

Manufacturer's Roundtable

High Performance Windows

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WHAT IS CEDA?



The California Energy Design Assistance (CEDA) program is the only statewide utility incentive program for new construction and major renovations.

- Promotes **electrification** and **decarbonization**
- CEDA works in collaboration with project teams to reduce energy demand, consumption, and carbon emissions.
- Serves commercial, public, high-rise multifamily, industrial, and agricultural projects in Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), SoCalGas (SCG), and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) service areas.



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WHY PARTICIPATE IN CEDA?



- Receive complimentary **decarbonization** analysis tailored to project goals to identify most effective measures to implement



- Gain analysis of **energy costs and paybacks**
- Receive **financial incentives** to help offset the costs of decarbonization measures
- Demonstrate commitment to high performance building practices and design



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INCENTIVES



- **\$4000 Design team incentive** per project as a thank you for participation
- Based on the project measure package the design team chooses for implementation



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HIGH PERFORMANCE MEASURES



CEDA aims to exceed California's decarbonization standards by identifying high performance measures and providing educational opportunities to explore use cases and best practices.

This not only advances the market, but also qualifies participants for enhanced incentives through our program.

A current list of eligible high-performance measures can be found on our website [here](#).



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HAVE A PROJECT TO DISCUSS?



For more information, please contact our program outreach specialists, visit our website, or fill out an interest form

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High Performance Windows

In today's webinar we'll discuss:

- The pivotal role of windows in a building's energy profile, directly affecting heating, cooling, ventilation, and lighting demands.
- Examples and benefits of modern fenestration solutions—such as triple-pane glazing, innovative frame materials, and smart window technologies.
- Market adoption challenges, cost perceptions, and the path toward integrating fenestration strategies in Passive House and other high-efficiency building standards.

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Impact of High Performance Fenestration on the Building Envelope
THEWINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

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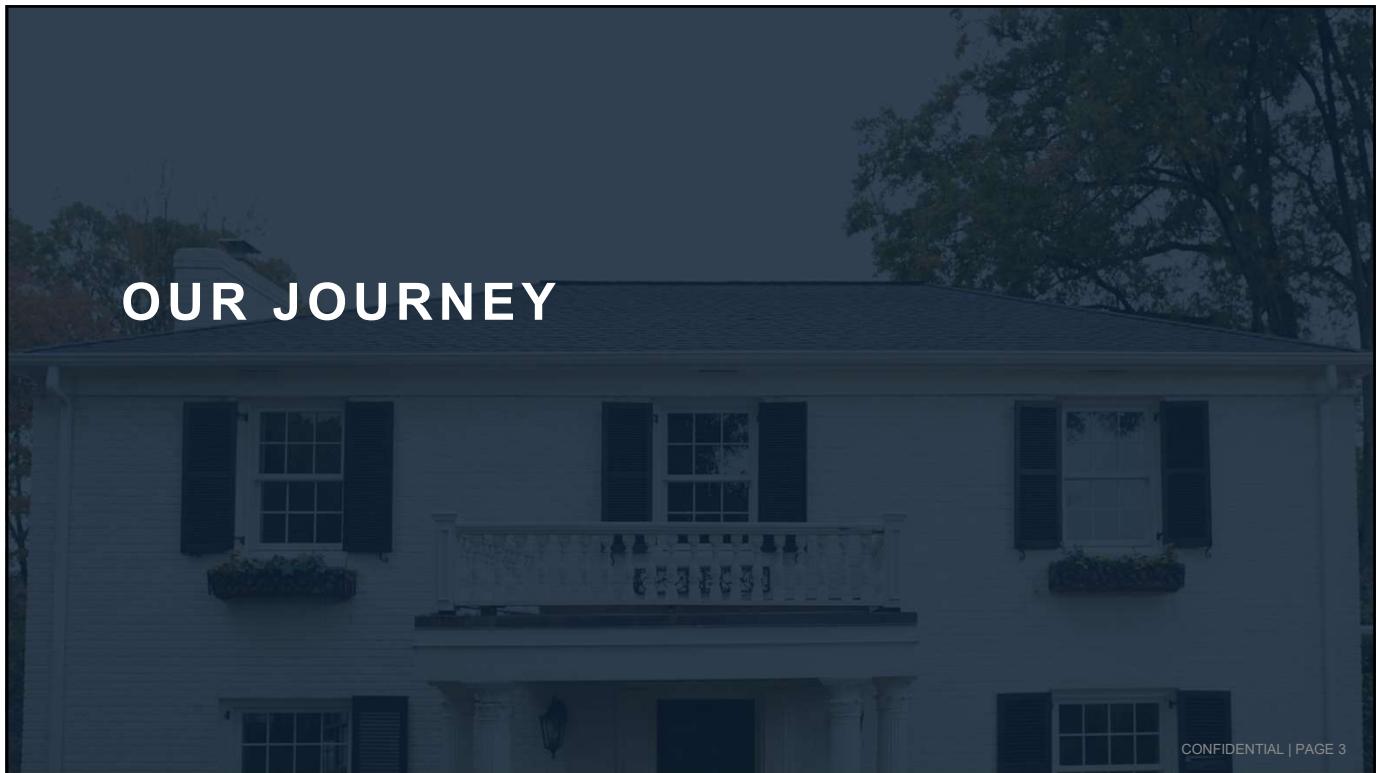
What you need to know about windows

- They **are** the weakest component on the Building Envelope **BUT....**
- Windows are **biggest opportunity** with fastest payback for builders
- Windows have **the biggest impact** on cooling loads

We must change the narrative from first costs to total costs

Image Source: Home performance Stakeholders Council

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THEORY

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50% fenestration (R2)
50% wall (R20)
R3.6

Window: R2
Wall: R40

R_{eff}: R3.8

Window: R4
Wall: R20

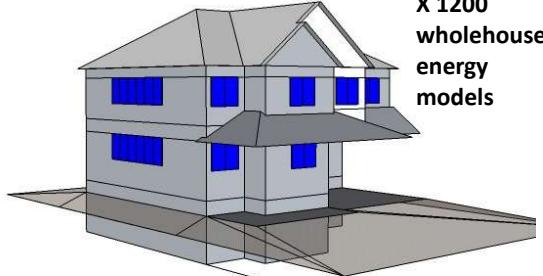
R_{eff}: R6.7

INVESTING IN BETTER WINDOWS HAS THE BIGGEST IMPACT

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OUR STUDY(2015)



We wanted to know

1. How WWR impacted the total wall effective R values?
2. Were there any builder benefits to move to a better window?
3. Were there any homeowner benefits?

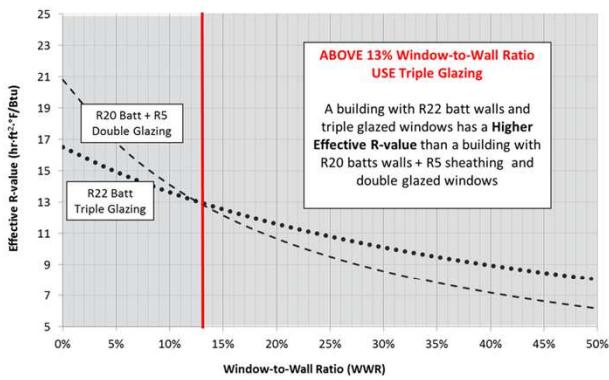
COMPAREDBETTERWINDOWSTO BETTERWALLSAT DIFFERENTWWRS

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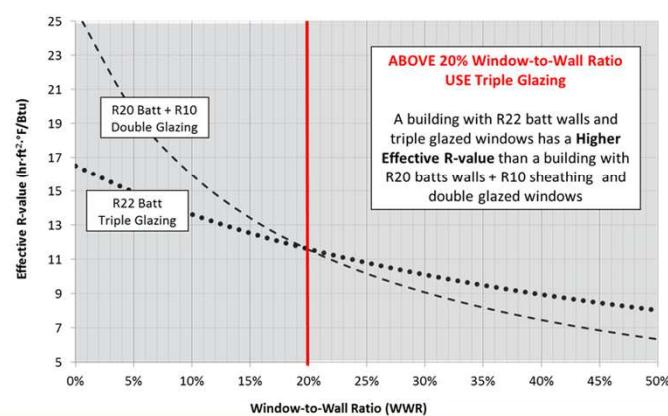
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CONCLUSION (2015)

Effective R-value
Triple Glazing vs. R5 Sheathing



Effective R-value
Triple Glazing vs. R10 Sheathing



WINDOWS ARE THE CLEAR OPPORTUNITY

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CONCLUSION -BUILDER BENEFITS(2015)

- Trading off a better window against a better wall
 - Could diminish the design cooling loads by 13000 BTU meaning a possible reduction in mechanical system of about a ton
 - No learning curve, less labour than adding exterior foam
- Reduced callbacks

UPGRADE FOR TRIPANES PAY FOR THEMSELVES IN REDUCTION OF MECHANICALS

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CONCLUSION -HOMEOWNER BENEFITS(2015)

- Healthier more comfortable homes
- Quieter Homes No short cycling of oversized mechanical systems

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OUR STUDY(2023)

SHOWCASINGOURNEW JWC8500 SERIESWITHA 0.14 U-VALUE



**BUILDING
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**JWC8500
series**

We wanted to know

1. How did it stack up against better walls and better air tightness?
2. How did the new windows stack up to other measures on operational carbon?
3. How did the new window reduce cooling loads in zones 2, 3 and 4?

