

How To: **Smoke Your Tail Lenses**

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Skill Level: **Easy**

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PURPOSE: To smoke your tail lenses

REQUIRED PARTS:

- Protective examination gloves
- Isopropyl Alcohol
- 2500 grit wet/dry sand paper
- Lint free towel
- VHT Night Shades (1 can will do both tail lights and 3rd brake light) \$12.95 @ summitracing.com
- High Gloss Automotive grade clear - I used Dupli-Color Truck, Van & SUV Clear Top Coat
- 2" Painter's Masking Tape - Light Color Preferred (Optional)
- Well ventilated yet wind free work area



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Using the alcohol as the wetting agent, wet sand the lens surface with the 2500 grit sand paper until the lens appears evenly dull.
2. Once the lens surface is evenly dull, wipe down with lint free towel soaked with alcohol and allow to air dry. Be careful to not touch lens surface with bare hands/fingers. **Optional** - Use 2" painter's masking tape to mask off reverse light and/or cargo lamps then trim with Xacto or razor blade. Hint: use a small flashlight through the bulb socket hole to see the edges of the clear lens better.

3. Spray lens with VHT Night Shades following directions on can. Remember, it is always best to spray several light coats than it is to spray 1 or 2 heavy coats. Heavy wet coats can cause runs in the tint finish. Allow to dry to the touch. ****TOUCH THE OVER-SPRAYED AREA NEXT TO THE LENS, NOT THE LENS**** The overspray should feel a little tacky but not stick to your gloved finger.



Figure 1: After 6-7 light coats

4. Repeat Step 3 this time using the clear. Be sure to follow directions on the can. Tip: Spray light coats for the first 2-3 coats to ensure even coverage. For the final 2-3 coats, apply the clear a little heavier/wetter to achieve a high gloss, smooth finish. Allow to dry to a light tacky feel between wet coats.



Figure 2: After the wet clear coats

5. Allow the lenses to dry for a few hours before handling them. Touch over sprayed area to ensure it is no longer tacky. The clear paint and tint is still very delicate and is susceptible to scratches very easily. Reinstall the lenses and enjoy your handy work



Figure 3: Completed Modification (Lights Off)



Figure 4: Completed Modification (Brake Lights On)