

Tips for Selecting Mobile Service When Having Your Windshield Replaced

In today's busy society, auto glass technicians who come to you in a mobile van to replace your car's damaged windshield are a great convenience. But is mobile service as good as having your windshield replaced at a glass shop?

That depends, says a leading automotive replacement glass industry expert. Bob Beranek, President of [Automotive Glass Consultants](#), recommends consumers follow these steps:

1. **Find an installer who is certified by an industry organization and an adhesive manufacturer.** Don't be embarrassed or shy about asking to see an installer's credentials. A professional installer will be pleased to provide the information. Ask for certification showing the name of the installer as well as certification of the shop.
2. **Consider the weather conditions.** Products are available to installers that allow glass replacement in outside temperatures as low as zero degrees, but if the weather is inclement, rainy, snowy or damp, consider having your windshield replaced indoors or in an environment that is protected from the outdoors. The materials used by installers must bond the glass to the vehicle body and dry surfaces are necessary for the materials to properly bond in a reasonable period of time.
3. **Ask about safe drive-away times.** The drive-away time is the time needed for the urethane adhesive to cure completely before it is safe to drive the vehicle. Some adhesives cure more quickly and have faster drive-away times than others that take longer to cure. For your safety, be sure to ask what type of urethane system will be used on your vehicle and the cure time needed.
4. **Consider the windshield size.** Large windshields, such as those in vans and sport utility vehicles, require two people to install or tools that enable the larger window to be installed by one man. A professional, reputable auto glass shop that offers mobile service will offer the proper installation tools and/or manpower and will make sure the job is handled correctly.

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