

Solar Window Film

You have questions? We have answers!

1. Don't new windows come with solar protection built in?

Great advances have been made with Low-E windows; however, these only block a portion of damaging UV rays and help keep heat in during the winter months. Window films virtually eliminate all UV light, block excess heat during the warm months, and cut down on harsh glare. Window film and Low-E Glass work well in tandem to provide energy savings year-round.

2. Can solar window film help me save money on energy costs?

Window films can help reduce energy costs by blocking unwanted heat during the warm months while keeping heat in when you need it. Eliminating hot and cold spots also helps reduce excess use of HVAC equipment, prolonging its life.

3. Will window film void my window warranty?

In most cases, window manufacturers will void their warranty, viewing film as a "modification to their product." If you have a warranty in place, 3M offers a comparable warranty that matches the exact terms and conditions of your current window warranty.

4. How do I clean my windows if I have window film installed?

Almost all window films are able to be cleaned using any non-abrasive solution. Wiping with paper towels is not recommended, as they can have wood fibers, which may scratch the film. A soft cotton cloth or a window squeegee is recommended.

5. Will window film make it look dark & cloudy outside?

Window films come in a variety of colors, shades and densities, including clear, that offer a variety of options to suit your needs. In most cases, even a lightly tinted film can offer impressive solar performance.

6. How long does window film last?

Advances in technology have allowed manufacturers to offer lifetime warranties to home owners and 10-15 year warranties to commercial clients. Often, the usable life far outlasts the warranty coverage period and offers protection for many years beyond the expiration of the warranty.

7. Can't I just buy this stuff at Home Depot?

Yes, you can.... but naturally, we don't recommend it! Film and glass combinations, difficult installation, buying a quality product with a quality warranty are key components to any home improvement purchase. Working with a longstanding, knowledgeable company that offers quality products makes sense when considering window film application.

8. I've got blinds, so why would I need window film?

Blinds offer great protection against glare but are susceptible to Ultraviolet light damage and leave you feeling like you're living in a cave. In addition, blinds only serve to slow the transmission of solar heat as the heat seeps around the edges and through the cracks into your space. Window film allows you to leave the window treatments open and helps prolong their life.

Want to know more? Give us a call or send us an email. We'd be glad to come to your place and continue this discussion - **we're just getting started!**

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