COMPARED WINDOWS TO WALLS AND AIR TIGHTNESS AT DIFFERENT WWR'S

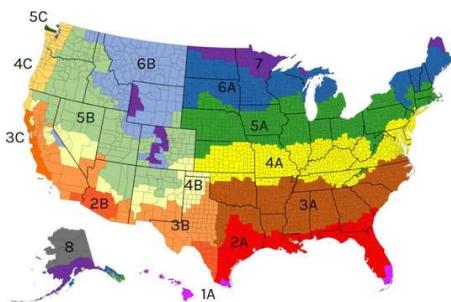
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OUR STUDY(2023)

SHOWCASINGOURNEW JWC8500 SERIESWITHA 0.14 U-VALUE

Phoenix (CZ2), Dallas (CZ3), Seattle (CZ4c)



2600 FT² Single detached JW Window versus

2 ACH Air Tightness R5 ContinuousInsulation
1 R7.5 ContinuousInsulation R10

ContinuousInsulation (Seattle only) @12%,

17% and 22% WWR

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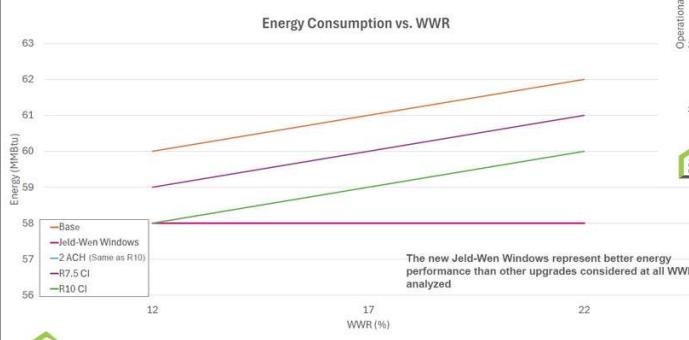
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REFERENCE CODE USED-PHOENIX: 2018 IECC,
DALLAS AND SEATTLE: 2021 IECC

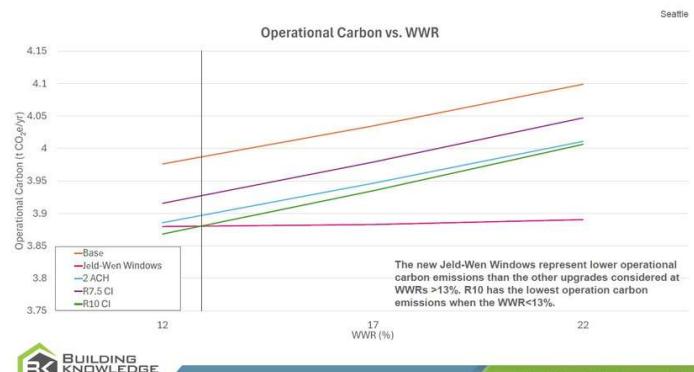
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THE RESULTS-SEATTLE



The new Jeld-Wen Windows represent better energy performance than other upgrades considered at all WWRs analyzed.



The new Jeld-Wen Windows represent lower operational carbon emissions than the other upgrades considered at WWRs >13%. R10 has the lowest operation carbon emissions when the WWR<13%.

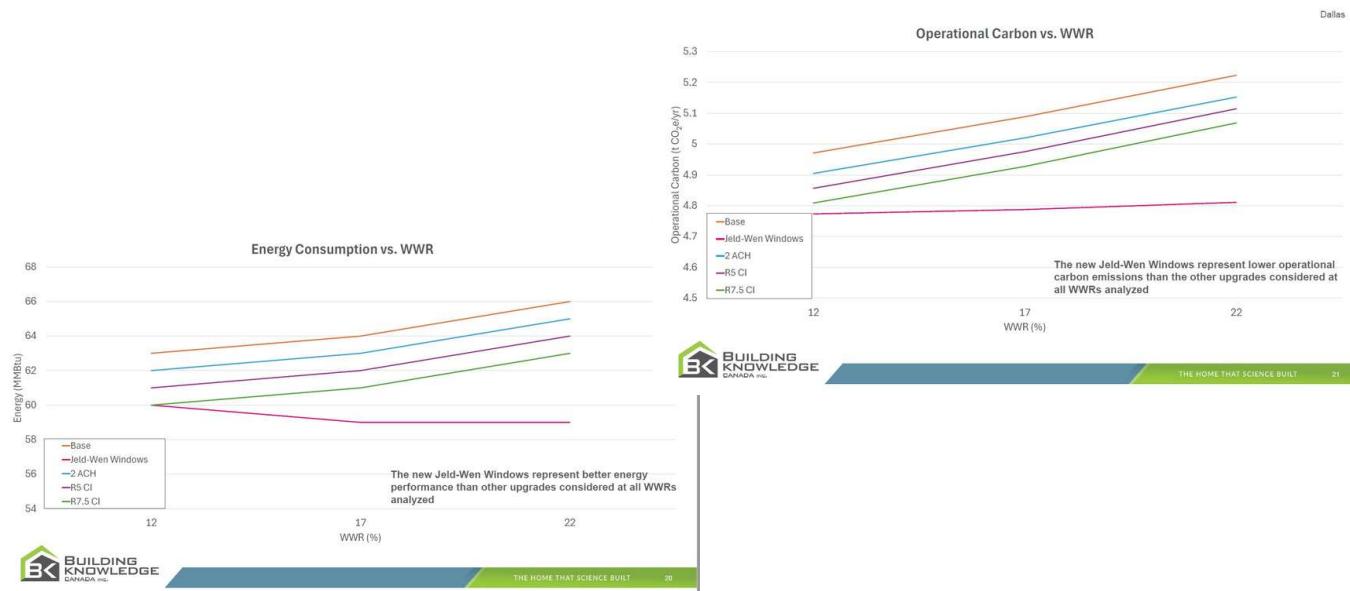
ONLY R10 HAS A LOWER OPERATIONAL CARBON AT < 13% WWR

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THE RESULTS-DALLAS

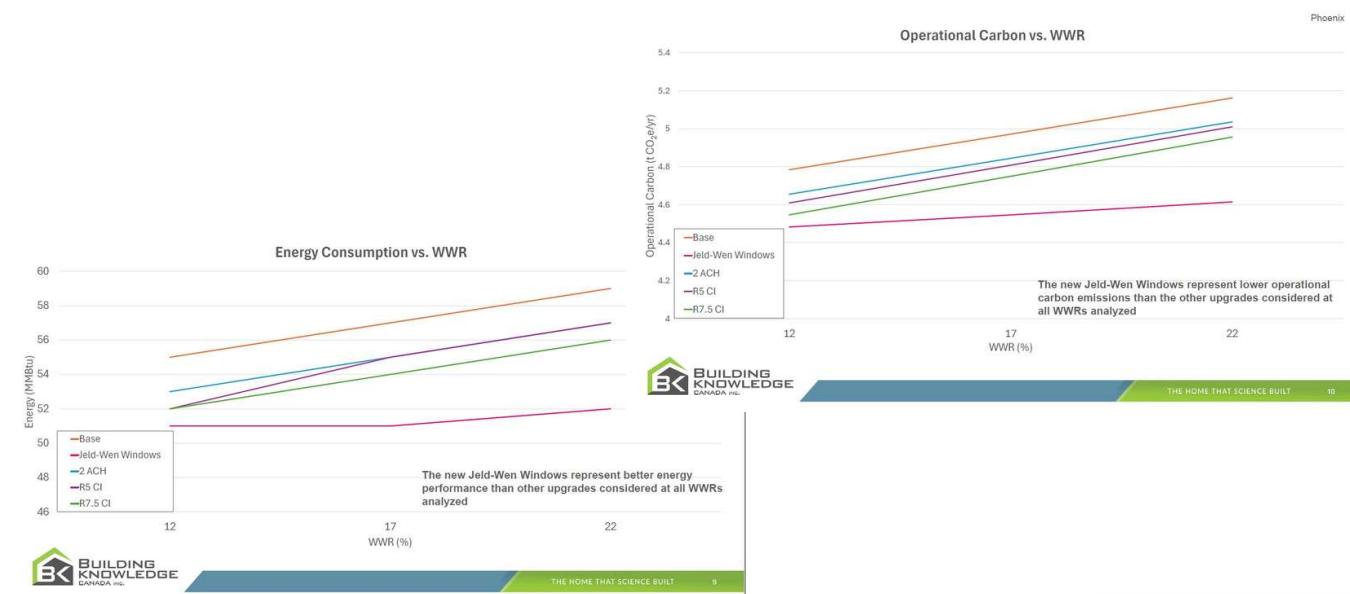


JELD-WEN JWC 8500 OUTPERFORMS OTHER MEASURES AT ALL WWRs

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THE RESULTS-PHOENIX



JELD-WEN JWC 8500 OUTPERFORMS OTHER MEASURES AT ALL WWRs

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CASE STUDY-IMPACT ON COOLINGLOADS

SEATTLE

Archetypes

Archetype 1: 2 Storey Single Detached House
 • 22% window-to-wall ratio
 • 2600 ft²



Air Source Heat Pump Tonnage / Duct Sizing

Seattle

IECC 2021
w/ ASHP



New Jeld-Wen Window Product



Design Heat Loss = 26,537 BTU/hr
Design Heat Gain = 32,846 BTU/hr

Duct Size: 24x10

3 Ton ASHP / AC

Design Heat Loss = 22,087 BTU/hr
Design Heat Gain = 21,797 BTU/hr

Duct Size: 22x8

2 Ton ASHP / AC



THE HOME THAT SCIENCE BUILT

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1 TON REDUCTIONIN MECHANICALSYSTEM

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CASE STUDY-IMPACT ON COOLINGLOADS

DAL LAS

Archetypes

Archetype 1: 2 Storey Single Detached House
 • 22% window-to-wall ratio
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Air Source Heat Pump Tonnage / Duct Sizing

