

**Subject:** FW: ENVIROMENTALLY FREINDLY VEHICLES.....TOYOTA PREVIA HYBRID

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**Subject:** RE: ENVIROMENTALLY FREINDLY VEHICLES.....TOYOTA PREVIA HYBRID

good morning dick,

many thanks for your speedy response to my email re the tinted window thing on the hybrids,

my problem stems from a further enquiry with various replacement window glass companies, inso far as when i went to see if they could give me an order to delivery time they were quoting up to six months!!!!!! if they could get the glass at all and when i asked why this was so i was told what toyota had told me previously that the glass may only be available in its original spec as they have not produced a previa hybrid without the tinted/privacy glass.

now my question was as follows and my reasoning was quite logical, was if they made glass for the english previas why couldnt we use replacement glass from those vehicles?

the answer i got was as follows.....the english version of the previa was only a three door and so no wind down window glass was ever made and so replacement glass is only available as per the original english spec three door ie fixed in the frame.

I replied with the new previas were a five door version, but the response was yes they were from 2007!!! and the body specification had been changed and they felt that the glass would not fit.

in conclusion i was told that the glass would more than likely have to be specially ordered from st cobain in france (the vehicle glass manufacturers) but he could not, and would not, confirm whether such an order would be accepted on account of the small number of 8 even when i told him of my dilema with the licensing division im afraid it cut no ice!.

I made more enquiries with the importers of which there are not many and they all gave me similar answers to my problem and could not understand why i would want to butcher such fabulous vehicles, and also pointed out that even if i was successful in getting replacement glass that i would be altering the vehicle away from the manufacturers specifications and as such would need to tell the insurance company of the modifications made and in addition the removal and replacement of the rear screen could affect the integrity of the vehicle in the event of an accident, and could be classed as a saftey issue giving rise to thoughts of legal implications and law suits.

i feel somewhat dissapointed in that i have effectively made a problem for myself in that i have set my goal to reduce emissions from my somewhat small company.....but thats only a temporary situation.....and set my heart on displaying my intentions with major capital expenditure on the purchase of these new vehicles.

Whilst the people of York move more towards reducing carbon emission and recycling it seems such a shame to deny them the potential to reduce carbon monoxide emissions still further by offering enviromentally friendly vehicles for their leisure persuits based upon a standard determined with an element of mistrust disguised as a saftey issue, as there are quite literally thousands of this vehicles in circulation worlwide and the privacy glass has been fitted in them all.

I am attempting to attach pictures of what these tints look like from the inside of the vehicle

but if i cant get them on i will print photos of them for your perusal.

I also have had information, whether its true or not i dont know,that selby and harrogate are no longer persueing the standard on tinted windows as they have had too many people challenge the ruling, i would like to see perhaps a decision on based on specific vehicles and their suitability and impression that they give to visitors, for example,

VEHICLES WHICH BY THEIR NATURE ARE DESIGNATED AS EXECUTIVE/LUXURY CLASS AND/OR DESIGNATED AS ENVIROMENTALLY FRIENDLY DUEL FUEL, AS LISTED IN THE RELEVANT DVLA/VOSA PUBLICATIONS COULD BE EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN LICENSING CRITERIA AS LAID OUT BY THE RELEVANT LICENSING AUTHORITY AND/OR COULD BE AFFORDED CERTAIN CONCESSIONS WITH REGARD TO THE FEES ETC AS DETERMINED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

I am sorry to be such a nuisance over this but i have put so much time and effort into my enquiries that i feel that to not look for a solution would in itself be un-enviromentally friendly!

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