

Early 1900s



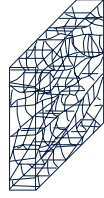
Car windscreens initially introduced

1905



Laminated glass invented by British man, John C Wood

1930s



Development of tempered glass

1903



1903 First operational windscreen wipers were invented by Mary Anderson

1923



Triplex Glass Company formed

1947



First curved windscreen introduced

1959



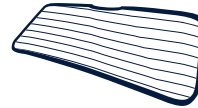
Glass production became significantly cheaper due to Pilkington's development of the float process

1970s & 80s



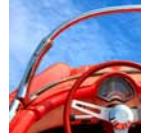
Technology becomes more prevalent with introduction of rain sensors

1985



Ford Motor Company was first to introduce electronically heated windscreen technology – first seen on the Ford Scorpio

1957



Most cars had curved windscreens

1960s



Safety awareness more prevalent

1970



Saab introduced headlight wipers and Citroen introduced rain sensitive intermittent wipers on its SM Model

1990s



Windscreens equipped with a hybrid film and dye to absorb heat, providing significant reduction in both IR (Infrared) and UV rays

2001



Lane Departure Warning (LDWS) introduced by Nissan Motors in Japan

2003



BMW became the first European car manufacturer to offer HUD technology on vehicles available to the public

2005



Citroen was the first car manufacturer in Europe to implement LDWS on its C4, C5 and C6 models

2007



Blind Spot Information Systems were initially implemented by Volvo on the redesigned Volvo S80 Sedan, followed by Mazda in 2008

2008



Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB) Testing: Volvo was the first to fit AEB as standard on its XC60