Dallas

IECC 2021
w/ ASHP



New Jeld-Wen Window Product



Design Heat Loss = 28,658 BTU/hr
Design Heat Gain = 32,696 BTU/hr

Duct Size: 24x10

3 Ton ASHP / AC

Design Heat Loss = 24,071 BTU/hr
Design Heat Gain = 25,935 BTU/hr

Duct Size: 25x8

2.5 Ton ASHP / AC



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1/2 TON REDUCTIONIN MECHANICALSYSTEM

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CASE STUDY-IMPACT ON COOLINGLOADS

PHOENIX

Archetypes

Air Source Heat Pump Tonnage / Duct Sizing

Phoenix

Archetype 1: 2 Storey Single Detached House
 • 22% window-to-wall ratio
 • 2600 ft²



IECC 2018
w/ ASHP



Design Heat Loss = 27,568 BTU/hr
Design Heat Gain = 45,699 BTU/hr

Duct Size: 30x10

4 Ton ASHP / AC

New Jeld-Wen Window Product



Design Heat Loss = 22,411 BTU/hr
Design Heat Gain = 34,754 BTU/hr

Duct Size: 24x10

3 Ton ASHP / AC



THE HOME THAT SCIENCE BUILT

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1 TON REDUCTION IN MECHANICAL SYSTEM

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CONCLUSION

- For Phoenix and Dallas, at all WWRs, the new JWC8500 shows a better and lower operational carbon emissions than other upgrades considered
- For Seattle – at all WWRs, the new JWC8500 shows a better energy savings than the other upgrades considered
- For Seattle, at less than 13% WWR, only R10 CI upgrade than the JWC8500 for operational carbon emissions performs better
- For Seattle at greater than 13% WWR, JWC8500 other upgrades considered for operational carbon emissions performs better than all other upgrades considered
- For all climate zones, a reduction in mechanical sizes and duct sizing was observed

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY IS NOT A FUNCTION OF DESIGN

E Colour	Glass	Jamb	E trim	Interior Color	% increase for energy upgrade	% increase for energy upgrade - less patio doors
White	Dual	4 9/16	none	white	31%	23%
White	Tripane	4 9/16	none	white		
Black	Dual	4 9/16	none	white	26%	20%
Black	Tripane	4 9/16	none	white		
Black	Dual	7 7/8	none	white	23%	17%
Black	Tripane	7 7/8	none	white		
Black	Dual	7 7/8	BM	white	21%	15%
Black	Tripane	7 7/8	BM	white		
Black Hybrid	Dual	7 7/8	none	white	17%	15%
Black Hybrid	Tripane	7 7/8	none	white		
Black Hybrid	Dual	7 7/8	none	Black	15%	13%
Black Hybrid	Tripane	7 7/8	none	Black		

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WHERE ENERGY
EFFICIENCY MEETS
DESIGN FLEXIBILITY

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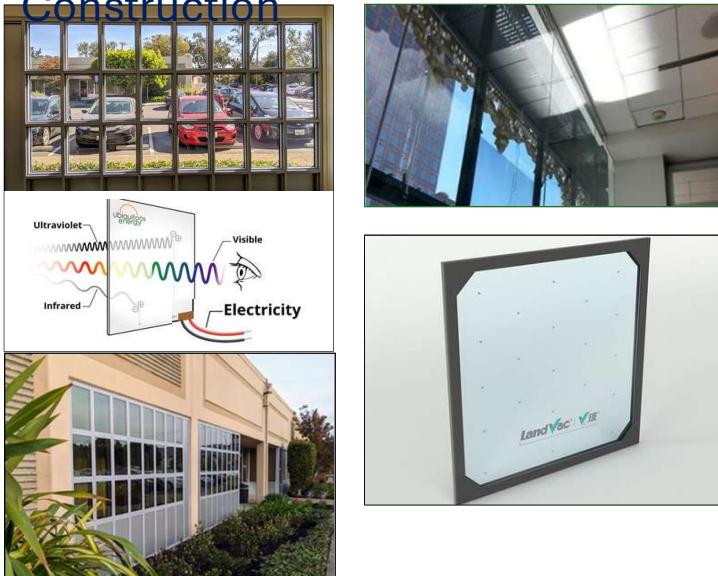
Mission

Scaling the advanced window industry is a critical piece of solving three sustainability imperatives:

-  1. Decreasing heating and cooling emissions from buildings
-  2. Reducing the carbon intensity of traditional building materials
-  3. Enhancing building operating economics by delivering value-driven projects

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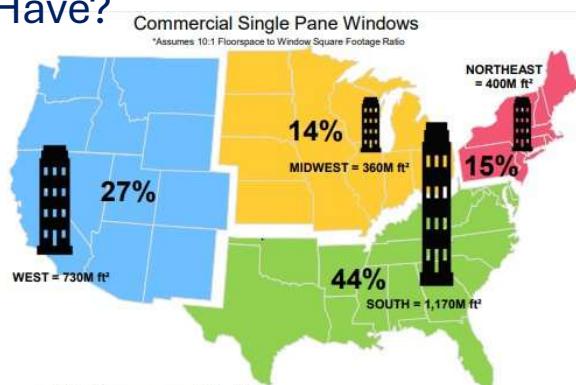
Plenty of Sexy Innovation for New Construction



- Electrochromic Photovoltaic
- Daylight Redirecting Ultra High
- Performance Curtainwall Vacuum
- Insulating Glass
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But What About the Windows We Already Have?



- 5.5 million commercial buildings
- 30% single paned
- ~2.6 billion ft²* single-pane windows

Most of our building stock is already built



Most window frames aren't designed for today's high performance glass

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Implications:

- Full window replacement is **expensive, disruptive, and carbon-intensive**.
- Existing frames leave buildings **trapped in low-performing glass** - blocking energy savings and decarbonization.
- The real challenge:

How do we unlock high-performance retrofits without removing or substantially altering window frames?

- The opportunity:

Simple innovations like Thinglass IGUs and WinSert



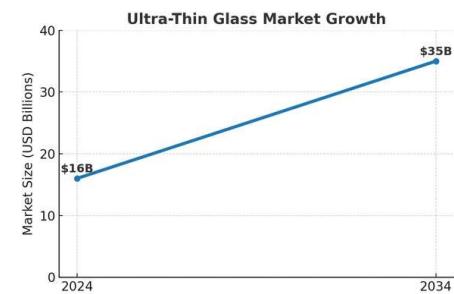
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Keeping-it-Simple InnovationThinGlass

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- Widely used and proven in well-known applications like **solar panels, smart phones and flat screen televisions**.
- Ultra-thin glass market : ~\$16B in 2024 → **~\$35B** by 2034
 - Rapid growth & capacity expansion [gmiinghts.com]
- **Strength, flexibility, and global scale** now make thin glass feasible for **architectural applications**.

Perfect timing for both retrofit and new-build IGUs.



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What is ThinGlass?



- 0.5mm to 1.3mm thick glass
 - 3-4x thinner than typical residential glass
 - 6-8x thinner than typical commercial glass
- Lighter Weight



Outer pane shattered before thinglass at 240mph windspeed (50 ft² glass unit)

5.7 mm (1/4") = 3 lbs/ft²

1 mm = 0.53
lbs/ft²

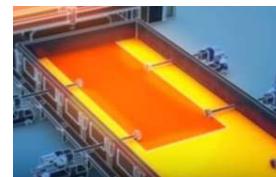
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What is ThinGlass?



- Less Energy Intensive and Lower Embodied Energy
 - Glass manufacturing is an extremely energy intensive business
 - Traditional float line glass uses 9.3 million (or more) BTUs of energy **PER TON** of glass
 - More glass area = less energy use per surface area

	Glass Area in One Ton	Embodied Energy	Gallons of Gas
5/32" glass (4mm)	994 ft ²	9,300,000 BTU	67.7
1/8" glass (3.2mm)	1,224 ft ²	9,300,000 BTU	67.7
Thinglass (0.7mm)	5,553 ft²	9,300,000 BTU	67.7

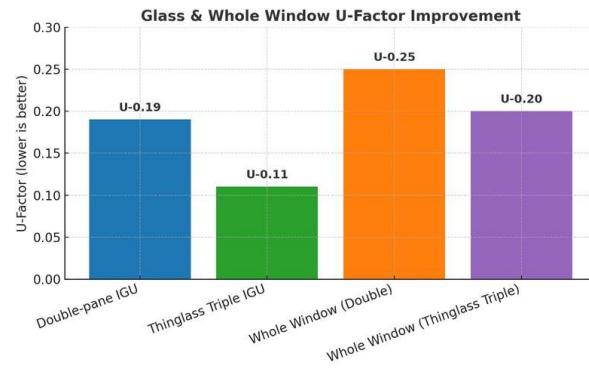


	GWP 1 ft ²			
	thk (mm)	lbs/ft ²	ft ² per ton	kgCO ₂ eq/ft ²
Thinglass 0.5	0.5	0.25	7,874.2	0.07
Thinglass 1.0	1	0.51	3,937.1	0.15
Thinglass 1.3	1.3	0.66	3,028.5	0.19
3/16"	5	2.54	787.4	0.74
1/4"	6	3.05	656.2	0.89

Lighter, lower-carbon IGUs that fit retrofit and new-build applications

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Application

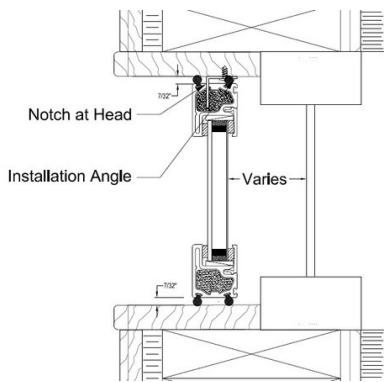


- Center layer(s) of insulating glass Triple and
- Quad in Narrow (or Wide) pockets
- And, **Winsert**

