

N.C.P.I.—Motor Vehicle—215.31  
WINDSHIELD AND WINDOW REQUIREMENTS  
MOTOR VEHICLE VOLUME  
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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-127(a), (b), and (c).

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215.31 WINDSHIELD AND WINDOW REQUIREMENTS

The motor vehicle law provides that (*here use one or more of the following bracketed statements, as the evidence justifies*)

[no motor vehicle with a permanent windshield shall be operated on a highway without a windshield wiper,<sup>1</sup> of a type approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, directly in front of the operator, in good working order and so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the driver (and if the manufacturer equipped the vehicle with wipers on both the right and left sides of the windshield, both must be in good working order)].

[it is unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle on a highway with any [sign] [poster] [nontransparent material] upon the [front windshield] [side wing] [side window] [rear window] other than a certificate or other paper required to be so displayed by law (or approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles)].

[the [windshield] [rear window] [side glasses] of a motor vehicle must be free from discoloration which impairs the driver's vision or creates a hazard].<sup>2</sup>

A violation of [this law] [any of these provisions of law] is negligence in and of itself.

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1 The statute defines wiper as a device used "to clear rain or other substances from the windshield in front of the driver of the vehicle." N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-127(a).

2 If there is an issue as to window tinting or reflectivity, see N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-127(b).

