

MAINTENANCE CLEANING AND CARE

After installing window film, proper care and maintenance is essential to ensure its longevity and effectiveness. Here are some aftercare instructions to follow essential to ensuring its longevity and effectiveness:

1. Avoid disturbing the film for at least 24 to 48 hours after installation to allow it to fully adhere to the glass surface. This helps prevent any premature peeling or bubbling.
2. After cleaning, use a squeegee or soft towel to remove excess water from the window film. This helps prevent water spots and streaks from forming as the film dries.
3. Refrain from cleaning the window film for at least 30 days after installation to allow the adhesive to cure properly. Cleaning too soon may disrupt the bonding process and affect the film's durability.
4. When it's time to clean the window film, we recommend using SimGlas® Window Film Cleaner or a mild soap solution and microfiber cloth for aftercare. **CAUTION: Avoid ammonia-based products, vinegar, harsh chemicals, or any abrasive cleaners, as they can damage the film.**
5. Use a soft, non-abrasive cloth or sponge to clean the window film. Microfiber cloths are ideal for this purpose, as they are gentle on the film and help prevent scratching. **DO NOT USE BRISTLE BRUSHES OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL THAT MIGHT SCRATCH THE SURFACE!**

Film applied under normal weather conditions dries flat within 30 days, without blisters. Under standard viewing conditions, treated windows are observed from 3m away inside the room, at angles of up to 45 degrees, while facing a clear or uniformly overcast sky. Since a particle-free application is possible only under sterile conditions, some dust or grit may be present due to non-sterile application. There may be a small amount of water left behind the film especially with thicker films, but will evaporate within 60-90 days.

By following these aftercare instructions, you can prolong the life of your window film and enjoy its benefits for years to come. Proper maintenance helps preserve the film's appearance, performance, and functionality, ensuring a clear and beautiful view through your windows.

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**Residential & Commercial
Installation Instructions**

Our pamphlet provides clear installation instructions for applying window film, catering to both DIY enthusiasts and first-time installers. Visit our website www.tintfilm.co.za for an installation video.

TOOLS NEEDED FOR INSTALLATION



Spray bottle filled with water and soap, Small squeegee or credit card, Utility knife, Microfiber cloth or lint-free towel,

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Thoroughly clean the inside of the windows to remove any dirt, dust, or debris. Ensure the window is completely dry before proceeding.



2. Measure the dimensions of the window and cut the film to size, leaving an extra cm or two on each side for adjustments. Use a utility knife to cut the film



3. Fill a spray bottle with water and add a few drops of dish soap. Shake the bottle gently to mix the solution.

Warning: do not use any products with ammonia or alcohol. It is best to use plain Sunlight liquid.

4. Carefully peel off the plastic liner from the window film and spray the now exposed adhesive surface thoroughly with wetting solution.



5. Liberally spray the entire window with the application solution. This will help the film adhere to the glass and prevent it from sticking prematurely.



6. Place the adhesive side of the film onto the wet glass, starting from the top, smoothing out wrinkles and air bubbles as you work downwards.



7. Use a small squeegee or credit card to smooth out the film, starting from the centre and working your way towards the edges.

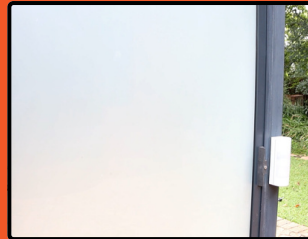


This will help remove any remaining air bubbles and ensure proper adhesion.

8. After applying the film smoothly, trim any extra film from the window edges using a utility knife.



9. Wipe the surface of the film with a microfiber cloth or lint-free towel to remove any remaining water or application solution. Check the edges to ensure they are securely adhered to the glass.



10. Allow the window film to dry completely. This may take a few hours, depending on the temperature and humidity levels

ADDITIONAL INSTALLATION TIPS

- Ensure the glass surface is smooth. Spray the glass with soapy water and use a single edge razor blade to shave the surface. There should be no "clicking" sounds from the glass as the blade moves across the surface.
- Use clean water and avoid harsh chemicals.
- The glass must be sprayed and squeegeed clean and not wiped.
- Before handling the film post-liner removal, moisten your fingers in water and rinse them.
- Ensure the immediate environment is free from any air currents generated by fans or wind.
- A good squeegee is needed to squeegee all the water from behind the film.

Precautions:

- Ensure the surface intended for the film is thoroughly clean, without any dirt, dust particles, or silicone. Check that the film is free of dry spots before applying it to the glass.
- When removing the release liner from adhesive-backed films, be cautious not to let the film roll onto itself as it may stick together. Wet the film while removing the liner to prevent this issue.

Tip to remove liner:

- Stick two pieces of Scotch tape at one corner, then pull them apart to separate the liner from the film.

Seaming Films:

- For windows wider than the available width of SOLYX films, industry standards permit seaming. The standard installation method involves a butt-joint type seam where the films are overlapped, cut through using a sharp blade along a straight edge, and the excess film is then removed. It is common for a faint light line to appear post-seaming, typically mirroring the width of the blade's point.

If you have any questions or need assistance along the way, our team is here to help. (Contact us: 0608611222 / info@tintfilm.co.za).

If you prefer a professional window film installer please feel free to contact us for a list of installers in your area.