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Solution: WinSert

- Lightweight (0.53 lbs/sq ft) Minimal attachment points *Fast* - Installation for 6,000 square feet of windows for an entire 4-story building took just a little over four days from start to finish



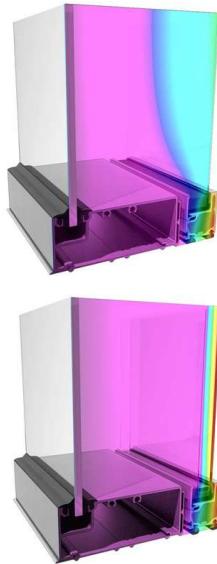
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...Significantly Improves Thermal Performance

EXISTING WINDOW
Non-Thermally-Broken
Aluminum Single Pane



U-Value = 1.12
SHGC = 0.72



EXISTING WINDOW + WinSert Lite

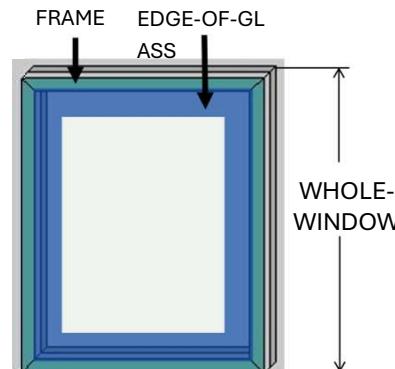
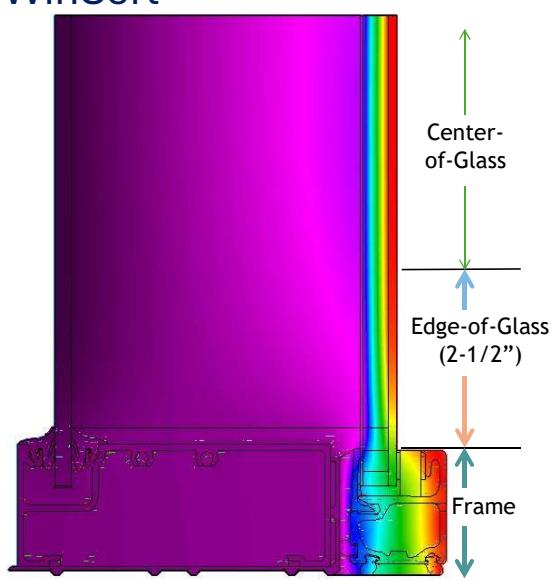
U-Value = 0.47 Improved by 2.4x!
SHGC = 0.41 Reduced 43%

EXISTING WINDOW + WinSert Plus

U-Value = 0.19 Improved by almost 6x!
SHGC = 0.30 Reduced 58%

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Advantages of WinSert

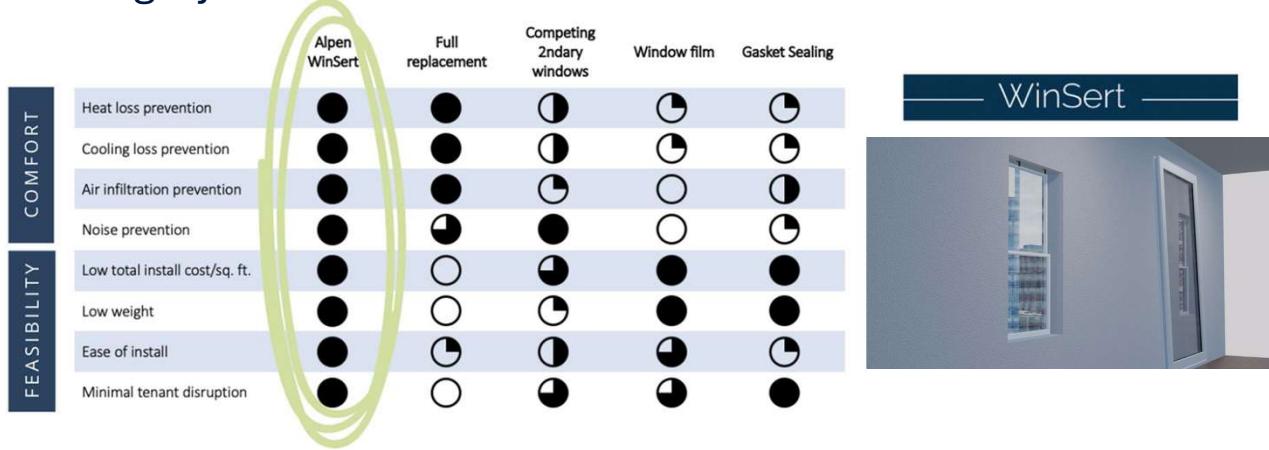


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WinSert Creates a New Product



Category

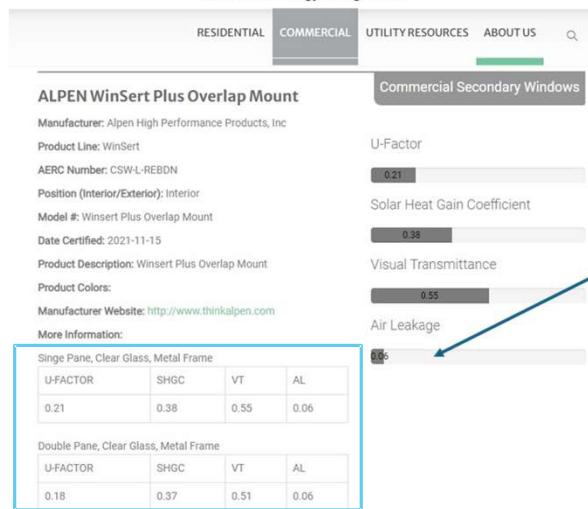


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Third Party Tested: AERC Independent Certification Rating



2x the Thermal
Performance of
Next Best
Alternative



97% Reduction in
Air Infiltration
Compared to
Primary Window

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Studied & Validated - GSA Green Proving



Ground

WinInsert



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3rd Party Studied & Validated - GSA Green Proving



Ground

WinInsert

Cost-Effective Across Climate Zones

Positive return on investment at average GSA utility rates, \$0.11/kWh and \$7.43/mmBtu

Location		Savings from Single-Pane to Double-Pane Insert					
CLIMATE ZONE	CITY	WHOLE BUILDING ENERGY SAVINGS kBtu/ft ² /yr	ENERGY COST SAVINGS \$/ft ² /yr	ANNUAL SAVINGS \$/yr	SAVINGS %	PAYBACK* YRS	SIR positive ROI if >1
1A	Miami, FL	8.1	\$0.27	\$14,480	11%	11.2	1.59
2A	Houston, TX	9.1	\$0.30	\$16,088	12%	10.1	1.76
2B	Phoenix, AZ	10.7	\$0.35	\$18,770	14%	8.7	2.05
3A	Atlanta, GA	10.3	\$0.35	\$18,770	14%	8.7	2.05
3B	Las Vegas, NV	10.8	\$0.36	\$19,306	15%	8.4	2.11
3C	San Francisco, CA	8.3	\$0.28	\$15,016	13%	10.8	1.64
4A	Baltimore, MD	12.6	\$0.43	\$23,060	16%	7.1	2.52
5A	Chicago, IL	13.5	\$0.46	\$24,669	17%	6.6	2.70
5B	Boulder, CO	13.9	\$0.47	\$25,205	18%	6.5	2.76
6A	Minneapolis, MN	15.6	\$0.54	\$28,959	17%	5.6	3.17
AVERAGE SAVINGS		11.3	\$0.38	\$20,432	15%	8.4	2.2

"This technology performed well. We think it will represent a key tool in our net zero building tool belt."

- Kevin Powell, Director at Center for Emerging Building Technologies

Predicted average whole building energy savings: 15%

Payback: 8.4 years

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Great Documented Results in Case Studies to Support Building Resilient Design Strategies

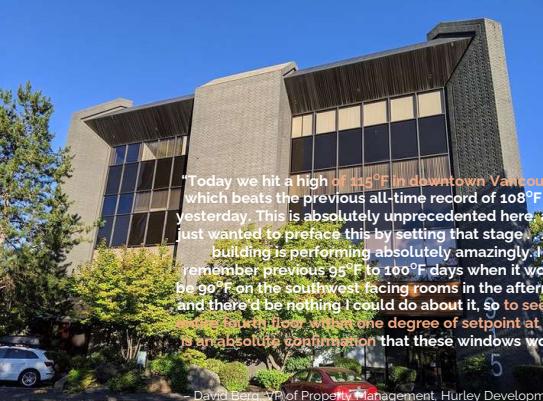
Record-Breaking Heat Dome in PNW

Pacific Northwest bakes under once-in-a-millennium heat dome

By JEFFREY BERNSTEIN | Associated Press, June 26, 2021 | 6:15 PM | [Read More](#)

WEATHER
Authorities investigate hundreds of deaths linked to torrid Pacific Northwest weather

Elmer Apperson USA TODAY
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"Today we hit a high of 115°F in downtown Vancouver, which beats the previous all-time record of 108°F set yesterday. This is absolutely unprecedented here and I just wanted to preface this by setting that stage... The building is performing absolutely amazingly. I remember previous 95°F to 100°F days when it would be 90°F on the southwest facing rooms in the afternoon and there'd be nothing I could do about it, so to see the entire fourth floor within one degree of setpoint at 72°F is an absolute confirmation that these windows work."

