



# Colorado Springs Police Department

## Standard Operating Procedure

### DL-1501-07 Window Tint Meters

#### Section 1500 – Assigned Equipment

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### **.01 Purpose**

The purpose of this written directive is to establish guidelines on the use of Laser Labs Tint Meter 100 tint meters.

### **.02 Cross-Reference**

[GO 1501 Assigned Equipment](#)

### **.04 Procedure**

The meters measure the amount of light transmitted through auto glass, including the window tinting material, and are displayed digitally as a percentage of light transmitted within 2%, positive or negative.

Officers who use the window tint meters will adhere to the following procedures in the practical field operation of the unit.

#### **Demonstration of the Unit**

Officers will not discuss the technical operations of the unit to the violator or the general public, except in the presence of and with the consent of a supervisor.

Officers will not conduct window tint tests for the general public.

#### **Familiarity and Use**

Officers will be familiar with and will adhere to the manufacturer's recommendation for field application of the unit.

#### **Field Care of the Unit**

Officers will exercise due care to protect the units while in field use. Officers will not place the units on the floor of the vehicle, on the dash of the vehicle, or in any area where damages to the unit are likely to occur. Officers will make every attempt to maintain and preserve the equipment in their daily use of the instrument.

## **Calibration**

Prior to field use, officers will test the unit against the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) samples provided by the manufacturer to ensure the unit is properly calibrated.

Units that fail the calibration tests will be removed from service and will not be used until it is properly calibrated. The officer making such a determination will be responsible for taking the device out of service and preparing a work order to have the device repaired. Each division's assigned equipment sergeant will be responsible for sending devices back to the manufacturer for repair or placement.

## **Summons Issuance**

When issuing a summons, officers will note the last factory calibration date and the fact that the calibration of the unit was manually verified on the affidavit portion of the summons.

## **Annual Inspection**

During the yearly divisional equipment inventory process, each division's equipment Sergeant will inspect and verify each tint meter is calibrated appropriately.

Units that fail the annual calibration tests will be removed from service and will not be used until properly calibrated. The assigned equipment sergeant will be responsible for sending devices back to the manufacturer for repair or placement.