

Auto Glass Startup Checklist

Six things to line up before your shop brings auto glass work in-house

Adapted from "Auto Glass In-House: The Training, Tools, Timeline Shops Need Before They Start" by Leona Scott, Autobody News

Shop: _____ Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

☐ **Training**

I-CAR or ASE glass removal/installation courses, mentoring from an experienced glass technician or vendor, supervised hands-on practice.

☐ **Tools**

Cut-Out tools, suction cups, glass, tape, primers and urethanes, moldings, adhesive application tools.

☐ **Suppliers**

Establish aftermarket glass accounts (e.g., PGW, Pilkington) before you need them, as onboarding takes time.

☐ **ADAS Strategy**

Determine whether calibrations will be performed in-house or sublet, and build that capability before taking on windshields.

☐ **Liability Review**

Understand FMVSS requirements and commit to adhesive manufacturer procedures exactly as specified.

☐ **OEM Procedures**

Confirm replacement requirements by make/model; some OEM procedures (like Toyota's quarter glass policy) can reduce risk during the learning phase.
