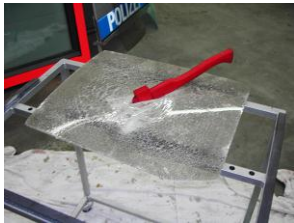


Windows foil protection



Among offroaders circulate lots of stories. Tales of robbers are in vogue. The theft of valuables by smashing windows has increased considerably in recent times. It is bad when this happens, even more so when the vehicle is 'inhabited' and the vehicle occupant is in for a shock. Specially when it occurs in broad daylight among witnesses. Particularly in the Southern hemisphere it is recommended to leave the side windows a small gap open so that it can absorb quite heavy hits and the chance diminishes that it becomes broken. Luckily, it so far never happened to me and – to be honest – I don't want to have such an experience.



Apart from above mentioned precaution measure, there exists also the possibility to 'armor' the vehicle in a light version against such incidents so that the budget is not extensively strained. Specialist shops offer various brands of security foils against break-ins. Although they are useless against bullets, advertising promises protection even against hand grenades (apparently very useful when you enter a battlefield directly with your car...). Regardless. I bought such foils and attached them on the side/rear windows (the front window is already equipped with laminated glass ex works). I bought the foil at Frehner Folientechnik GmbH that did also the delicate fixing (<http://www.frehner-folientechnik.ch>). All together it cost me 750 (special offer price though). In general, I attach such things myself but from experience I know that it is very difficult to mount this stuff without wrinkles.



I don't know whether the foil is really doing its task in an emergency. But it has already one positive side effect. I sleep somewhat more quiet in my Zebra. Another positive is that in case a side window really breaks, the laminate holds the window together (no bits of broken glass flying around). That makes the continuation of the journey somewhat more comfortable. In addition, the windows fog up less easily.