— David Berg, VP of Property Management, Hurley Development
915 Broadway, Vancouver, WA

Texas Freeze in February 2021

Governor Abbott Issues Disaster Declaration In Response To Severe Winter Weather In Texas

February 12, 2021 | Austin, Texas | [Proclamation](#)

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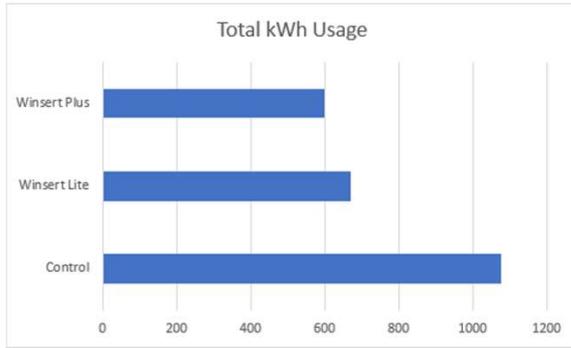
Texas Winter Storm Death Toll Goes Up To 210, Including 43 Deaths In Harris County

Harris County leads the state in freeze-related deaths.



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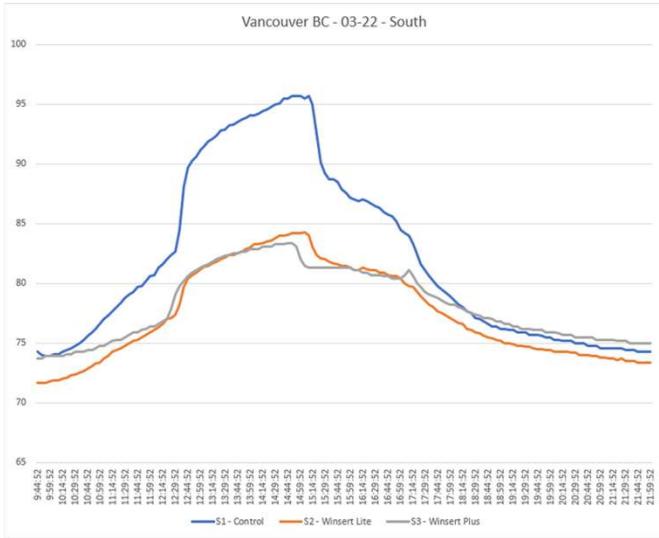
Significantly better comfort performance with FAR LESS energy use



38% reduction in space heating energy use for Wininsert Lite

45% reduction in space heating energy use for Wininsert Plus

10 F average temperature reduction on sunny days

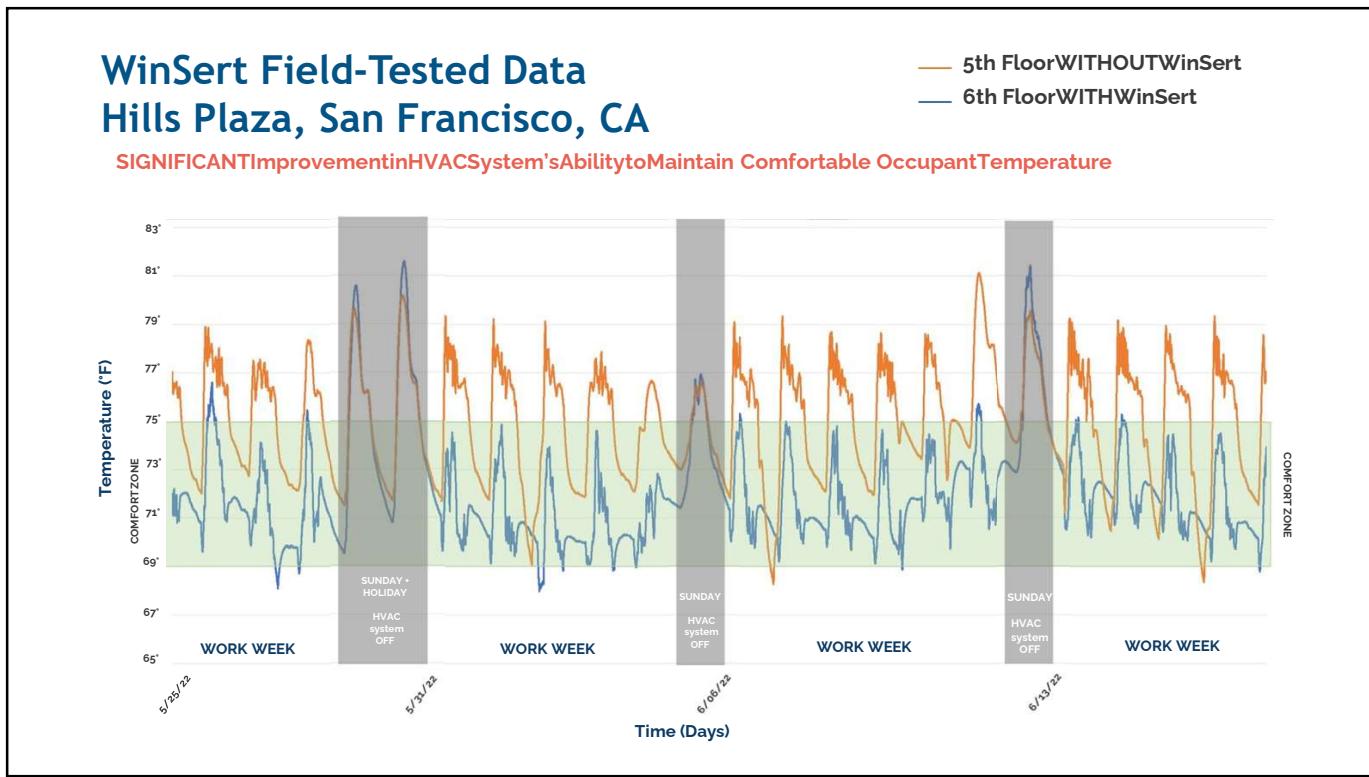


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High Performance Windows –a View from the Field

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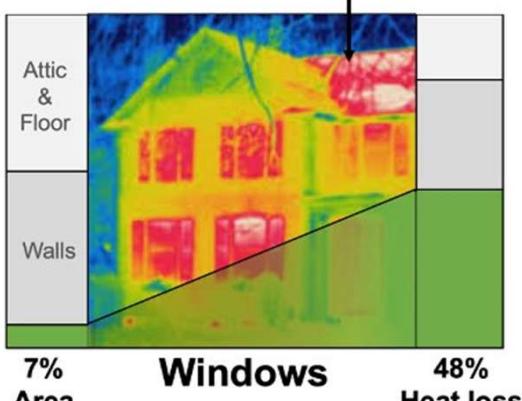
60 YEARS of SCIENTIFIC BRILLIANCE @PNNL

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Why Windows Matter: We can't have better buildings without better windows!

building envelope
peak, load shape, grid



Attic & Floor
Walls

7% Area Windows 48% Heat loss

Berkeley Lab window heat transfer analysis for IECC 2021, based on DOE residential prototype buildings

House	Windows: R-	Wall Insulation: R-	Whole Wall Average: R-
House A: Common Modern Envelope Design	3	20	10.8
House B: Upgraded Envelope Design	5	38	19
House C: Upgraded Insulation Design	3	330	19

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Latest Advancements in Window Technologies

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Experimental Questions and Field Validation Studies

Experimental Questions/Topics	Validation Study Approach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much energy do thin triple-panes save in the field? • Are there peak demand savings and grid benefits associated with thin triple-pane windows? • Are thin triple-pane IGUs “drop-in” feasible with multiple brands of double-pane frames/sashes? • Are thin triple-pane windows cost-effective for new construction and/or retrofit applications? • What co-benefits (in addition to energy savings) are associated with the installation of triple-pane windows? 	      

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Field Testing Platforms



PNNL Lab Homes Testing Platform



- Represents existing manufactured and stick-built housing
- All-electric with 13 SEER/7.7 HSPF heat pump central HVAC +
- R-22 floors, R-11 walls, & R-22 ceiling with composition roof
- 1,500 ft² ; 195.7 ft² (13%) window area
- Double-pane clear glass aluminum-framed windows

Occupied Home Field Sites

Field Testing Sites: Status as of November 2021
Windows installed in 16 field sites (8 newbuild, 8 existing)



New home – Testing: ▲ New home – Planned ▲ Existing home – Testing △ Multi-family (new)

Enable observations of real-life factors:

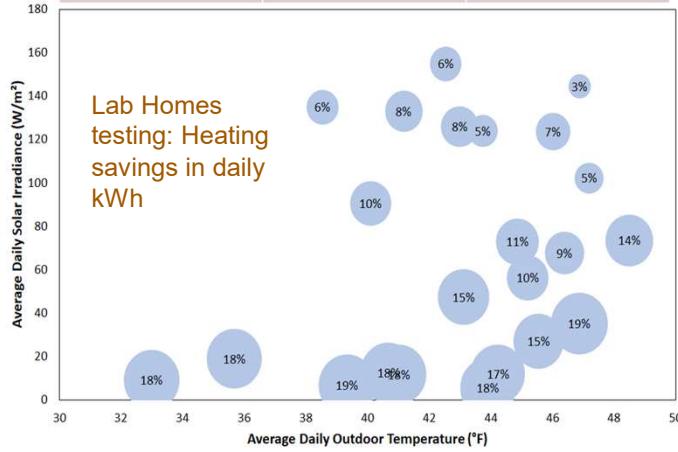
- Varied climate zones and house types
- Varied baseline windows
- Installation and cost realities
- Occupant interactions

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Thin Triple Pane Performance Validation

Heating Savings	Cooling Savings	Annual Savings
12% (7.8 kWh)	28% (5.5 kWh)	19% (7.4kWh)



Hunt, W., et al. "Evaluation of Thin Triple-Pane Windows in the PNNL Lab Homes," April 1, 2011, PNNL-21112.

