

# Improving Residential Window Performance: There's more that can be done.

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# **Presentation Objectives**

- We hope attendees will leave the session with an understanding of:
  - The energy and non-energy benefits of low-emissivity (low-e) storm panels and other window attachments
  - How innovations in high-R triple-pane windows are improving the insulating benefits and bringing down installation and technology costs
  - Window-related rating, labeling, and certification programs and how to interpret the new AERC Energy Improvement label
  - Window-related home performance opportunities with northwest utility and energy-efficiency programs







- Part I: Overview of the problem we are trying to solve and potential window retrofit solutions
- Part II: Introduction to window attachments and research results
- Part III: Emerging high-R window technologies (e.g., thin triple-pane windows)
- Part IV: Energy rating, performance labels, and new program opportunities related to windows.





# **The Problem**



Windows make up 29% of residential HVAC consumption

Windows make up 34% of commercial HVAC consumption



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# **The Potential**



Homes with thermally improved windows

 Homes with single-pane or double-pane clear glass windows



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## Current Rate and Type of Window Replacements Not Solving the Problem





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# High-R Window Replacements

- Existing Triple Glazing (w. gas and low-E)
  - Technology elements available, U ~ 0.1 – 0.2
  - Large existing market share in N. Europe
  - U.S.: "Too heavy/too wide" -> costly redesign of whole window
- "New Technology"
  - Modified Triple Glazing- thin glass
  - Vacuum glazing (emerging technology)
  - Aerogel ( early R&D)







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# Window Attachments

#### Storm Windows





#### **Roller Shades**



**Horizontal Blinds** 



**Cellular Shades** 











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# Part II: Window Attachments

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## What are Window Attachments?











<ul> <li>"Greatest Benefit"</li> <li>"Moderate Benefit"</li> <li>"Neutral or Average"</li> <li>"Undetermined<sup>1</sup>"</li> <li>"Emerging products – Unverified benefits"</li> </ul>	Insulation	Airtightness	Solar Heat Control	Winter Comfort	Summer Comfort	Condensation Resistance	Ventilation	Low Product Cost	Low Installation Cost	Durability/Service Life	
Storm Windows (including low-e) Awnings Roller Shades Roller Shutters								● ● ● ◎	<ul><li>○</li><li>○</li><li>○</li><li>○</li></ul>	••••••	
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 $^1\!\text{The}$  benefits of this technology for the given attribute are not generalized and should be examined on a case-by-case basis 10

## Window Attachments Value Proposition



- Energy Savings Potential:
  - Reduces home's HVAC consumption by 3-30%
  - Can also reduce infiltration, glare, and noise



- Large market opportunity:
  - Applicable to new and existing homes
  - Over 80% of homes and small commercial buildings have some form of window attachment
  - Over 80% of window attachments that are in place are relatively lowperforming vinyl blinds (horizontal slatted)

# **Energy Modeling**

- Comprehensive energy-modeling study that examined 11 different typical residential window attachments including:
  - shades
  - blinds
  - storm window panels
  - surface-applied films
- Baseline with 4 types of houses, 3 types of windows, in 12 climate zones
- Operation assumptions based on empirical study
- For most attachments examined, energy savings significant, but results depend on type of attachment, season, climate, and operation.
- In heating-dominated climates in north/central zones, low-e insulating storm panels (both interior and exterior) and insulating cellular shades are the most effective at reducing HVAC.





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# The Evolution of Storm Windows



Seasonal Storm Panels



Self-Storing Storm Windows

#### LATEST TECHNOLOGY



High Performance Storm Windows with Low-E glass



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# Low-E Storm Windows

Low-e storm windows are a cost-effective, **insulating**, and air **sealing** measure for existing windows:

- Air Sealing of Prime Window
  - Case studies show 10% reduction in overall home air leakage
- Creation of "Dead Air Space"
  - Reduce conduction and convective losses across prime window

#### Reflection of Radiant Heat

35% increased performance over clear glass







# **Low-E Storm Windows**

#### Cost

- 1/3 of replacement window
- Payback 4-14 years
- Low installation effort (e.g., 80% DIY installation)

#### **Energy Savings**

- 10-33% reduction in HVAC in single-pane or double-pane clear glass window homes
- Reduce air leakage



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#### **Characteristics**

• Operable

- Permanent installation
- Year-round comfort
- Interior or exterior installation
- Aesthetically pleasing



\*See Culp, et. al, (2015)

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PNNL Lab Homes Testing Platform in Richland, Washington

