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3M Films Training Classes and Testing

Complete Guide

Introduction

Welcome to the ultimate guide for selecting the right 3M films training class for your goals. Whether you're looking to sharpen your skills, meet employer requirements or achieve career goals, this guide is designed to help walk you through our wide range of courses and find the best fit for your professional development. 3M provides excellent training to ensure you master the art of graphics film installation -- discover how you can elevate your expertise and become a 3M Preferred Installer or 3M Certified Company.



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Discover the meaning behind each designation.



3M Preferred Installer

Individual credential.

Becomes a 3M Preferred Installer by passing the installation test for a specific application (e.g., Vehicle Color Change, Fleet, 3M™ DI-NOC™ Architectural Finishes, or Windows, Walls and Floors).

No yearly membership dues.

Credential stays with the individual.

Insurance advised but not required to maintain status.

Listed on 3M Find An Installer page. >>



3M Certified
Graphics Installation
Company

Certification for Your Business

Company credential, not individual.

Employs at least one full-time 3M qualified installer² that has passed the installation testing for Fleet and Windows, Walls and Floors application at the 3M Authorized Training Center in Saint Paul, MN.

Annual UASG membership dues.

Credential stays with the company.

Insurance required and validated annually.

Listed on 3M Find An Installer page >>

Listed on UASG Find Installers page. >>

Preferred Installer Benefits

- Is able to obtain 3M Preferred Installer status for a specific installation (e.g., Fleet, WWF, VCC) at any of the 3M Authorized Training Facilities.
- Can be employed by a graphics installation company^{1,2} or work independently.

¹ If a 3M Preferred Installer would like to serve as the primary installer for a 3M Certified Graphics Installation Company, they need to test out at the 3M Authorized Training Center in St. Paul, MN.

² The 3M Certified Graphics Installation Company can hire additional installers as long as the company has at least one full time, W-2 employee that has passed the installation test for Fleet and Windows, Walls and Floor applications at the 3M Training Facility in Saint Paul, MN. If a 3M Preferred Installer tested in Saint Paul to obtain their Preferred status, they can be the qualified installer for the 3M Certified Company designation.

Certified Business Benefits

- Membership in the United Application Standards Group (UASG). Some benefits include listing on UASG.org, access to the UASG-U ongoing learning portal, and the Code of Ethics.
- Network opportunities with other 3M Certified Graphics Installation Companies for continuous learning, development and collaboration on large national projects.
- Exclusive use of the 3M Certified Graphics Installation Company title and emblem.

The process of becoming a 3M Certified Graphics Installation Company is managed by UASG which includes a review of proper record keeping, customer reference checks and a site interview. The company must also employ at least one 3M qualified installer (W-2, not contract) who successfully passed the installation test for Fleet, and Windows, Walls and Floors applications at the Saint Paul Authorized Training Center. Full requirements are listed on the UASG.org website.

3M Preferred Installer Information and Locations with class schedules:
3M.com/GraphicsTraining



3M Certified Graphics Installation Company Information and Application:
UASG.org



3M Graphic Film Installation Training for Windows, Walls, Floors and Fleet

Duration: 3 Days (Register for Monday through Wednesday)

Join our training program where 3M Authorized Trainers will guide you through the installation processes for applying graphic films to windows, walls, floors, and fleet (vehicles). This training is designed to help enhance your installation skills and help ensure your applications meet and exceed customer expectations.

Important note

This course is not intended to provide inexperienced installers with the skills needed to successfully pass the hands-on Preferred Installer tests. Although it is not mandatory, 3M suggests that these rigorous hands-on tests only be attempted by experienced installers.

Optional Hands-On Testing: (Thursday and Friday)

After completing the training, you have the option to participate in hands-on testing for Windows, Walls, & Floors, and/or Fleet Preferred Installer designations. Successful candidates will earn the titles of 3M Preferred Installer for Windows, or Walls & Floors, 3M Preferred Installer for Fleet or both, depending on your participation. These designations are earned by an individual installer on their own behalf and stays with them regardless of employer or location.