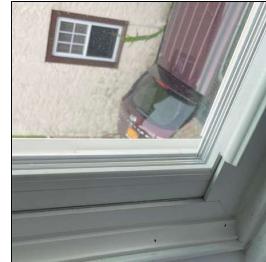
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Validated Feasibility of “dropping in” thin triple pane IGU into standard double-pane frames



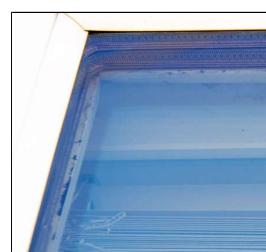
- Alpen thin triple IGU with Kensington (Vandergrift, PA) vinyl frames and stainless-steel spacers installed in a new home site (Twin Cities, MN)



- Alpen thin triple IGU with Kensington vinyl frames and foam spacers installed in a retrofit site (Yonkers, NY)



- Alpen thin triple IGU with Paradigm (Portland, Maine) vinyl frames and a Quanex foam spacer are installed in a new multi-family site (Rotterdam, NY)



- Cardinal thin triple IGU into an Alpine double pane vinyl frame with $\frac{3}{4}$ " overall thickness glazing pocket (Pasco, WA)

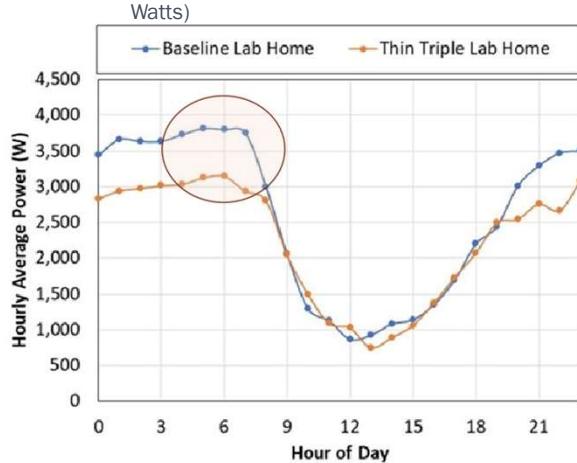
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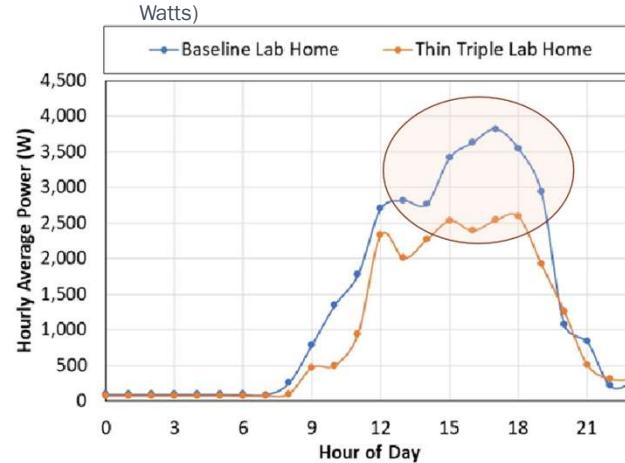
Lab Homes Load Shapes and Peak Savings: Heating & Cooling Seasons

WINTER Average Peak Electrical Load
Reduced 17% (650 Watts)



HVAC Load Heating Season

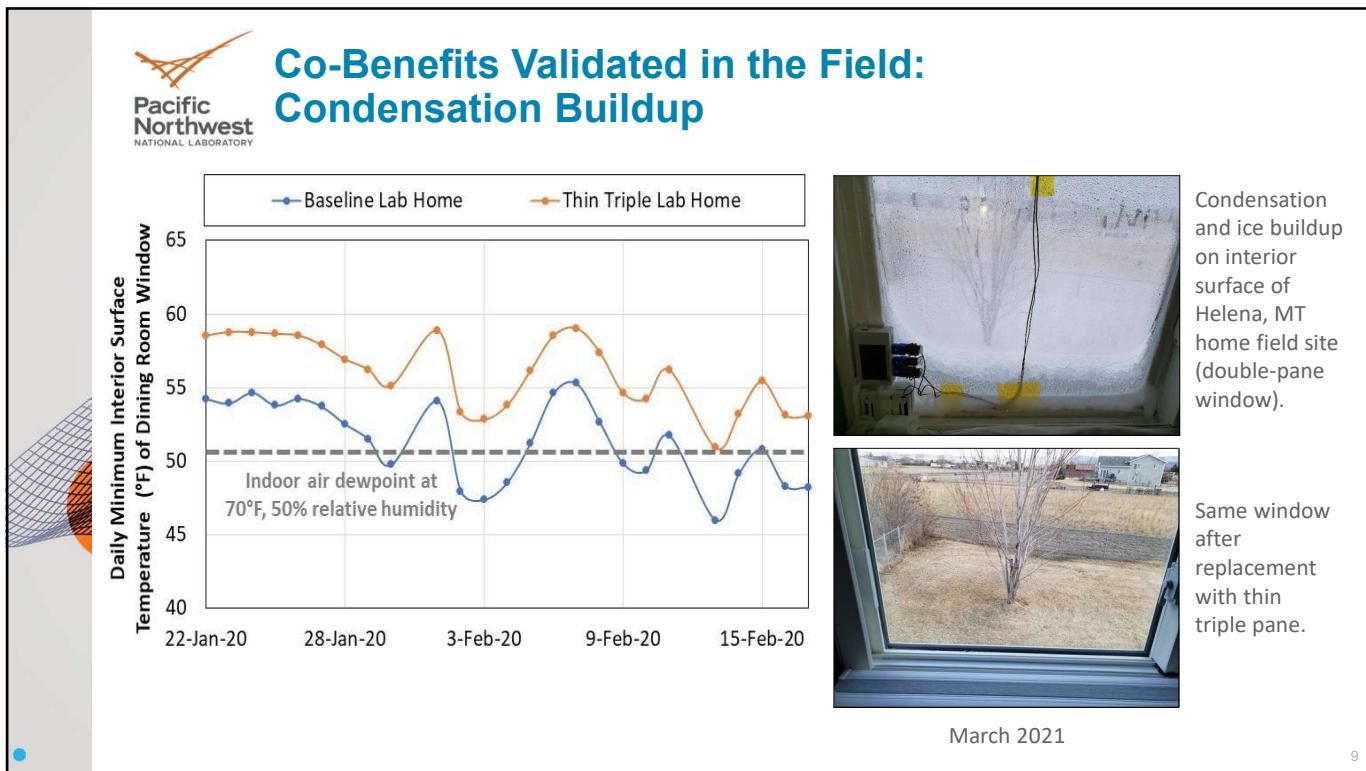
SUMMER Average Peak Electrical Load
Reduced 30% (1,200 Watts)



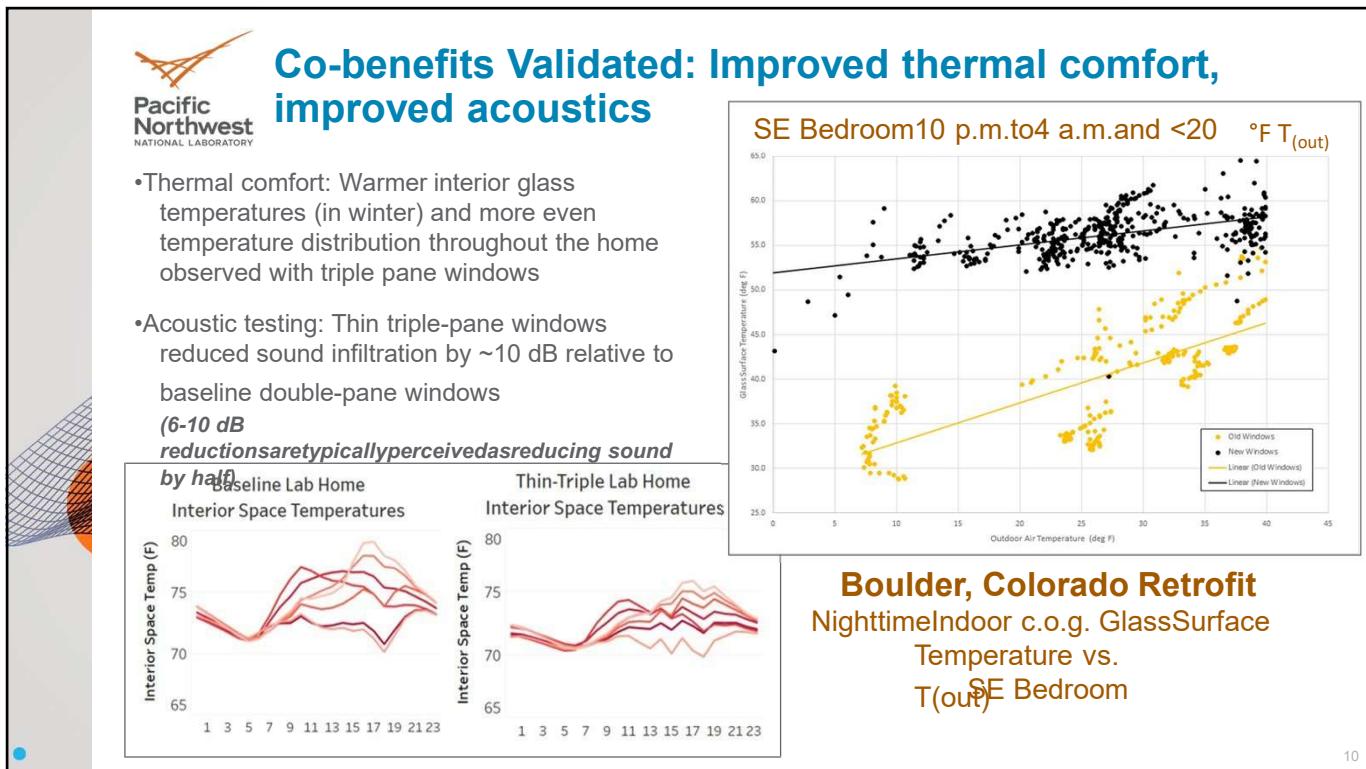
HVAC Load Cooling Season

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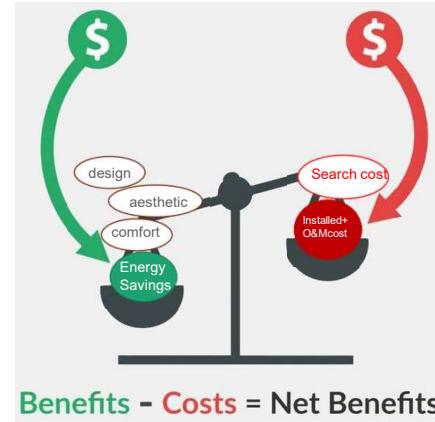
Factors Influencing the Window Purchasing Decisions of High-Performance Builders

- Most high-performance builders already installing R-5 (triple-pane) windows. Reasons include:

1. Performance (i.e., meeting high performance specs)
2. Flexibility in design (HVAC and envelope)
3. Marketable benefits: comfort, acoustics, condensation reduction, larger window size with low utility bills.

