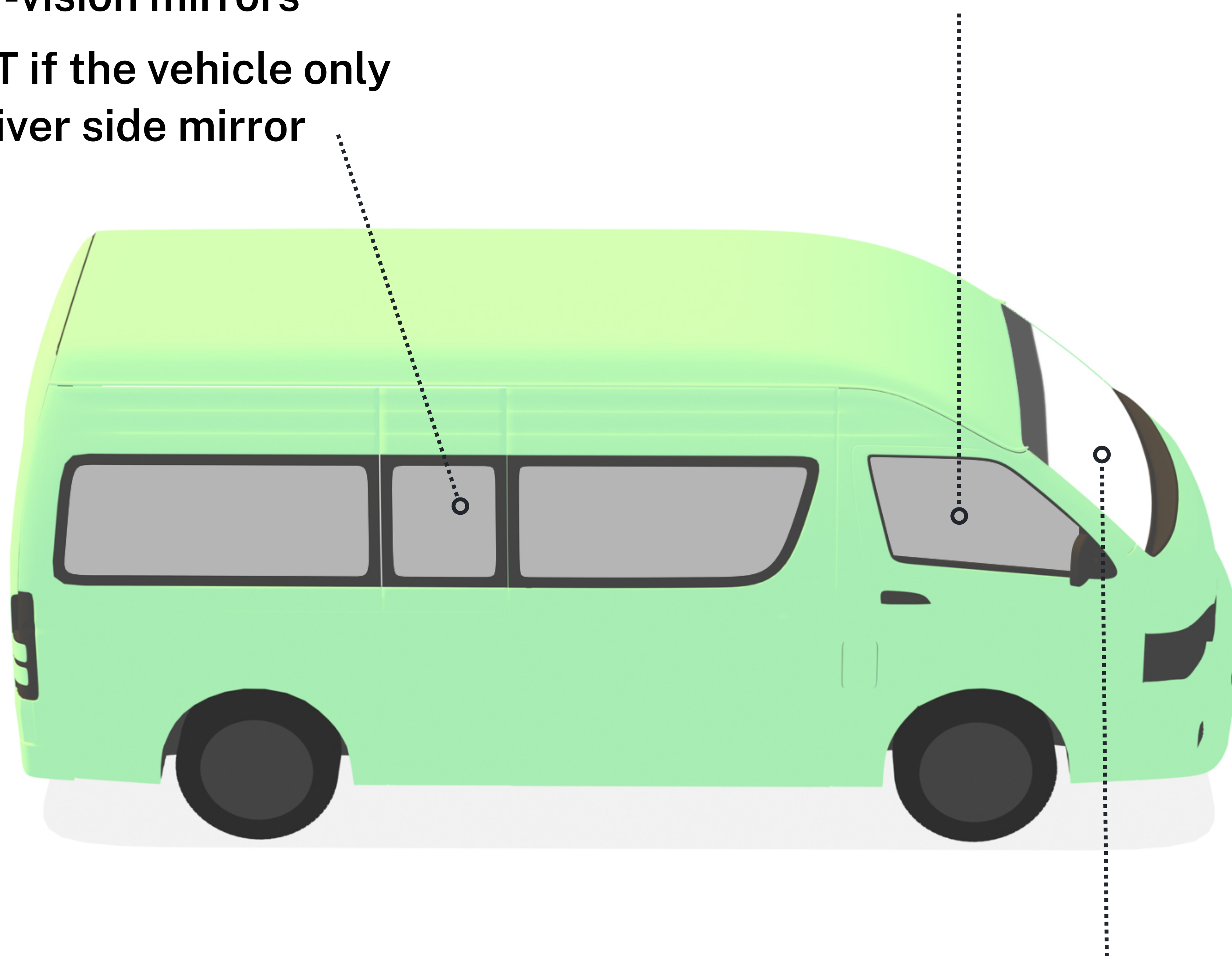
Rear Windows

20% VLT if the vehicle has
two rear-vision mirrors

35% VLT if the vehicle only
has a driver side mirror

Drivers Windows

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