# Optimizing Performance in Commercial Fenestration

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- World's largest supplier of energysaving, structural polyurethane products for the fenestration industry
- Pour and debridge thermal barrier, chemicals, machinery, service
- Maker of thermal barrier warm-edge air space material for use in commercial insulating glass

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### Learning objective

- 1. Discuss the various comfort and performancerelated topics in fenestration systems including, overall U-factor, condensation resistance factor (CRF), sound transmission OITC (Outdoor Indoor Transmission Class)
- Compare two methods for optimizing the performance of aluminum fenestration components through the application of thermal barriers in the framing

### Learning objective

- 3. Optimize the performance of fenestration components through the application of thermal barriers in the air space material, also known as warm-edge technology for insulating glass
- 4. Observe a range of measured performance outcomes, energy-savings, LEED<sup>®</sup> and Cradle to Cradle<sup>sm</sup> contribution using case study data of built commercial projects in the U.S. and globally utilizing one or both types of thermal barriers in the frame and insulating glass

# Aluminum framing for fenestration



- Excellent structural performance
- Narrow sightlines
- Environmentally friendly (recycled content, 100-percent reusable)
- Unlimited color finish options
- LEED<sup>®</sup> certification\*
- High thermal conductivity (1109 Btu-in/(hr - F°-ft²)

•The LEED® (*Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*) Green Building Rating System

### Fenestration and thermal barrier technology

### Fenestration innovation timeline



|                             | 1950 | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| U-factor                    | 1.02 | 0.71 | 0.55 | 0.48 | 0.44 | 0.41 | 0.39 |
| Condensation<br>Resistance* | 16   | 28   | 52   | 54   | 55   | 56   | 61   |
| U-cog<br>(Btu/h ft²F)       | 1.03 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.36 | 0.29 | 0.24 | 0.24 |

Thermal graphics created with THERM 5 and Windows 5 \* NFRC 500 Condensation Resistance

THERM and WINDOW are trade names of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

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### Government, NGOs\*:

Mega-trends: green awareness, sustainability, carbon footprints EPA, DOE, USGBC, FSC, NFRC

### **Tools for modeling:**

THERM, Window and RESFEN software programs\*\* for analyzing performance of fenestration products.

\*Non-Governmental Organizations \*\*THERM, WINDOW and RESFEN are trade names of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

- **Tools for modeling:** 
  - **U-factor**
  - Solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC)
  - Visible light transmittance (VT)
  - Condensation resistance (CR)

ID # 593 Name Wojan SH Glass Option Mode NFRC Type Custom Dual Visio Width 48.000 inches Height 60.000 inches Area 20.00 ft2 Tilt 90 Environmental Conditions NFRC 100-2001



#### WINDOW 5 Total Window Performance Computer Program



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**U-Factor** measures the rate of heat transfer and tells you how well the window insulates. U-factor values are measured in Btu/h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F. The lower the U-factor, the better the window insulates

### **Condensation Resistance**

measures how well the window resists water build-up. Condensation Resistance is scored on a scale from 0 to 100. The higher the condensation resistance factor, the less build-up the window allows.

SOURCE:http://www.energystar.gov/

http://resourcecenter.pnl.gov/

### Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC)

measures how well an opening blocks heat from sunlight. The SHGC is the fraction of the heat from the sun that enters through a window expressed as a number between 0 and 1. The lower the SHGC number, the less solar heat is transmitted.





**Sound control** for entire fenestration system, rather than for the individual acoustical fenestration components.

Outdoor–Indoor Transmission Class (OITC) primarily for aircraft, rail, truck traffic noises



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# Learning objective

Identify two methods for optimizing the performance of aluminum fenestration components through the application of thermal barriers in the framing

# Thermal barriers for aluminum framing

frost free at 72°F (22C)

thermal barrier

frost forms easily on the aluminum frame





dry ice at -148°F (-100°C)

# Choices in thermal barrier material

Polyurethane (pour and debridge system) USA-1970s Polyamide ("strut" or "strip" system) Germany-1970s

# Filling the profile

extruded profile with thermal barrier channel

two-component thermal barrier

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Poured and debridged thermal barrier



Thermally
 Structurally
 Cost (manufacturing)
 Warranty



# Thermal performance comparison

| <u>Material</u> | <b>Conductivity</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Polyurethane*   | 0.84                |
| Vinyl (plastic) | 1.18                |
| Polyamide (FG   | **) 2.08            |