- Factors influencing choice to not install R-5 windows (or barriers encountered when switching to R-5):

1. Material Costs
2. Search/Acquisition costs for Reliable Supply
3. Not required for ENERGY STAR, Zero Energy Ready Homes, and other high-performance programs
4. Installation Costs



Glibride, Theresa L., et al. "Double or Triple? Factors Influencing the Window Purchasing Decisions of High-Performance Home Builders." Jun. 1, 2014. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9914.2014.01251.x>

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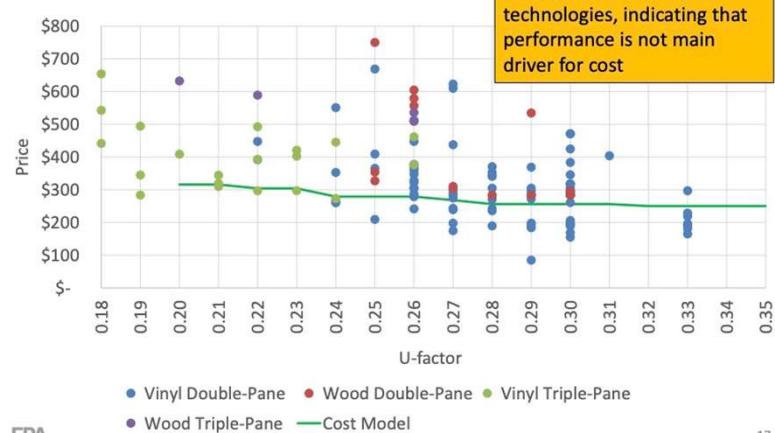


Window Material Costs

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Anderson, Doug. "ENERGY STAR Windows, Doors, and Skylights: NFRC Fall Membership Meeting Update." October 17, 2014. EPA

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Window Acquisition/Search Costs

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Find and Compare

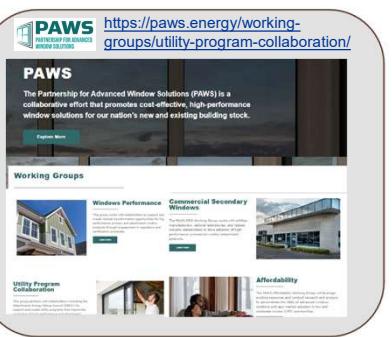


<https://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-windows/results>



<https://efficientwindows.org/window-selection-tool/>

PAWS <https://paws.energy/working-groups/utility-program-collaboration/>



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PAWS High-Performance Window Manufacturer-Builder Meet Up: EEEBA Summit 2024

Builders are Optimizing **Time, Cost, and Quality**

- **Timing** just-in-time delivery is often needed to meet project deadlines
- **Affordability is key**
 - **Material costs** important
 - “**Hidden**” **acquisition costs** including reliable lead times, streamlining ordering, sizing to rough opening, pricing transparency
- **Quality Metrics/Drivers** (in addition to U-factors):
 - Condensation Resistance
 - Air-leakage and durability over time
 - Moisture Control
 - Sound insulation






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How the building community can help pull the market for high performance windows

- Strengthen the Demand Signal:

- Specify higher performance windows
- Tell a window dealer near you that you want more high-performance options
- Up Sell clients -- better windows and window attachments and shades with automation
- Engage with Workshops, Pilots, Field Tests to Validate Performance
- Take Advantage of Rebates, Incentives
 - <https://www.efficientwindows.org/>
 - <https://paws.energy/>
- Provide Feedback on "The Builder Experience"
 - Theresa.Gilbride@pnnl.gov or Katherine.cort@pnnl.gov



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Thank You

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What Nextfor Windows?

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Materials Physics Group Manager
National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

High-performance Windows Round Table
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THERE ARE 3 MAIN AREAS OF INNOVATION

1) Increased Insulation



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2) Dynamic/Chromogenic



Courtesy of Glass Dyenamics, Inc.



Courtesy of Tynt, Inc.

3) Photovoltaic

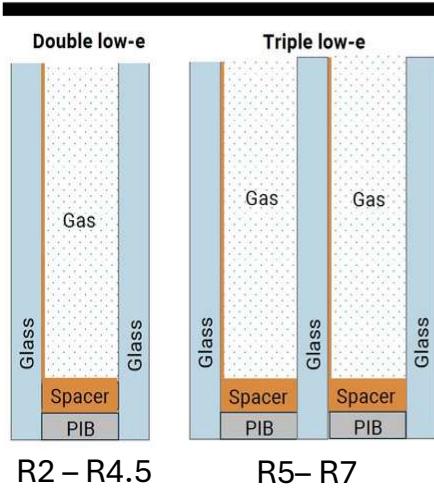


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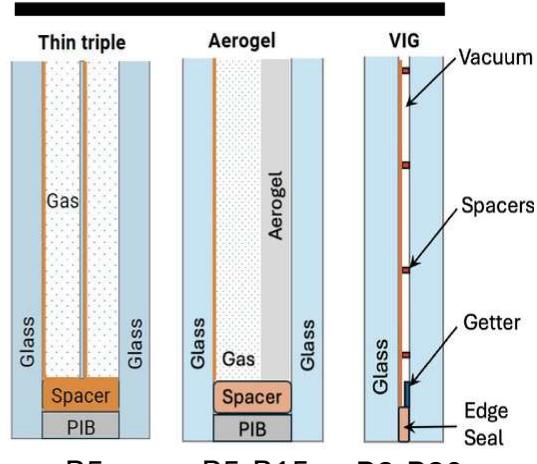
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THERMAL PERFORMANCE EVOLUTION IN WINDOWS

Current Market



Emerging Market



Walls ~ R-10 to R-30

<http://www.sj.com/business/corning-window-glass-4f443b07>

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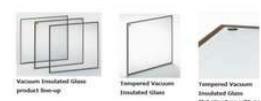
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VIG IS GAINING MOMENTUM

- Concept of VIG proposed by Zollerin 1913
- U of Sydney concept became the basis for the first commercial VIG from NSG- Pilkington in the late 1990's



Products & Solutions | Press Release
Dec 12, 2019
Panasonic Develops Tempered Vacuum Insulated Glass to Increase Variations in Vacuum Insulated Glass with Its Proprietary Technology
- The company successfully puts into practical use vacuum insulated glass with the industry's first* transparent pillars -



Guardian and Velux join up to develop tempered vacuum insulating glass

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Bill Gates Is Backing a New Window Design for Buildings



November 28, 2023
LuxWall, Inc. Selected to Receive U.S. Department of Energy Funds to Accelerate Growth in Vacuum-Insulating Glass Manufacturing in Michigan



Seven U.S. companies will share \$275 million.

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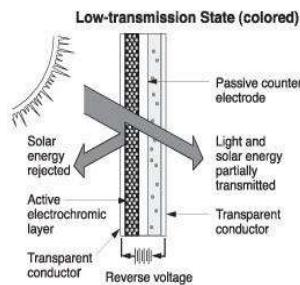
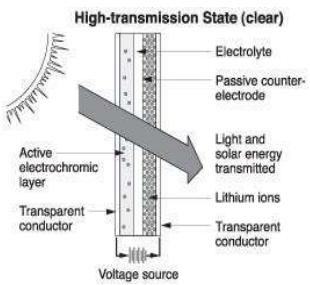
DYNAMIC GLAZING MODULATES SUNLIGHT

Electrochromic windows



Dreamliner (Gentex)

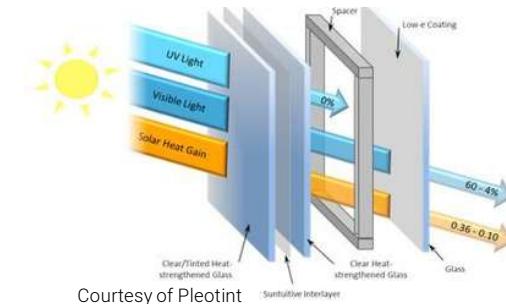
- Voltage driven
- Flexible control strategy
- Occupant control possible
- Requires multiple trades for installation
- Commercialized



Thermochromic windows



- Temperature driven
- Simplified installation
- Control strategy defined at point of manufacture
- Occupant has no control
- Commercialized

