

GLAZING

General

In general, follow the guidelines below when specifying glazing and related items. Unless otherwise indicated, these guidelines are not intended to restrict or replace professional judgment.

Related Sections

U-M Design Guideline Sections:

[SID-D Energy and Water Conservation](#)

[SID-F Codes and Regulatory Agencies](#)

[08410 Aluminum Entrance and Storefront Systems](#)

[08525 Aluminum Architectural Windows](#)

[08911 Glazed Aluminum Curtain Wall](#)

[Architectural Preferred Manufacturer List](#)

UM Master Specifications:

[Section 08800 Glazing](#)

[Section 08805 Interior Glazing](#)

Standards

IGCC/IGMA Certification for Insulating Glass Seals

GANA "Glazing Manual"

ASTM C 1036 Standard Specification for Flat Glass for annealed float glass

ASTM C 1048 Standard Specification for Heat-Treated Flat Glass—Kind HS, Kind FT

Coated and Uncoated Glass for heat-treated and coated glass

ASTM C1172 - 09 Standard Specification for Laminated Architectural Flat Glass

16 CFR 1201 Safety Standard for Architectural Glazing Materials for glass in hazardous locations

ASTM E2190 - 08 Standard Specification for Insulating Glass Unit Performance and Evaluation

ASTM E1300 - 09a Standard Practice for Determining Load Resistance of Glass in Buildings
Insulating Glass Certification Council (IGCC)

Design Requirements for Exterior Glazing

General

Specify 1-inch thick, low-e coated, argon gas filled insulating glass in all vertical vision glass panels. Where spandrel glass is used, do not specify units with insulation board adhered to inside surface. Where metal filler panels are used, specify 1-inch thick aluminum sandwich panels with rigid insulation core.

Provide insulating glass units (IG) certified by the Insulating Glass Certification Council (IGCC) and Insulating Glass Manufacturers Alliance (IGMA).

Determine whether heat strengthened glass is required due to the effects of differential shading, tinting of glass, size of units, or other conditions. Typically restrict fully tempered glass to hazardous locations.

Tint and Appearance

Most older University buildings, including those with recently retrofitted windows, have non-reflective, bronze tint outer panes paired with clear inner panes. The current standard is insulating units with clear outer and inner panes and solar control low-e coatings which are clear in color. The goal is to maximize visible light transmittance while minimizing solar heat gain. The use of other tints and reflective coatings is discouraged. Review aesthetic, performance and budget implications of glass selection with Design Manager.

In most retrofit projects in which current ceiling heights are lower than the window head heights, use a non-vision spandrel panel composed of a 1" insulating glass unit with an outboard lite matching the tint and coating of the outboard lites in the vision panels and an inboard lite of non-tinted patterned glass. Determine whether the patterned inboard lites require heat strengthening, since patterned units tend to be weaker than clear float glass.

Where bronze tint glass is specified, include bronze anodized spacers unless "warm-edge" spacers are specified. Consider other color coated spacers where appropriate and available.

For quality control purposes, include a restriction that each type of exterior glass must be supplied by a single manufacturer and fabricator.

Require the glazing contractor to submit an adequate number of samples to display the color range of the glass. Because of difficulties with color variation in clear low E glazing, the following language, which is more rigorous than ASTM C 1036 and ASTM C 1376, should be included in the Quality Assurance article of the glazing specification if this type of glazing is included in the Project:

"Sealed Insulating Glass Units: In addition to other requirements in this Section, comply with ASTM D 2244- 09b Standard Practice for Calculation of Color Tolerances and Color Differences from Instrumentally Measured Color Coordinates. Obtain written acceptance by the Architect and the Owner's representative of permissible color tolerance between test specimen and reference and the procedure for calculating the color tolerance for each material and condition of use."

Thermal Performance

Vertical/Slope/Horizontal Glazing:

Thermal performance characteristics for all exterior glazing types should be evaluated and selected based on the requirements of SID-D, including ECM's.

Since the Energy Code requires that U-value and SHGC maximums be determined for the entire fenestration assembly (not center-of-glass values), U-value and SHGC should ordinarily be specified in the accompanying Div. 8 aluminum framing sections (“Aluminum Storefront”, “Aluminum Windows” and/or “Glazed Aluminum Curtain Wall”) rather than in the “Glazing” section. Wherever possible, however, utilize very high performance glazing (maximum U-value of 0.3 and maximum SHGC of 0.33)

Other performance criteria:

- Determine whether control of UV transmittance is required to minimize damage to furnishings, draperies and/or collections. Review with Design Manager.
- Determine whether controlling visual glare is a project requirement and if so, apply appropriate methods to achieve the desired performance.

Low-e Coating

For most vertical glazing apply low-e coating to the second surface of insulating glass units.

For sloped glazing applications apply low-e coating to the third surface of insulating glass units.

Fritted Glass

Use of fritted glass to improve performance and control glare, especially in skylights, sloped, and horizontal glazing, is acceptable

Fabrication and Installation

Specify pre-glazing wherever possible.

There is some evidence to suggest that wet-dry glazing systems tend to perform better over the long run than dry gasketed systems. However, not all manufacturers’ products will support a wet-dry system. Verify glazing details with manufacturers. If sealants are to be used, specify pre-construction testing for sealant compatibility and adhesion.

The Drawings and Specifications should include details and requirements for each glazing condition.

Require insulating glass products to be sealed with dual seal method.

Fire Rated Glazing

Since wire glass is not safety glazing, UM discourages its use for most applications. Use the appropriately labeled fire-rated glazing in doors and windows requiring a fire rating.

Special Warranties

Require special project warranty on insulating glass of 10 years.

Require special project warranty on coated glass of 10 years.

Require special project warranty on laminated glass and dual glazed gel-filled fire-rated units of 5 years.