\*polyurethane pour and debridge\*\*polyamide 6.6 with 25% glass fiber

 $Btu-in/(hr - F^{\circ}-ft^{2})$  the lower the thermal conductivity, the better the insulator)



# Thermal barrier gap comparison

Similar thermal gap:

Same U-factor, dissimilar gap:



# Structural performance



**Shear strength** is the ability of the thermal barrier material to resist slippage or tearing parallel to the line of application loading



#### AAMA TIR-A8-08 American Architectural Manufacturers Association standards

# Structural performance



Polyurethane





### Polyurethane • 4-inch specimen

- Torsion: 1,519 lbf
- Shear: 1,901 lbf
- Deflection 2,206 lbf

### Polyamide • 4-inch specimen

- Torsion: 519 lbf
- Shear: 1,437 lbf
- Deflection 1,821 lbf

(Deflection weight (force) required to deflect an 84-inch extrusion 1/2-inch)

# Manufacturer cost comparison Throughput ratio



The **throughput ratio** is the number of extrusions that can be processed during the same time period



# Manufacturer cost comparison Material and labor



# Warranty

# What type of warranty can be expected from a thermal barrier system?

Approved applicators of pour and debridge systems offer a 10-year warranty

### **Comparison summary**

### Thermal performance

 Polyurethane is 2.5 times better insulating than polyamide strips based on thermal conductivity

### Structural performance

 Polyurethane up to 3 times stronger shear strength and torsion strength (versus polyamide)



### Cost

 Polyamide is more labor intensive and more materials are required when compared to manufacturing polyurethane thermal barrier extrusion profiles Two-color (wood grain) with polyurethane thermal barrier

# Learning objective

Optimize the performance of fenestration components through the application of thermal barriers in the air space material, also known as warm-edge technology for insulating glass

Optimizing both thermal performance and condensation resistance

Maintaining the benefits of daylighting while increasing the pathway to health and comfort





### How spacer materials make a difference

standard aluminum spacer

> thermally improved aluminum spacer (polyurethane)

### Architectural spacer material types



# Thermal conductivity

1000 800 600 lower is 400 better 200 117 .84 0 Btu-in/(hr-°F-ft2) Commercial insulating glass spacer conventional aluminum stainless steel warm-edge (aluminum with polyurethane thermal barrier)

**Material comparisons** 

1109

1200

Values from NFRC 101: Procedure for determining Thermo-Physical Properties for materials for use in NFRCapproved Software

## Effects of thermal barriers and spacer in frame

- Low-E IG unit
- Low-E IG unit
- aluminum spacer
- aluminum spacer
- aluminum frame
- thermal barrier frame
- warm-edge spacer

•Low-E IG unit

thermal barrier frame



### Condensation resistance factor calculations

Outside

| 0 F | Inside<br>70 F | Low-E glass<br>aluminum<br>spacer   | Low-E<br>glass<br>steel<br>spacer | Low-E glass<br>thermal<br>barrier<br>spacer |
|-----|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
|     | Sight Line Tem | p 31.2F                             | 33.9F                             | 38.7F                                       |
|     | Sight Line CRF | 44.5                                | 48.4                              | 55.3  |
|     | CRF =          | (Temp at sight li<br>(Inside temp - | ine - Outside<br>Outside ten      | e temp)<br>NP) X 100                        |

Thermal analyses conducted using Therm 5 and WINDOWS 5

### **U-Value calculations**

|   | . Ucog                 | Ucog            | U-edge =<br>weighted<br>average of<br>Ucog and<br>sight line | U-facto<br>weighte<br>average<br>Ucog +<br>Uframe | U-factor =<br>weighted<br>average of<br>Ucog + Uedge +<br>Uframe |      |      |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|--|---|--|------|------|
|   | properties<br>(spacer) |                 | Low-E<br>aluminum<br>spacer                                  | Low-E<br>steel<br>spacer                          | Low-E<br>thermal<br>barrier<br>spacer                            |      |      |
|   |                        | <u></u>         | U-frame =  | Ucog  | 0.29   | 0.29 | 0.29 |
| - |                        |                 | heat<br>transfer   | U-edge  | e 0.47   | 0.45 | 0.42 |
| 2 | -                      | <del>له ر</del> | below the<br>sight line                                      | U-fram  | e 0.62   | 0.60 | 0.58 |
| ŀ |                        | 1               | (spacer)   | U-facto   | or 0.45  | 0.44 | 0.43 |

Thermal analyses conducted using Therm 5 and WINDOWS 5

Polyurethane thermal barrier incorporated into roll-formed aluminum

A thermally improved, structurally stronger, air space material for commercial insulating glass