See the 3M Preferred Installer information for additional details.



3M Preferred Installer Testing for Windows, Walls, and Floors.

3M Preferred Installer Testing for Fleet



Testing requirements

1-Day Test: For either 3M Preferred Installer for Windows, Walls & Floors (WWF) or 3M Preferred Installer for Fleet accreditation (register for Thursday testing only).



2-Day Test: For both WWF and Fleet accreditations (register for both Thursday and Friday).



Preferred installer

Successful candidates will earn the titles of 3M Windows, Walls & Floors Preferred Installer or 3M Fleet Preferred Installer, or both, depending on participation. Accredited installers will be listed on the 3M Installer Locator and granted use of specific 3M branding items to showcase their proven proficiencies.

Important note

This course is not intended to provide inexperienced installers with the skills needed to successfully pass the hands-on Preferred Installer tests. Although it is not mandatory, 3M suggests that these rigorous hands-on tests only be attempted by experienced installers.



3M Vehicle Color Change Films Installation Training and Testing



Duration: 3 Days



This course is designed to teach installers how to apply 3M™ Wrap Film Series 2080, 3M™ Protection Wrap Film Color Series, and use 3M™ Knifeless™ Tape. This course will help participants to gain essential skills and knowledge needed to excel in the personal auto industry. The program emphasizes hands-on training with the proper applications tools to help ensure success in real-world scenarios.

Day 3: Installers have the option to either continue training or, if confident in their skills, attempt a five-station installation test. Those who pass the test will earn the 3M Vehicle Color Change Preferred Installer accreditation.

Important note

This program is not recommended for students new to the industry or those with less than a year of experience, as the test is rigorous.



3M™ DI-NOC™ Architectural Finishes Installation Training and Testing



Duration: 3 Days

This training program equips installers with the tools and techniques needed to confidently apply 3M™ DI-NOC™ Architectural Finishes for both interior and exterior design settings. Over two days, participants will receive comprehensive training. On the third day, they have the option to take a test based on what they've learned.

Passing the test offers students the title of 3M™ DI-NOC™ Architectural Finishes Preferred Installer, and successful candidates will be listed on the 3M Installer Locator.

Important note

This training is not intended for entry-level installers. 3M recommends that only experienced installers attempt the rigorous hands-on tests.



3M Automotive Films Installation Training for Beginners

Duration: 2 Days

This beginner class for Automotive Window Film (AWF) is for those with limited experience with wet installation films, such as Paint Protection Film or Window Film. This class will cover AWF film properties, proper cleaning and preparations, installation solutions, tools, film installation for all windows of a sedan, hand cutting patterns and an introduction to pattern-cutting software.

Course highlights

- **AWF film properties:** Understand the unique characteristics and benefits of automotive window films.
- **Proper cleaning and preparations:** Learn best practices for surface preparation to ensure optimal film adhesion and performance.
- **Installation solutions:** Discover the correct mixture ratios and application techniques for installation solutions.
- **Tools:** Become familiar with the essential tools required for successful window film installation.
- **Film installation:** Gain hands-on experience in installing window film on all windows of a sedan.
- **Hand cutting patterns:** Develop precision in hand cutting patterns to fit various window shapes and sizes.
- **Intro to pattern-cutting software:** Get an overview of pattern-cutting software to enhance your installation process.

By the end of the course, installers will be equipped with the foundational skills needed to confidently install automotive window films and help meet customer expectations.



3M Automotive Window Films Installation Training and Testing



Duration: 3 Days

This intermediate and advanced class is for installers with more than one year of installation experience who are seeking 3M™ Automotive Window Film Crystalline Series Preferred training and skill advancement beyond the basics. In this class, we will fast track basic installation techniques and dive into hand cutting vs. machine-cut patterns, pattern software, pattern editing basics, and a deep dive into 3M™ Automotive Window Film Crystalline Series shrinking. This class will be two days of hands-on training with one day of testing.

