



# Window Film Drying & Curing Information Guide

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## Important Information About Your Window Film Installation

Thank you for choosing **Shady Tintz Window Tinting Specialists**.

As certified industry professionals associated with the **Window Film Association of Australia & New Zealand (WFANZ)**, we want to provide clear and factual information regarding the normal drying and curing process of window film installations.

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Many customers notice temporary visual changes in the appearance of newly installed film during the curing period. In almost all cases, these are completely normal and do not affect the long-term appearance, clarity, or performance of the film.

## What To Expect During Drying & Curing

Window film is installed using a specialised slip solution that allows the film to be positioned correctly during installation. Following installation, residual moisture remains between the film and glass and gradually evaporates during the curing process.

## Common Temporary Visual Effects

During curing, it is completely normal to observe temporary water pockets, haziness, cloudiness, streaks, distortion, milky, or small moisture bubbles. These effects are part of the normal curing process and generally disappear over time as the remaining moisture evaporates.

## Typical Drying Times

Drying times vary depending on film type, weather conditions, glass thickness, humidity, and sunlight exposure. Automotive films commonly cure within several days to several weeks. Architectural and thicker ceramic or security films may require several weeks or, in colder conditions, potentially longer.

## Factors Affecting Drying Time

Cool weather, high humidity, shaded parking, double-glazed glass, laminated glass, and thicker films can all increase curing time. Vehicles exposed to moderate sunlight and ventilation generally cure more quickly.

## Do Not Press or Poke Moisture Pockets

It is extremely important that customers do not press, poke, rub, squeeze, or attempt to manually remove water pockets or visual imperfections during the curing process. Doing so can permanently scar, crease, scratch, or damage the film and adhesive system.

## Warranty Information Regarding Damage During Curing

Damage caused by interference with the curing process — including pressing on the film, poking moisture pockets, scraping, or improper cleaning — is not considered a manufacturing or installation defect and is generally not covered under warranty.

## Performance During Curing

Even while the film is curing, the film continues to provide UV reduction, heat rejection, glare reduction, and privacy benefits. Temporary curing marks do not reduce the designed performance capabilities of the film.

## Professional Reassurance

As recognised within the window film industry and referenced by WFANZ guidance, temporary visual curing effects are a normal and expected part of the installation process. Patience during curing is essential to achieving the best final appearance and performance outcome.

Film Type	Typical Curing Time
Standard Automotive Film	Several days to 2 weeks
Ceramic Automotive Film	1–4 weeks
Architectural Film	2–6 weeks
Safety / Security Film	4–12 weeks depending on thickness

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