First major advance in spacer technology for commercial applications in thirty years



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# Willis Tower

- Completed in 1973
- Tallest building in Western Hemisphere
- High-tech for it's time, but lowtech compared to today's available technology
  - Non-thermal aluminum framing
  - Very high thermal conductivity
  - 9/16-inch laminated glass (non-thermal)
  - High energy consumption & carbon emissions
  - Frost & condensation
  - <u>U-Value 0.78</u>



# Willis Tower Project

(thermal barrier frame / insulating glass)

| OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION  | <u>U VALUE</u>                 |
|---------|--|--------------------------------|
| #1      | POUR and DEBRIDGE FRAME WITH                         | .335 Btu/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -F |
|         | WARM-LIGHT GLASS SPACER                              |                                |
| #2      | POUR and DEBRIDGE FRAME WITH                         | .342 Btu/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -F |
|         | STAINLESS STEEL GLASS SPACER                         |                                |
| #3      | POUR and DEBRIDGE FRAME WITH                         | .353 Btu/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -F |
|         | ALUMINUM GLASS SPACER                                |                                |
| #4      | POLYAMIDE FRAME WITH WARM-<br>LIGHT GLASS SPACER     | .373 Btu/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -F |
| #5      | POLYAMIDE FRAME WITH<br>STAINLESS STEEL GLASS SPACER | .378 Btu/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -F |
| #6      | POLYAMIDE FRAME WITH<br>ALUMINUM GLASS SPACER        | .386 Btu/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -F |
|         |  |                                |

**U-Factor current building 0.78** 

# Current

3.2 °F

<u>U VALUE = .78</u>

Using modern thermal barrier technology, we can transform the existing building from a cold and inefficient building to a thermally efficient warm building

# New

**Triple Glazed** •3/16" Lami x ½" x 3/16" x <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 3/16" •Low-e #4 & #6 •Argon •Stainless Pour & Debridge Thermal Barrier <u>U VALUE = .22</u>



# The Willis Tower Modernization Project

- Reduced electricity usage by 80%
- Savings of 150,000 barrels of oil per year
- Savings of 60% of heating energy
  - Equivalent to planting 6 million trees
  - Or removing 13,200 cars per year
  - Or powering 10,000 homes
- Eliminates 72 million pounds of carbon dioxide

# Hyundai-Kia Automotive Group



World headquarters • Seoul, Korea

First building completed in 2000 with polyamide thermal barrier, aluminum spacer, clear IGU (26,530 m<sup>2</sup>)

Second building planning began in 2005 with pour and debridge thermal barrier, warm-edge spacer and low-E IGU (43,194m<sup>2</sup>)

Annual heating and cooling savings \$91,000+

# High solar heat gain requirement



Goal was increased daylighting Warm-edge spacer provided improved overall U-factor while using medium performance low-E product

Improved condensation resistance

Improved building performance and occupant comfort

### Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Rockville, Md.

# Structural glazing — minimal sightlines



Living Shangri-La Tallest building in Vancouver Architect: James K.M Cheng Glass Fabricator: Garibaldi Inc. Construction 2005-2008 Four-sided, structural-glazed fenestration Stringent building code Improved sightline temperature Warm-edge offered 5 degrees higher edge temperature than stainless steel type spacer

## Wausau Window and Wall Systems HQ



"Thermal barriers provide condensation resistance at expected relative humidity levels, and reduce conductive heat loss" LEED<sup>®</sup> Silver Certification\* Polyurethane thermal barrier chosen for windows Higher recycled content, aluminum framing material

Manufacturer: Wausau Window and Wall Systems



\*The LEED® (*Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*) Green Building Rating System

# Cradle to Cradle<sup>sm</sup>



### Dormitory, 5-stories

Holy Family University, Philadelphia, Pa.Architect: Metro Architects, Narberth, Pa.Gen. Contractor: TN Ward, Ardmore, Pa.Glazing Contractor - U.S. Plate and Mirror



Cradie to cradie SILVER

Manufacturer: YKK AP

# Museum of Modern Art



New York, N.Y. Project Type: Renovation Architect: Kohn, Pederson & Fox Warm-edge spacer Completed: 2005

Overall sightline CRF (condensation resistance factor) improved 22.1% by using warm-edge spacer versus standard metal spacer

Fabricator: J.E. Berkowitz

# The Elysian



11 East Walton Street, Chicago, III.
Construction start: 2006
Construction finish: 2009
60-stories
Architect: Lucien Lagrange
Developer: Elysian Development
Maximum Height: 700 feet
Mechanical lock, lanced method
Qualifies for 10-year warranty

Manufacturer: Kawneer

# Energy savings

For the Empire State Building, we used a computer program to calculate the savings in heating and cooling costs with the polyurethane system versus the non-thermal barrier windows.