Course highlights

- **Hand cutting vs. machine-cut patterns:** Learn the pros and cons of each method and develop proficiency in both.
- **Pattern software basics:** Get an introduction to pattern editing software to enhance your installation process.
- **3M™ Automotive Window Film Crystalline Series shrinking:** Dive deep into the techniques for shrinking 3M™ Automotive Window Film Crystalline Series to achieve a perfect fit. The class includes two days of hands-on training followed by one day of testing. Successful completion of the test will earn you the 3M™ Automotive Window Film Crystalline Series Preferred Installer designation.



3M Paint Protection Films Installation Training for Beginners

Duration: 2 Days

This beginner class for 3M™ Paint Protection Film (PPF) is for those who have less than one year of experience with wet installation films such as Paint Protection Film or Window Film. This class will cover PPF film properties, proper cleaning and preparations, installation solutions, tools, film installation for small and large machine-cut patterns, film maintenance and directions on how to set the proper end user expectation for film performance ability.

Course highlights

- **PPF film properties:** Understand the unique characteristics and benefits of 3M™ Paint Protection Films, including their self-healing properties and hydrophobic qualities.
- **Proper cleaning and preparations:** Learn best practices for surface preparation to ensure optimal film adhesion and performance.
- **Installation solutions:** Discover the correct mixture ratios and application techniques for installation solutions.
- **Tools:** Get familiar with the essential tools required for successful PPF installation.
- **Film installation:** Gain hands-on experience installing PPF on small and large machine-cut patterns, including proper stretching techniques and edge finishing.
- **Film maintenance:** Learn how to maintain the film post-installation, including cleaning and care tips to ensure longevity.
- **Setting customer expectations:** Understand how to set realistic expectations for film performance and durability.



3M Paint Protection Films Installation Training and Testing



Duration: 3 Days



This class is for installers with more than one year of installation experience with PPF who are seeking Preferred Status. In this class, we will fast track basic techniques and go straight into medium to large machine-cut pattern installations, deep dive inside view mirror applications, front bumper installations on medium to hard-level bumpers, bulk hood installation with edge wrapping and 3M Pattern Marketplace basic pattern manipulation and editing. This class will be two days of hands-on training with one day of testing.

Course highlights

- **Side view mirror applications:** Dive deep into the techniques for applying PPF to side view mirrors.
- **Front bumper installations:** Master the installation of PPF on medium to hard-level bumpers.
- **Bulk hood installation with edge wrapping:** Gain expertise in bulk hood installations, including proper edge wrapping techniques.
- **3M Pattern and Solutions Center:** Learn basic pattern manipulation and editing using the 3M Pattern and Solutions Center, a cutting-edge tool with thousands of quality tested paint protection film patterns.



3M Automotive Restyling Films Installation Training

The Ultimate DIY and Beginner Automotive Restyling Course

This course is designed specifically for beginners with little to no experience in vehicle wraps, window film, and paint protection film (PPF). It covers the basics of the three most popular ways to restyle vehicles. Here are a few things we'll cover:

- **Color change wraps:** Learn the fundamental concepts of installing a color change wrap, including squeegee techniques, proper use of heat, and stretching the film. You'll also learn how to use 3M™ Knifeless™ Tape, plan your wrap to maximize each roll, and price your wraps for profit. Proper vehicle prep, materials, and tools needed for success are also covered.
- **Paint protection film (PPF):** Discover ways that can help to maximize profit and achieve quick turnarounds on vehicles. This section covers high-wear packages and partial front-end coverages, providing you with the basics to start offering PPF coverage and enter one of the most popular and beneficial vehicle upgrades.
- **Window tinting:** Understand the benefits of window tint and learn how to properly shrink and install the film. Since window tinting is often the first upgrade for new cars, offering this service can be beneficial.