Lab Homes Characteristics

- Specified to represent existing manufactured and stick-built housing
- 3 BR/2BA, ~1500 ft<sup>2</sup>
- All-electric with 13 SEER/7.7 HSPF heat pump central HVAC + alternate Cadet fan wall heaters throughout
- R-22 floors, R-11 walls & R-22 ceiling with composition roof
- 195.7 ft<sup>2</sup> (13%) window area with double-pane clear glass aluminumframed windows







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## Lab Homes – Low-E Storm Windows Impact on Energy Savings

Technology (experiment)	Baseline and Experiment Description	Energy Savings (%)
Exterior low-e storm windows, 2014 (Larson Manufacturing)	Double-pane metal-frame clear glass windows (no window coverings)	Average Annual Savings: <b>10.1</b> ± <b>1.4%</b>
Interior low-e storm windows, 2015 (Quanta Technologies)	Covering 74% of window area over double-pane metal-frame clear glass windows	Average Annual Savings: <b>7.8</b> ± <b>1.5%</b>



#### Infrared Images – Interior Storm Windows



## LES – Climate Zone Modeling

Over all single-pane windows or double-pane metal-framed windows:

NEAT and RESFEN analysis expanded to 22 cities across all 8 climate zones.<sup>1</sup>



## Installation: Exterior Storm Windows

### Weep Holes

See PNNL youtube video that includes installation instructions: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=DeU6wn0psrU</u>

#### Do NOT caulk the bottom sill

### Permanent Year-Round Installation



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## **Installation: Interior Storm Windows**





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# Honeycomb or Cellular Shades





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## Lab Homes – Triple Cell Cellular Shades Impact on Energy Savings (2015-2016 Testing)



Technology (experiment)	Baseline and Experiment Description	Energy Savings (%)
<b>High Efficiency Cellular</b> <b>Shades:</b> Static Operation – always down	Blinds remain closed for the duration of experiment. Compared to standard vinyl blinds remaining closed for full experiment.	Cooling: <b>13.3 ±2.8%</b> Heating: <b>10.5 ±3.0%</b>
<b>High Efficiency Cellular</b> <b>Shades:</b> Optimum Operation Comparison	Blinds operated per the Hunter Douglas recommended energy-saving schedule. Compared to standard vinyl blinds operated with same schedule.	Cooling: <b>10.4</b> ±6.5% Heating: <b>16.6</b> ±5.3%
High Efficiency Cellular Shades: Optimum Operation	Blinds operated per the Hunter Douglas recommended energy-saving schedule. Compared to no blinds in baseline home (double-pane clear glass windows)	Cooling: <b>14.8 ±2.1%</b> Heating: <b>14.4 ±2.0%</b>

# Thermal Performance of Double-Cell Cellular Shades compared to the most Common Window Coverings

Experiment	Season	HVAC Savings % (+/- 95% confidence)	Average W-hr/day Savings	
All Shades Down: Cellular Shades	Cooling	13.3 (±1.3)	2,650	
versus Vinyl Venetian Blinds	Heating	9.3 (±1.9)	7,011	
Typical Use: Cellular Shades versus Vinyl Venetian Blinds	Cooling	5.8 (±0.5)	1,487	
	Heating	2.0 (±1.3)	1,505	



Semi-opaque double-cell shade pulled down (left) allows filtered natural light into north-side bedroom. Close-up view of same shade (right).

"Typical Use" Settings<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>D&R International. 2013. *Residential Windows and Window Coverings: A Detailed View of the Installed Base and User Behavior* 

http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2013/11/f5/residential\_windows\_coverings.pdf.

#### **Energy Savings Potential of Cellular Shades in the Summer**



# Heating Season: Shades drawn down (always) versus "optimal" operation



- Optimal Operation Scenario: Cellular shades up during some portion of the day and closed at night (3 operating scenarios tested).
- Results: Achieved consistent HVAC savings between 5% to 9% compared to the home with blinds operated with typical settings.

Beneficial heat gains not fully realized when shades are drawn down during the day (Sunny day, avg. temp 31° F)

- Closed Shades Scenario: Cellular shades covering all windows in Lab Home B (experimental home) and no shades on Lab Home A (control home) windows
- **Results:** Modest average savings (2%) when shades down all the time. Average of 5% savings recorded on very cloudy days, but negative savings on some sunny days.