(102 stories with 6,400 windows)

Manufacturer: TRACO

| Original steel windows, single glaze                   | \$1,000,000/yr           |
|--|--------------------------|
| New, TR-9000 windows with polyurethane thermal barrier | \$ 222,230/yr            |
| ENERGY SAVINGS   | <u>&gt;\$ 777,770/yr</u> |
| Lifespan (30 years)                                    | > <u>\$23,000,000</u>    |

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# Sound control





Fenestration system components affect outdoorindoor sound transmission in the exterior wall

Sound transmission OITC (Outdoor Indoor Transmission Class)

Manufacturer: Champion Window and Door

New York

# Sound control

Glazing variations affecting acoustics

- type of air spacer
- glass thickness
- air space dimension)
- dual or triple glazing
- physical dimension of window (or glass)
- air infiltration
- glass type (annealed or laminated)

#### \*ASTM E 1332 \*\*ASTM E 413





### Typical noise spectrums

# Condensation resistance — large glass spans



Zankel Music Center - Skidmore College Saratoga Springs, New York Triple insulating glass units weighing 12 lbs/ft Large size units for outdoor view Condensation resistance factor 81 Overall U-factor improvement



INSULATING LAMINATED GLASS UNIT 1 (IG-1): Insulating Glass with laminated interior lite fabricated in accordance with ASTM C 1172, ASTM E 773, and E Н 774. Insulating Glass units are certified through the Insulating Glass Certification ASTM E2190 (class "CBA") or to ASTM E2188. Provide safety glazing as required by the Safety Glazing section of IBC. is one interlayer product

Insulating Glass Unit Makeup:

#### **Outboard Lite** a.

- Glass Type: Guardian Sun-Guard SN-68
- Glass Tint: Clear
- Nominal Glass Thickness: 1/4"
- Glass Strength: (Annealed, Heat-Strengthened, Tempered, Heat Soak)
- Low-E Coating Orientation, Surface # 2 5
- Airspace h
- Nominal Thickness: 7/16:
- Thermally-Broken Aluminum, Azon Warm Edge 2.

On Line Gas Fill: 90 %Argon

#### Second Lite C.

- Glass Type: Guardian Sun-Guard SN-68
- Glass Tint: Clear
- 3 Nominal Glass Thickness: 1/4"
- Glass Strength: (Annealed, Heat-Strengthened, Tempered, Heat Soak)
- 5. Reflective Low-E Coating Orientation: Surface # 4
- d. Airspace
- Nominal Thickness: 7/16":
- Thermally-Broken Aluminum, Azon Warm Edge, 2.

On Line Gas Fill: 90 %Argon

#### Laminated Third Lite (LG) e.

- Glass Type: Guardian Clear
- Glass Tint: Clear
- Nominal Glass Thickness: 1/4" 3.
- Glass Strength: (Annealed, Heat-Strengthened, Tempered, Heat Soak) Δ
- 5. Laminate: Monsanto's Saflex polyvinyl butyral plastic (PVB) 0.060 Clear
- Glass Type: Guardian Clear 6.
- 7 **Glass Tint: Clear**
- 8 Nominal Glass Thickness: 1/4"
- 9. Glass Strength: (Annealed, Heat-Strengthened, Tempered, Heat Soak) Performance Characteristics (Center of Glass):

| a. | Visible Transmittance          |      | 50 % |
|----|--------------------------------|------|------|
| b. | Visible Reflectance (in)       | 12 % |      |
| c. | Visible Reflectance (out)      | 13 % |      |
| d. | Solar Energy % transmittance   | 19 % |      |
| e. | Solar Energy % Reflectance Out | 31 % |      |
| f. | Winter U-value:                |      |      |
| a  | Shading Coefficient (SC):      | (    | 133  |

- Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC): 0.283
- Relative Heat Gain: 68
- **Condensation Resistance Factor**
- Provide hermetically sealed IG units with dehydrated airspace, dual air seal of black polyisobutelyene (PIB), and a secondary seal of black silicone.

