



Transparent Sustainability

Harnessing the Role of Glass in Green Buildings.



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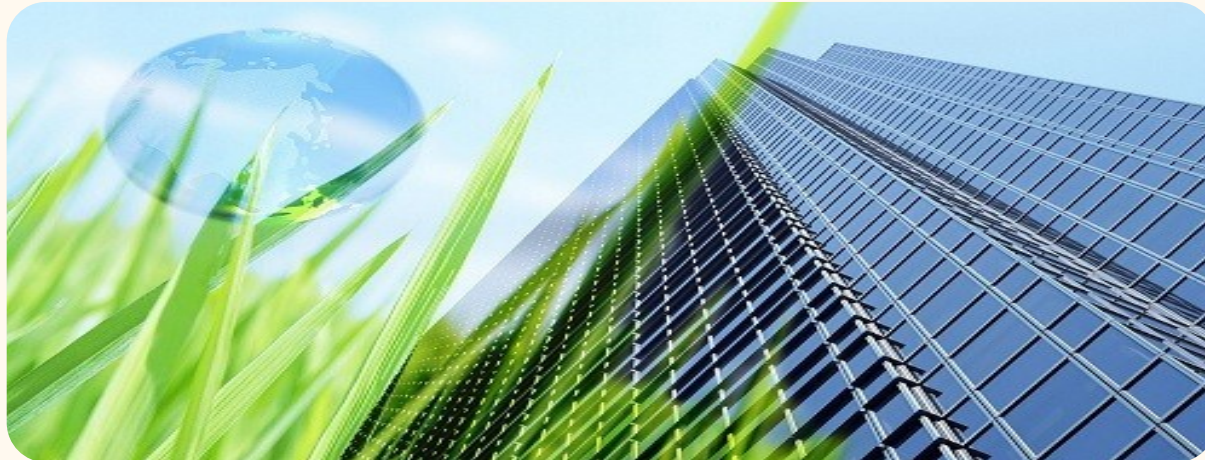


Green Buildings



Green building is the practice of designing and constructing buildings that are environmentally responsible and resource-efficient. Green buildings are also known as sustainable buildings.

Glass is a key component of green buildings because it can help reduce energy consumption, improve indoor air quality, and connect people to the outdoors.



Energy Efficiency

Daylight

- Glass allows natural light to enter buildings, reducing the need for artificial lighting

Thermal insulation

- Glass with solar reflective or low-emissivity coatings can reduce heat gain in warm climates and heat loss in colder climates



Renewable Energy Sources

- Solar Panels: Installing solar panels on the roof allows home owners to generate electricity from sunlight, reducing reliance on traditional energy sources.
- Wind Turbines : In some cases, small scale wind turbines may be used to generate additional renewable energy.



Water Conservation

- Low flow fixtures : Green homes incorporate low flow faucets, showerheads, and toilets to reduce water consumption.
- Rainwater Harvesting : Collecting rainwater for non-potable uses like irrigation helps conserve water resources.



Sustainable Materials

- Recycled and Reclaimed materials : The use of these materials reduce the environmental impact of construction.
- Bamboo and Cork : These renewable materials are often used for flooring and other applications.



Indoor Air Quality

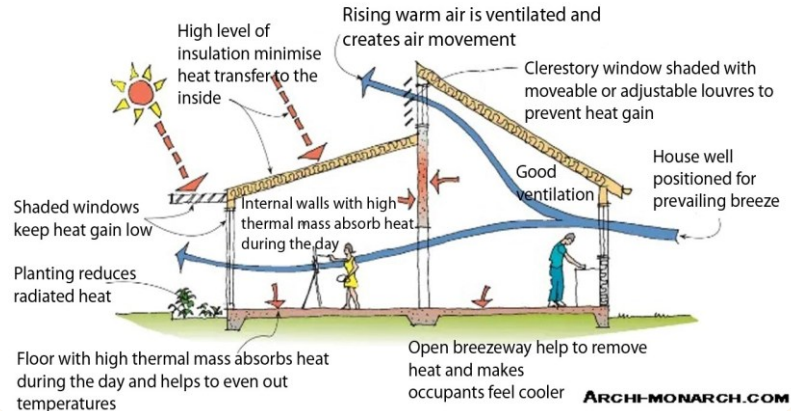
- Ventilation Systems : Green Homes often have advanced ventilation systems to maintain good indoor air quality.
- Low VOC Paints and Finishes : Using low volatile organic compound products minimizes indoor air pollution.



Passive Design

- Orientation : Homes may be designed to take advantage of natural sunlight and shading to reduce the need of artificial lighting and cooling.
- Passive Solar Heating : Design features such as large windows on the south side can help capture and retain solar heat.

PASSIVE DESIGN STRATEGIES





Smart Home Technology

- Home Automation : Smart thermostats, lightning controls, and energy monitoring systems contribute to energy efficiency.

Green Roofing

- Vegetative Roofs: Some green homes incorporate living roofs with plants to improve insulation and reduce storm water runoff.

Community Planning

- Green Communities : Some residential developments focus on sustainable practices at a community level, incorporating green spaces, shared resources, and eco friendly transportation options.

Why Glass ?