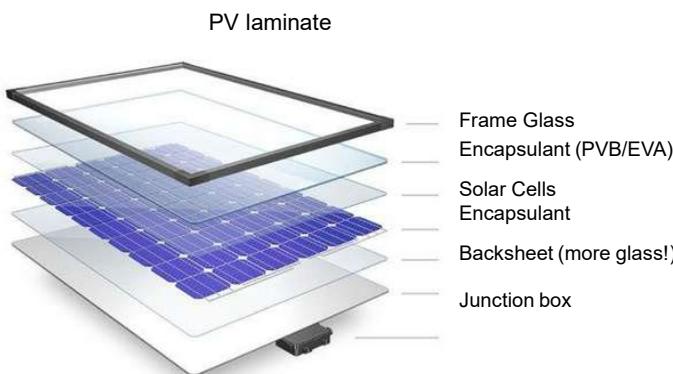


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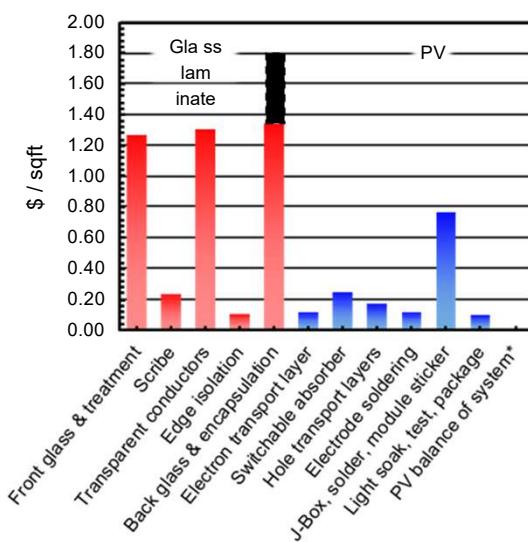
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PV WINDOWS PIGGBACK ON MATERIALS COST



State-of-the-art panel: Power conversion efficiency (PCE) = 20% Warranty = 25 years (<8% power decrease)

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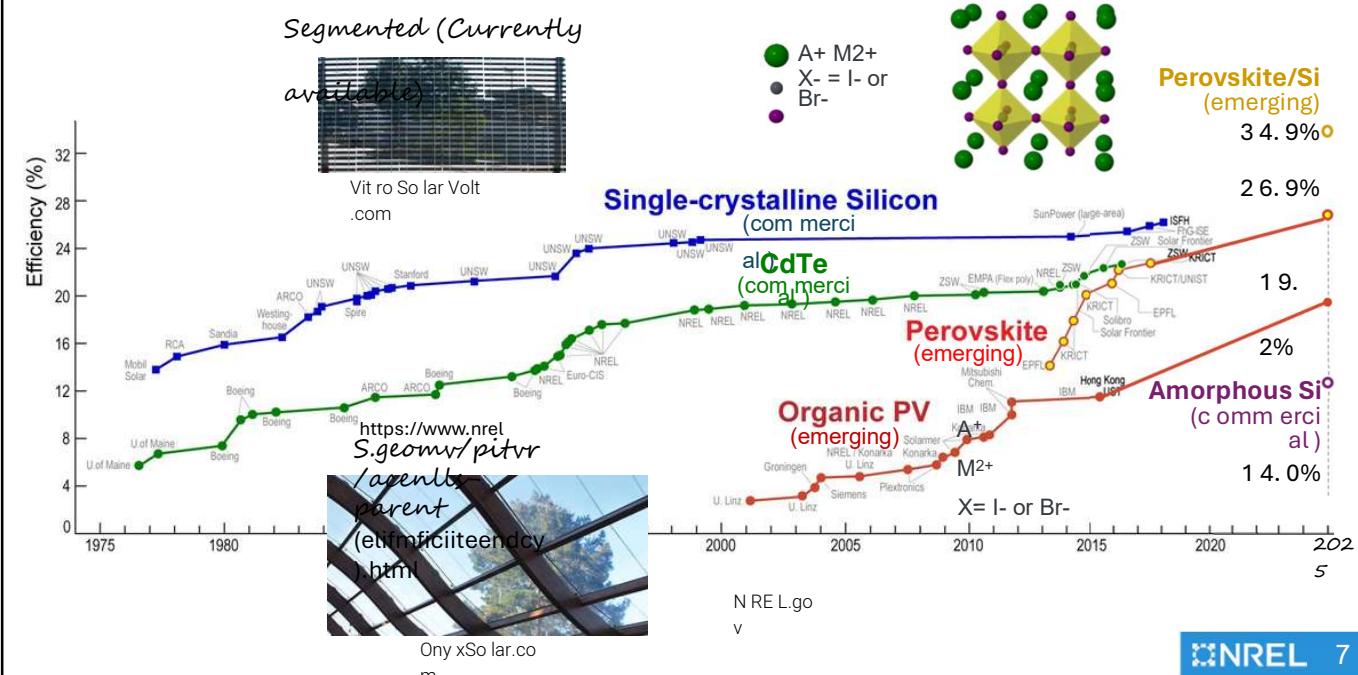


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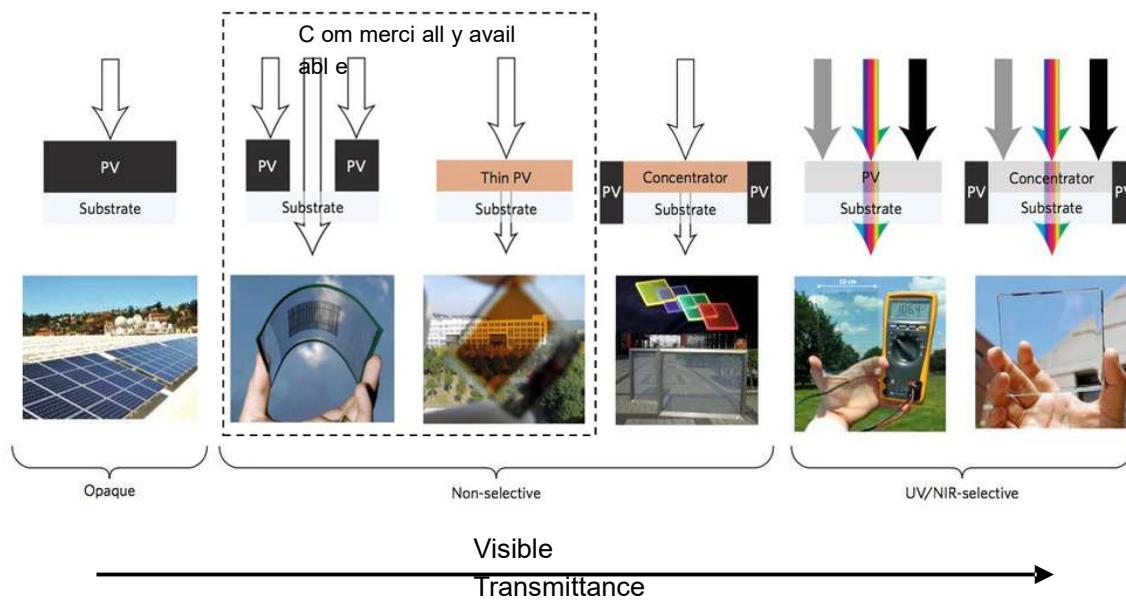
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PV EFFICIENCY HAS IMPROVED STEADILY



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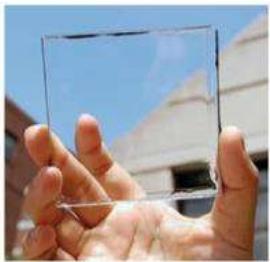
THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO ADD PV TO YOUR WINDOW



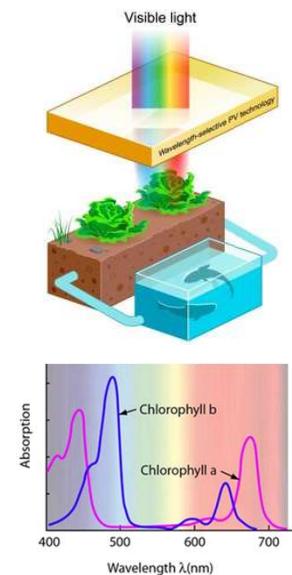
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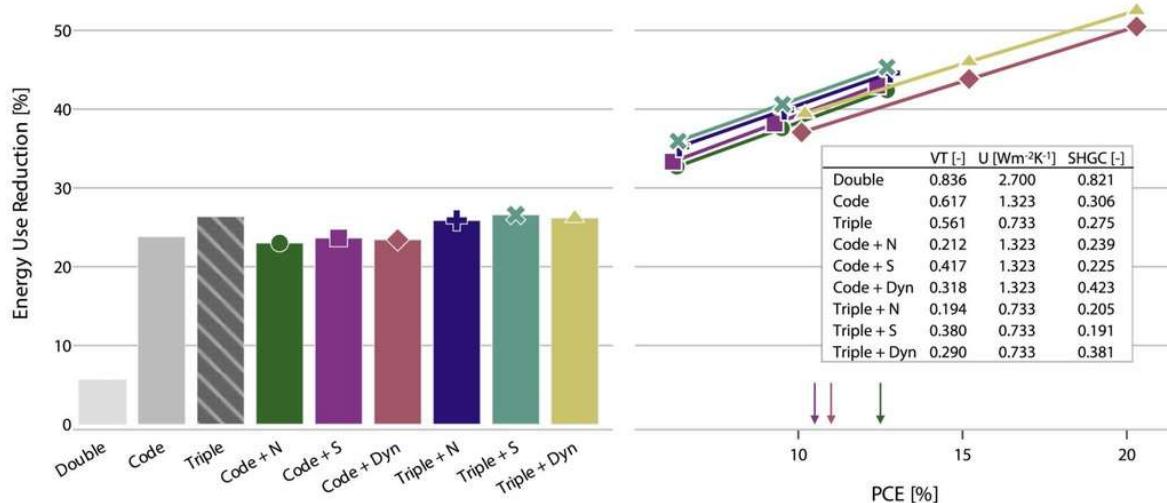
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PV WINDOWS SAVE ENERGY IN SIMULATION



Wheeler, V. M. et al. Photovoltaic windows cut energy use and CO₂ emissions by 40% in highly glazed buildings. *One Earth* 5, 1271–1285 (2022).

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