

Making an informed decision

Selecting the right glass for your home is paramount for the energy performance, comfort levels and aesthetics of the building and depends on a number of factors that are often not fully considered such as climate, elevation, aspect and framing system.

Important factors regarding performance

WHAT THE FIGURES MEAN



VISIBLE LIGHT TRANSMISSION (VLT)

In the visible spectrum (380 to 780 nm), VLT measures the percentage of natural light entering a room and visibility from the inside out.



U-VALUE

Measures how much heat is transferred through the glass. The lower the U-Value, the better the insulation properties of the glass.



SOLAR HEAT GAIN COEFFICIENT (SHGC)

Measures how much solar radiation passes through the glass. Dimensionless and varying between 0 and 1, the lower the SHGC the greater the thermal stopping power from direct sunlight.



PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS





Performance Considerations

Whilst analysing figures, there are two key things to bear in mind. Firstly, the better the thermal performance of the glass, the better your home will be able to stay naturally cool in summer and warm in winter. Secondly, the higher the light transmission means more natural light is able to enter your home. LoE³-366, Pilkington Optitherm and LoE-i89 Clear produce high VLT figures for homes wanting to take advantage of the natural light aspect, whilst LoE-i89 Grey has lower VLT options for houses battling with glare.



ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Save excessive greenhouse gas emissions by not using power to artificially control building temperatures and lighting.



FINANCIAL BENEFITS

Substantial savings on your energy bill.



HEALTH BENEFITS

Less artificial lighting, air-conditioning and heating means less headaches, sore throats and improved general wellbeing of occupants.





Insulated Glass Units (IGU) explained

IGUs are double glazed units with inherent thermal insulating properties which can also incorporate a Low-E coating for optimum performance. Discover which glass type in what composition is most suitable for your project.





What is Low-E glass?

Low Emissivity (Low-E) glass is essentially an invisible metallic coating applied to the glass surface to enhance its insulating properties, naturally regulating building temperatures. It has long been specified for commercial building and it becoming increasing adopted to assist with Energy Star ratings in the home.

Glassworks are proud to offer a variety of pioneering Low-E products exclusively to the Australian market from world renowned producers Cardinal Corp and Pilkington, including;

LoE³-366, LoE-i89 and Pilkington Optitherm, each embodying different properties for different applications.

Levels of performance

Good 💼



LoE-i89[®] Grey



EnerSave™ Clear + Clear



"the good, better, best"





LoE^3-366°

Sun Stopping

LoE³-366[®] is the all-round winning product for ultimate thermal comfort. This is due to its unique triple layer coating which not only boasts great insulation benefits, but also the ability to reduce the beating sun's heat from entering the home – all achieved without compromising visibility or natural light.

When incorporated into an IGU with LoE-i89 Clear, LoE³-366 provides the lowest U-Value currently on the Australian market for domestic windows and even greater comfort and energy savings. A true all-round performer, LoE³-366 also blocks 95% of the damaging UV spectrum to protect carpets and furnishings from fading. What's more, it also incorporates the Neat[®] easy-clean coating, for naturally cleaner windows.



LoE-i89[®] Grey Insulation Sun Stopping Unsulation Sun Stopping Unsulation Neat[®] Neat[®]

LoE-i89 are single glazed low-E products that reflects escaping heat back into the room, making them the economical glass solution all year round, especially during the colder months.

Because LoE-i89 in Clear and Grey performs even when single glazed, it represents an economic solution for energy efficient windows. However, as the figures indicate, its performance is further enhanced when incorporated into an IGU.

When choosing between LoE-i89 Clear or Grey, consider that Clear allows for higher levels of natural daylight, whilst Grey is designed to stop the power of the sun and glare, think of it as sunglasses for your home.

Conveniently, both LoE-i89 Clear and Grey come standard with Neat® easy-clean coating applied to the external face of the glass, for year-round naturally cleaner windows.



Pilkington **Optitherm**[™]

Insulation



Pilkington Optitherm is a clear Low-E product that has exceptionally high clarity and insulation values. Like LoE-i89 Clear it is designed to allow the natural light and sun to enter the building and provide great insulation benefits. Pilkington Optitherm must be incorporated into an IGU.



Glass performance figures

Visible Light Transı (VLT)	mittance Sol	ar Heat Gain Coeffi (SHGC)	cient U-VALUE	
88%		0.75	3.65	
31%		0.34	3.72	
80%		0.75	2.5	
80%		0.67	1.64	
78%		0.64	1.3	
28%		0.27	1.68	
27%		0.25	1.33	
1M CLEAR 80%		0.61	1.36	
64%		0.27	1.36	
63%		0.27	1.1	
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Recommended Low-E Solutions

We have the perfect Low–E glass solution to suit your unique requirements or special environmental conditions

Reduce heat load + Need for natural light + Insulation = **LoE³-366**®

Reduce heat load + Need to reduce glare + Insulation = LoE- i89 Grey Need for winter sun + Highest clarity + Insulation = Pilkington **Optitherm**™ or **LoE-i89**

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