- Glass connects us to nature.
- Glass is 100% recyclable without any loss of quality and purity.
- Glass is durable material which does not degrade over time.
- Low maintenance material which can be cleaned easily.
- Glass is inert and non toxic – it doesn't leach harmful chemicals in the environment.
- The raw materials involved in glass manufacturing are natural and abundant resulting in relatively low environmental impact. It minimizes the ecological footprint.

Use of Glass in Green Buildings

In tropical countries like India, the use of glass in buildings can be strategically employed to enhance energy efficiency, comfort, and sustainability. Here are some ways in which glass can be effectively utilized in green homes in a tropical climate:

Natural Light and Day Lighting:

- **Reduced Energy Consumption:** The strategic placement of windows, facades and glass doors allows for increased natural light, reducing the need for artificial lighting during the day. This helps decrease energy consumption and lower the electricity bills.
- **Improved Well Being:** Exposure to natural light has been linked to improved mood, productivity and overall well being. Green homes prioritize human health and comfort, and ample natural light contributes to healthier indoor environment.

Passive Solar Heating :

- **Solar Gain:** Glass can be strategically placed to maximize passive solar heating. This involved capturing and utilizing Sun's heat during the day, reducing the need for artificial heating systems. This passive approach aligns with the principles of green building by minimizing energy consumption.

Energy Efficiency:

- **Insulation and Glazing**

Green buildings often use solar control windows / glazing's with advanced insulation and glazing technologies. Double or triple glazing, solar control coatings, and gas fills between the panes can enhance insulation and reduce heat transfer, contributing to improved energy efficiency.

- **Thermal Comfort**

Energy Efficient windows help maintain a more consistent indoor temperature, enhancing thermal comfort and reducing the reliance on heating and cooling systems.

Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality:

- **Operable windows** : Glass elements such as operable windows and skylights, can contribute to natural ventilation, allowing fresh air to circulate through the building. This promotes better indoor air quality, which is a key consideration in green building considerations.

Sustainable Design Aesthetics:

- **Integration with the Nature:** Large windows and Glass doors can provide residents with views of surrounding landscape, connecting them with nature. This integration with the environment aligns with the principles of sustainable and green design.

Recyclability and Low Environmental Impact :

- **Recyclable Materials:** Many modern glass products are recyclable, contributing to more sustainable life cycle. The use of recycled glass in manufacturing processes further reduces the environmental impact associated with new material production.



Dynamic Shading Systems:

- **Smart Glass Solutions:** Some green buildings incorporate smart glass technologies that can dynamically adjust transparency or tint levels based on external conditions. This can help manage glare, control heat gain, and enhance energy efficiency.

Electrochromic Glass

- Electrochromic glass is a type of smart glass that can change its color or tint when an electrical voltage is applied.

Thermo-chromic Glass

- Thermo-chromic glass changes its transparency based on temperature variations. It becomes darker in response to increased temperatures and lighter as temperatures decrease.

While glass is a valuable component in buildings, its importance to balance its benefits with considerations such as insulation, shading, and regional climate conditions to optimize energy performance and occupant comfort. Integrating energy efficient glass solutions into the overall design strategy is key to creating a sustainable and comfortable living environment.

Selection of Glass

- Selecting solar control range comprising of tinted and reflective glasses economizes on the light and heat entering the homes , reduces the glare and provides optimum environmental conditions inside.
- Solar Control range / Low E coatings provides protection from harmful ultraviolet radiations from entering the homes protecting fabric and furniture from fading.
- For security / safety purpose – laminated glasses are appropriate selection as it holds together even after the impact.
- Double Glazed units provide us heat management and sound insulation.
- Glass can be processed accordingly to your aesthetical preferences by treatments such as acid wash / frosting design based.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF TODAY WITHOUT AFFECTING OUR TOMORROW

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CSR Initiatives by Glass Manufacturing Industries.

Glass manufacturing companies can participate in corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives by limiting environmental impact, promoting diversity, and supporting community development.

- Environmental impact Limiting environmental impact, Inventing and promoting sustainable buildings, and Changing production or purchasing processes to benefit environmental causes.
- Diversity promoting diversity and inclusion and committing to diverse hiring practices.
- Community development Supporting community development, Engaging in local community projects, and Making community partnerships an explicit goal of your CSR strategy.

Other CSR initiatives

- Encouraging employees' professional growth
- Ensuring fair labor practices
- Offering fair wages
- Improving working conditions
- Donating cash and in-kind goods to nonprofits
- Providing grants for employee volunteer hours

CSR strategy best practices

- Align your CSR strategy with your company's superpower
- Empower employees to lead the way
- Set up communication channels to reach everyone
- Invest in the processes and tools that support CSR work



Gold Plus Initiatives Towards CSR

1. Empowering Communities Through Social Welfare

✓ Supporting Underprivileged Girls' Marriages

Sponsoring wedding ceremonies for girls from economically weaker families residing near our factory.

✓ Educational Support for Underprivileged Students

Paying school and college fees for students from nearby villages who lack financial resources.

✓ Enhancing Living Conditions in Ashrams

Painting ashrams and providing food to the residents in Haridwar near our factory.

2. Strengthening Education Infrastructure

✓ Supporting Schools & Colleges

- Providing benches and essential furniture.
- Constructing libraries to promote reading culture.
- Establishing state-of-the-art **Video Conferencing (VC) Rooms** for enhanced learning experiences in polytechnic colleges and primary schools.



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