Why Choose 3M Automotive Wrap Restyling Training?

This course is perfect for those looking to enter the automotive restyling industry. You'll gain a good understanding of different films and how to choose the appropriate one for your customers. Designed for DIY enthusiasts and beginner installers, this course provides foundational techniques to kickstart your career.



Color Management Professional Training (with Printing United Alliance)

Color Management Professional Training

Duration: 2 Days

This intermediate class is perfect for early to mid-level color management professionals looking to expand their skillsets and confidence with color management in the production process in large-format inkjet printing. Here's what we'll cover in this course:

- Color management and color theory
- Premedia process
- Equipment, materials and input devices
- Creation of print profiles
- Evaluation of results and process control
- Troubleshooting and more



G7+ Training (with Printing United Alliance)

G7+ Training

Duration: 3 Days

This expert-level G7+ training teaches professionals how to analyze color and print-related issues and how to take corrective action to bring systems and processes in control to a set method, standard or specification with repeatable, predictable results. Here are some of the topics we'll cover:

- **G7+ Based inkjet print applications**
- **G7+ Integration and maintenance**
- **G7+ Process control across print and proofing applications**
- **G7+ Alignment to global print communications and supply chain management standards**



Design training classes powered by Full Circle



Windows & Walls Design Class: Duration 3 Days

- **Target Audience:** Graphic designers

Objectives

- Build accurate, photo-realistic templates for storefronts, rough walls, windows, and interior walls.
- Use photos and measurements to create layered and scaled templates for proofing, file preparation, production, and installation.

Full Circle Wrap Design Training - Wrap Design 101: Duration 3 Days

- **Target Audience:** Beginners with basic knowledge of Photoshop and Illustrator, within their first year in the large format/vehicle wrap industry.

Objectives

- Review common tools, shortcuts, and modifier keys for efficient workflow.
- Explore tandem workflow using Photoshop and Illustrator for optimal design results.
- Introduce creative briefs to avoid unnecessary revisions.
- Conduct creative briefs for final projects.
- Review and discuss designs with a Q&A session.

Full Circle Wrap Design Training - Wrap Design 201: Duration 3 Days

- **Target Audience:** Individuals with over a year of experience in the large format/vehicle wrap industry.

Objectives

- Best practices for making templates, designing on custom templates, and file preparation for printing.
- Learn to create vehicle templates from specific measurements and photos.
- Detailed discussion on the creative brief process to reduce revisions and achieve faster approvals.
- Review completed designs among the class with a Q&A session.



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Authorized training facilities

3M: St. Paul, MN



3m.com/installationtraining

Wrapix Academy: Burbank, CA



WrapixAcademy.com

Wrap EDU: Orlando, FL



wrapeducation.com

Full Circle: Phoenix, AZ



fcwtraining.com

Geek Wraps: Ft. Lauderdale, FL



GeekWrapsU.com

Lowen Certified: Hutchinson, KS



LowenCertified.com

Wrap University: Whitby, Ontario Canada



www.wrapu.ca

School of Wraps: Nashville, TN



SchoolOfWrap.com

Training considerations



Employer requirements

Many employers prefer or require their employees to have certain training to ensure quality and consistency in their work. If your employer has specific training requirements, choose a class that offers the necessary accreditation.



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Career advancement

Obtaining training can help boost your professional credentials and open up new opportunities. Look for classes that offer training recognized by industry leaders, such as the 3M Preferred Installer designation.



**3M Preferred
Installer**

Client expectations

Clients may prefer to work with credentialed companies or preferred installers to ensure high-quality results. Obtaining training can help provide you a competitive edge and build trust with potential clients.

Personal goals

Think about your long-term career goals and how trainings can help you achieve them.

Considering the factors above, choose classes that align with your aspirations and provide the skills and credentials needed for your desired career path. We hope this guide helps you find the perfect training class that supports your professional development and helps you achieve your career goals.



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