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# **Blast hazard mitigation**



MacDill Air force base in Tampa Florida





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Manufacturer: Graham Architectural Products

Schoefield Army barracks Oahu Hawaii

# Heritage building preservation





Historic Project Two Mellon Bank

(Union Trust Building) Pittsburgh, PA

> Project Details: 1,345 windows Model: TR-9000 (DH) TR-9500 (SH) TR-10,000 (Dual Action) TR-10,500 (Fixed) TR-7000 (Fixed)

Finish/Color: Saturian grey Duranar xl paint finish

**Description of Project:** Flemish gothic structure. Historic panning and curves also used to compliment exterior. This building is listed in the National Register of Historic places.

Manufacturer: TRACO

Manufacturer: Graham Architectural Products

Historical: Park Central Hotel St. Louis, Mo. Series 2000 / 2200 / 7000

# In North America 80% of the thermal barrier projects use pour and debridge



# Government office



公安部办公楼方案 天安口方向温暖里

Chinese Public Security Bureau (Chinese FBI) Beijing – Tieneman Square

Window Supplier – Beijing NanLong Window Co.

# Grand scale

Master Plan

### New Songdo City - Incheon, Korea

Songdo IBD

& POSCO EAC PROJECT



# New Songdo City

### **Project Overview**

- Located 40 miles southwest of Seoul
- Built on 1,500 acres of reclaimed land
- Estimated cost: \$25 billion
- Largest privately developed project ever undertaken anywhere in the world
- Master Plan by world-renowned architects Kohn Pederson Fox
- Urban <u>Energy Smart</u> development, destined to be environmentally sustainable
- One hundred twenty of the buildings, including the Northeast Asia Trade Tower Building (NEATT), are registered for LEED<sup>®</sup> certification
- Project is scheduled for completion in 2014

## Registered for LEED®

Songdo IBD



#### New Songdo City - Incheon, Korea

### Northeast Asia Trade Tower (NEATT)

Office, hotel and shopping. 67 floors – 984 feet

Aluminum curtain wall using pour and debridge technology

#### Completion date - 2010

\*The LEED® (*Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*) Green Building Rating System

# 1<sup>st</sup> World Towers

Songdo IBD



### New Songdo City - Incheon, Korea

First residential block to be completed for project.

#### Covers 125 Acres

Aluminum curtain wall using pour and debridge technology

Warm-edge spacer

### The Central Park

Songdo IBD



### New Songdo City - Incheon, Korea

Office, hotel and shopping located adjacent to Central Park with three, 47-story buildings (designed like Central Park in New York)

Aluminum curtain wall using pour and debridge technology

Warm-edge spacer

# Outcomes

Participants in this continuing education program have learned about the benefits of:

- 1. Thermal barriers for aluminum window framing
- 2. Warm-edge spacer technology for insulating glass

# Conclusion

Thermal barrier aluminum fenestration and structural warm-edge insulating glass spacers improve the overall U-factor, condensation resistance factor (CRF), sound transmission OITC (Outdoor Indoor Transmission Class), and qualify for performance points toward LEED<sup>®</sup> certification and other green benchmarks, such as Cradle to Cradle<sup>sm</sup>.

### Leed<sup>®</sup> contribution of Azon fenestration products

#### Azon and LEED® Certification

Our main purpose is to provide high-performance fenestration components that meet our customers' sustainability goals and expectations.



| LEED <sup>®</sup> contribution  | Azon<br>thermal<br>barrier | Warm-Light®<br>By Azon |  |  |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Energy & Atmosphere   |                            |                        |  |  |
| EA Credit 1: Optimize Energy Performance (1-10 points; 2 points required)                       | V                          | √                      |  |  |
| Materials & Resources   |                            | •                      |  |  |
| MR Credit 3.1: Materials Reuse, 5% (1 point)  |                            | √                      |  |  |
| MR Gredit 3.2: Materials Reuse, 10% (1 point)   |                            | √                      |  |  |
| MR Credit 4.1: Recycled Content, 10% (post-consumer + 1/2 pre-consumer) (1 point)               |                            | √                      |  |  |
| MR Credit 4.2: Recycled Content, 20% (post-consumer + 1/2 pre-consumer) (1 point)               |                            | √                      |  |  |
| MR Credit 5.1: Regional Materials, 10% Extracted, Processed & Manufactured Regionally (1 point) | V                          |                        |  |  |
| MR Credit 5.2: Regional Materials, 20% Extracted, Processed & Manufactured Regionally (1 point) | V                          |                        |  |  |
| Indoor Environmental Quality  |                            |                        |  |  |
| EQ Credit 7.1: Thermal Comfort, Design (1 point)  | V                          | V                      |  |  |

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