

WINDSCREEN CARE

Making sure your view of the road remains clear and safe



IMPROVE YOUR VISION

Your windscreen's job goes beyond protecting you from the elements. When clean and clear, it provides good vision and a bonded screen contributes to the overall strength and rigidity of the vehicle. Looking after your windscreen is an essential part of vehicle maintenance.

You can improve your on-road vision substantially by ensuring your windscreen is clean both on the inside and out.

On the inside of your screen, you will find that a hazy film will build up, and chips and scratches can impact your sight.

Gases from vinyl or plastic dashboards can cause a cloud of grease and contaminants on the inside of your windscreen. Rubbing alcohol or an alcohol-based glass cleaner, plus clean, lint-free, micro fibre cloths are perfect for cleaning your windscreen's interior.

For the outside, a good screen-wash at the right concentration along with new wiper blades will clear your screen more effectively.

These tips will reduce vision impairment, particularly the dazzle drivers experience when the sun is low.

Wearing sunglasses can also substantially help against low sun, particularly in winter.

Cracks and chips in the windscreen can distract your attention as well as obscure your vision.

Luckily, damage can usually be repaired easily, depending upon its size and location. You should act quickly as moisture or dirt makes chips harder to repair.

Small chips can grow quickly, becoming irreparable, and secondary cracks can form.

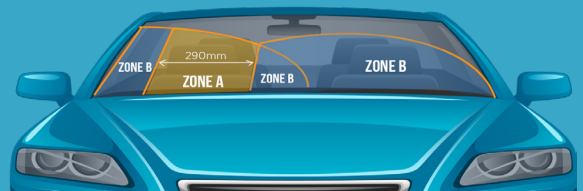
Repairs are made with a clear resin; the damage won't vanish but will be less visible with a smooth finish.

WINDSCREEN & MOT

DAMAGE

Windscreen damage can result in a failed MOT, depending on its size and location.

- There is a designated "Zone A" of the windscreen in front of the wheel. If 10mm or larger damage is located in this area, you will usually fail your MOT.
- A failure may also be a result of screen damage that is larger than 40mm and located anywhere outside of the "Zone A".



WIPER BLADES

If you have a wiper blade that is missing or insecure you can fail your MOT. Even if your wiper blades are present and correctly attached, you could still find yourself failing to pass the MOT if the blades are not in good enough condition to adequately clean the windscreen to give a clear view. The vision must be clear to the front and also to the left and right. If you find your wipers scrape, make noise, judder and/or leave tracks of uncleared rain/wash they must be replaced.

WHEN WAS YOUR LAST EYESIGHT CHECK?

It's not just your windscreen you should take care of to improve your on-road vision. An eye test every two years is the recommendation. Make sure your sight is at its best by visiting your opticians for a check up.