

# From Rendering To Reality: Principles of Glass Selection for Facades

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# Agenda

Glass Selection Criterion

Solar Spectrum vis Performance and Design

Architectural Glass Developments.

**Delaware Welcome Center**  
Wilmington, DE  
SN 654 on Green  
Environetics (Cubellis)



# Glass Selection Criterion



# Rendering To Reality

Manufacturer, Processor, & Fabricator



**Allure**  
Las Vegas, NV  
NU 40 on Clear  
EDI Architecture  
Photo: KHS&S

# Performances of Glass

- \* Design :
  - Visual aspect
  - Color
  
- \* Functions :
  - Security
  - Acoustic
  - Thermal insulation
  - Solar control
  - Glare .....

# Light Transmission

Higher Transmission

68%



**1331 L Street**  
Washington, DC  
SN 68 on Clear  
SmithGroup

Lower Transmission

18%



**Ivy Hotel + Residences**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Silver 20 on Clear  
Walsh Bishop Architects  
Photo: Blue Photography



# Reflectivity

Lower Reflectivity

11%



**Lofts @ 655 Sixth Avenue**  
San Diego, CA  
SN 68 on Clear  
Public Architecture  
Photo: Loopnet.com

Higher Reflectivity

31%



**Reckson Executive Park**  
Melville, NY  
Silver 20 on Clear  
Reckson Associates



# Aesthetics - Color Perception

Perception depends on:

- 1) Light (outside and inside)
- 2) Object (and background)
- 3) Observer (angular dependence)

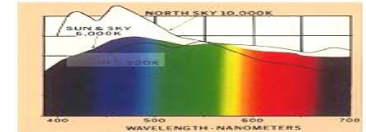
## SN54-CrystalGray outboard



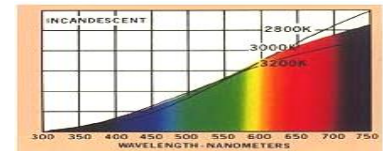
# Color Rendering Index (CRI)

- The color rendering index defines the spectral quality of glasses in transmission.
- Examples
  - Tungsten bulb & Sunlight/Blue Sky = 100
  - High Quality Fluorescent = 90
  - Green Glass = 80
- Between 80-90 -> Good
- 90-100 -> Very Good
- Museums typically specify 95 or higher.

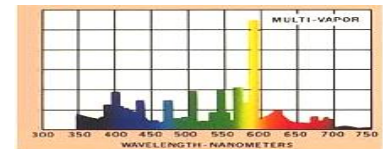
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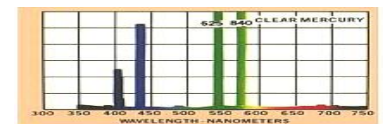
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Product	CRI
Clear Insulating	97
Clear Insulating Low-E	95
Blue Insulating	85
Bronze Insulating	95
Gray Insulating	95
Green Insulating	88
Light Gray Insulating	93

# Color Rendering Index

## Example



View through body tinted blue glass



View through Guardian blue reflective glass, coated on clear glass

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# Performances of Glass

One of the most important function is the :

**Solar control**



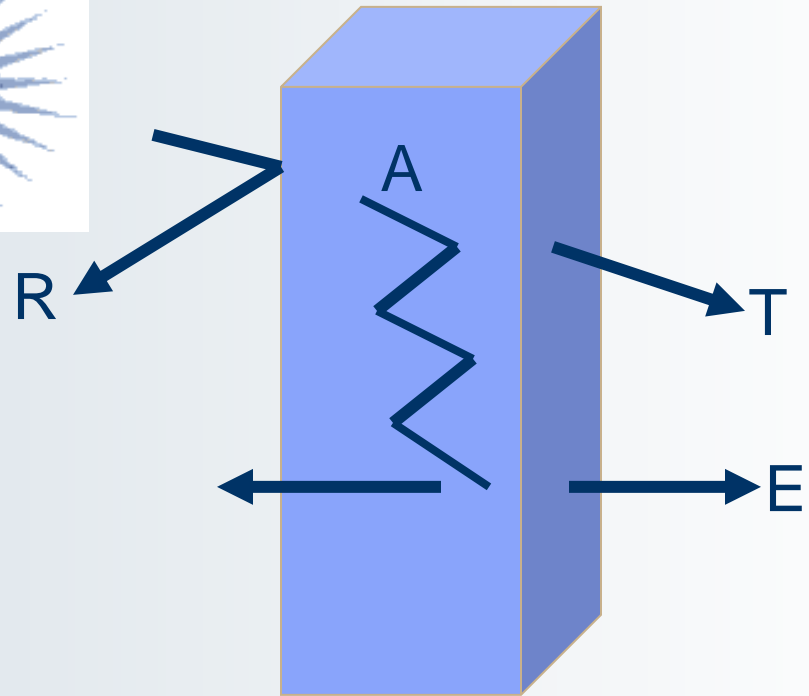
Energy saving

Internal comfort

# What is Solar Control Glass?

- Solar control glass protects the facade interior from solar heat gain (SC-value ,g-value or solar factor) and provides thermal insulation (U-value)
- Two effects are responsible for the reduction of energy transmission through glazings:
  - Energy Absorption
  - Energy Reflection

# RAT Equation



R- Reflection

A- Absorption

T- Transmission

**E- Emissivity**

# Solar Spectrum vis Performance and Design



# Solar Energy and Visible Light

- One important issue for modern architecture is transparency in order to provide the end user maximum comfort while increasing natural daylighting.
- Solar control glass must be evaluated for energy transmission (SF, SC, SHGC) and daylighting (visible light transmission).
- The ratio of light and energy transmission is the **Spectral Selectivity (S)** of a glazing also LSG

$$S = \frac{\text{Visible Light transmission}}{\text{Total energy transmission}}$$

Higher is better

Clear float glass:  $S \sim 1$

Physical maximum:  $S = 2.4$



# Performances of Glass

How do I recognize a performant solar control glass ?

Check out performances of the coated glass by reading the light transmission and total energy transmission (SF , SC or SHGC).

The higher the LSG , the better the performances of the glass.

	LT%	SF%	LSG
Clear float glass	80	80	1
Reflective coating	20	18	1,1
Single silver layer	50	30	1,6
Double silver layer	50	28	1,8
Triple silver layer	60	28	2,1

# Architectural Glass Developments

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Clear monolithic glass

Tinted heat absorbing: green, bronze etc

Clear and tinted insulated units

Pyrolytic coatings

Sputter Coatings

Post-temperable coatings

Hybrid, coatings

Low-iron float glass





# Coated Glass Technologies

## PYROLYTIC

- On line method applies metallic coatings during the float glass making process.

## SPUTTER COATINGS

- Coatings applied in a vacuum allowing multiple thin metallic coatings to be applied to glass in a very uniform manner.

## POST TEMPERABLE COATINGS

- Sputter coated glass which can be further fabricated after coating.

# **The Evolution of Glass And High Performance Coatings**

**Thank You!**