

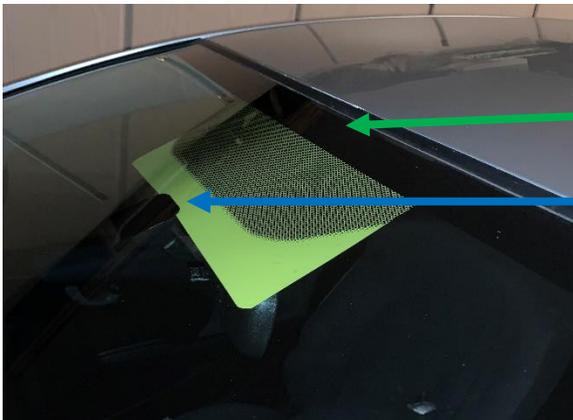
Car Sun Shield, Version 1.0

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The problem is common and potentially dangerous: driving into the sun when it is low in the sky. I am in this situation a few times a week. Most of the time, the sun is high enough to be blocked by my fold down sun visors. But sometimes it shines between them and all I can do is hold up my hand while driving.

My first attempt at a solution was to cut a piece of thick paper so it would hook over the mirror support. This was fairly easy to attach but left a gap on top. I suffered with this solution for a week until my wife, Donna, happened to be in the car. When the sun was about to blind me, I asked her to take the shield and install it. She quickly realized its limitations and turned it up-side-down. The top edge was held by the window gasket and hung down behind the mirror. Worked perfectly.



Later, I refined her idea using a piece of stiff plastic sheet cut from a file folder². The top edge is gently held by the window gasket while the bottom edge rests in a slot just above the mirror support. The corners of the card were rounded so they would not hang up at the start of the grooves during installation.

A word of warning: Placing objects on the front window may not be legal in your state.

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² This material also makes great ways covers.



The card can stay centered over the mirror.



Or be easily slid to the right until it is under the passenger side sun shield.



Of course, it slides to the left too.

We still have not figured out how to block the sun when it shines in below the sun visors. Sometimes it is better to just pull over for a few minutes rather than risk a crash.

We welcome your comments and questions.

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