

Vehicle Modification Compliance Report

Wisconsin | Truck | August 28, 2026

CONDITIONAL — Window Tint

Front side windows: minimum 50% VLT. Rear side and back windows: minimum 35% VLT. A back window below 60% requires exterior mirrors on both sides. A 3% tolerance applies.

Conditions: A back window below 60% requires exterior mirrors on both sides.

Wis. Admin. Code Trans 305.32

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CONDITIONAL — Lift Kits

Wis. Stat. § 347.455 measures from manufacturer-specified height: +4 in maximum, or +5 in for qualifying 4WD/truck modifications. The '31-inch bumper maximum' previously shown here is not the statute's rule.

Wis. Stat. § 347.455

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CONDITIONAL — Lowering

The 16-inch minimum previously shown was unsupported; § 347.455(4) instead bars any part of the vehicle from sitting below the bottom of the rims.

Wis. Stat. § 347.455(4)

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CONDITIONAL — Light Bars & LED Lighting

Mounting a light bar is generally legal; using it on public roads is what states restrict. Some states require opaque covers, others only require the lights off. Wisconsin's specific rule is pending primary-source verification — keeping auxiliary lights off and covered on-road satisfies either regime.

Conditions: Light bars must be covered when driving on public roads. Only white or amber colors permitted. May be used off-road or when vehicle is stationary for work purposes.

Wis. Stat. § 347.06

CONDITIONAL — Headlight & Taillight Tint

Wisconsin permits headlight tinting modifications provided they do not compromise the minimum light output required by federal standards. The tint cannot significantly reduce the effectiveness of the headlights or impair their visibility to other drivers. Headlights must continue to emit white or amber colored light as mandated by state law. Any modification that reduces safety or violates federal lighting standards would make the vehicle non-compliant.

Conditions: Headlight tint is allowed only if it does not reduce light output below federal requirements and does not impair visibility. Tinted headlights must still emit white or amber light as required by law.

Wisconsin Statutes Section 347.06

CONDITIONAL — Exhaust Noise

Wisconsin law is qualitative rather than numeric: A muffler in good working order is required, exhaust may not produce excessive or unusual noise, and cutouts or bypasses are prohibited.

Wis. Stat. § 347.39

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CONDITIONAL — Aftermarket Exhaust

Wisconsin law mandates that all motor vehicles have mufflers in good working order that prevent excessive or unusual noise. Vehicles must retain catalytic converters if originally equipped. Exhaust cutouts, bypasses, or similar devices that allow unsilenced exhaust are prohibited. The exhaust system must effectively reduce noise to reasonable levels during normal operation.

Conditions: Muffler must be in good working order and prevent excessive noise. Catalytic converter required if originally equipped. Sound level must not exceed reasonable limits.

Wis. Stat. § 347.385

CONDITIONAL — Wheel & Tire Protrusion

Wisconsin vehicle modification law permits wheels to protrude beyond the vehicle's fenders, but limits this extension to a maximum of 6 inches beyond the widest part of the fender. When wheels do extend beyond the fenders, the vehicle must be equipped with adequate mud flaps or splash guards to prevent debris from being thrown by the tires. Fender flares are accepted as an alternative method to cover extended wheels. This regulation applies to all vehicle types and is designed to balance modification freedom with safety concerns related to road debris.

Conditions: Wheels may extend beyond fenders but not more than 6 inches beyond the widest part of the fender. Extended wheels must have adequate mud flaps or splash guards.

Wisconsin Statutes § 347.35

CONDITIONAL — Underglow

Wisconsin law restricts underglow lighting through general vehicle lighting regulations. Red and blue colors are prohibited as they are reserved for emergency vehicles. Flashing or strobe underglow is not permitted. The lights cannot be visible or active while the vehicle is being operated on public roadways, but may be used when the vehicle is parked in appropriate locations.

Conditions: Underglow lights cannot be red or blue colors, cannot flash or strobe, and cannot be visible while driving on public roads. May only be used when vehicle is parked.

Wis. Stat. § 347.06

CONDITIONAL — Window Banners

Wisconsin permits windshield banners as long as they do not exceed 5 inches in height measured from the top of the windshield. If an AS1 line is present on the windshield, the banner must not extend below this line. The banner must not obstruct the driver's clear view of the road. This regulation applies to all passenger vehicles and is designed to balance commercial or decorative needs with traffic safety requirements.

Conditions: Banner must not exceed 5 inches in height from top of windshield or AS1 line if present. Must not obstruct driver's view.

Wisconsin Statute 347.06

CONDITIONAL — License Plate Frames

Wisconsin allows the use of license plate frames and covers on vehicles. However, these accessories must not obstruct, cover, or make illegible any portion of the license plate including the numbers, letters, or state name. Registration stickers or tabs must also remain clearly visible and unobstructed. Violations can result in traffic citations and fines.

Conditions: License plate frames and covers are allowed but must not obstruct or obscure any part of the license plate number, letters, or registration stickers/tabs

Wisconsin Statutes § 341.15

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