## **Automation and Window Attachments**



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Allowable Solar Penetration



Shadecloth Position: 1 Shadecloth Position: 3

March 21 / September 21 Shadecloth Position: 2

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Overcast Sky Shadecloth Position: 3

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#### Shadow-Override Module





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When zones are in shadow from the adjacent buildings for 20 minutes or more. the shades will rise to maximize natural daylight and view automatically.



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## Demand Response (DR) – Combining Thermostat Adjustments with Shading

**HVAC Cycling during Peak Period**: DR Participant vs Non-Participant



Lab Home B: DR participant (with cellular shades drawn down during peak event)



Lab Home A: Typical blinds, typical use and no participation in DR during peak event

Whole House Energy Use Comparison Both homes participating in DR (i.e., thermostat setback during peak period), but only Lab Home B pulls down cellular shades in living room during peak event. HVAC savings = 3,936 W-hrs with cellular shades on this day.



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## **Upcoming Experiments... Exterior Shades**

- Summer season testing
  - Reduces cooling load (and added comfort for those with and without AC)
  - Blocks UV rays before it hits the window
  - Automation available (including solar-powered motors)
  - Non-energy benefits (e.g., privacy, comfort, protection of window, etc.)



# Home Performance Retrofit Opportunities

- Utility incentive programs
- Weatherization programs (low-e storms typically meet criteria for Federally subsidized programs)
- Historic homes
- Retirement and assisted living facilities
- Automation and Integrated Control



Retirement Home in Enumclaw, Washington



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# Part III: Highly Insulating Windows



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1970: If Windows are thermally poor, then use less of them....







# **Current State of Windows**

### **Whole window U-factor**





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## **Savings from Better Windows** Annual Heating Cost simulated for a heating climate



Single Glazed w/Storm, \$1310

Double Glazed, \$1218

Double w/Low-E, \$1120

House with no windows, \$1000

"SuperWindow", \$960



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## "North-facing Windows Outperform Insulated Walls during winter heating season" (from 1989!)



# **<u>Residential</u> Windows: 2.3 Q Annual Energy** (Heating: 1.30 Q Cooling: .94 Q)

Window Type	<b>Energy Savings over Current Stock (quads)</b>					
window Type	Heating	Cooling	Total			
Sales (Business as usual)	0.49	0.37	0.86			
Energy Star (Low-e)	0.69	0.43	1.12			
Dynamic Low-e	0.74	0.75	1.49			
<b>Triple Pane Low-e</b>	1.20	0.44	1.64			
Mixed Triple, Dynamic	1.22	0.55	1.77			
High-R Superwindow	1.41	0.44	1.85			
High-R Dynamic	1.50	0.75	2.25			

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# Heat Transfer Crash Course

- U factor: overall heat transfer rate, Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-hr-F
  - U ranges: ~1 (single)  $\rightarrow$  .1 (high R window, Superwindow)
- **R: Resistance** = 1/U R1  $\rightarrow$  R10
- Glazing properties insulating glass unit = "IGU"
- Whole window properties
- SHGC, Tv, Air leakage... Properties of glass, window
- Annual Energy Impact... Location, orientation, HVAC...




# U.S. Residential Glazing Market Share





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### Conservation Research Note

from the Center for Building Science / Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory

New Energy Supply Technology for the 21st Century

### High Tech Window Coatings "Supply" Energy Services

Buildings account for over one third of all U.S. energy consumption. Energy policy has emphasized the development of new secure energy supply options such as off-shore oil. But advanced building technology that effectively reduces the need for current consumption can also be viewed as a supply option.

Consider the following two choices for "supplying" \$1 billion of energy services:

### Low-E Window Technology

Heat loss from windows is responsible for about 4% of total U.S. energy consumption, or the equivalent of 1.4 million barrels of oil per day. Transparent low emissivity (low-E) coatings provide one third reductions in window heat loss.

This industrial low-E coater (See Recipe 1) can coat over 20 million square feet of glass for windows each year. Savings accumulate rapidly since each window continues to save energy over its entire lifetime, at least 20 years.

### Offshore Oil Wells

Oil under the continental shelf is a secure, but environmentally fragile, costly and depletable supply option. (See *Recipe 2*).

Low-E Coatings as Oil Well	S
(36 M Barrels of Oil)	



#### Figure 1

May 1988

Glass coaters such as this high-rate sputtering system can coat large sheets of glass with sophisticated multilayer coatings for control of heat and light in buildings.

Photo courtesy of Airco Solar Products, Concord, CA.

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ер 1: ер 2:	Invest \$300 million in a 10 well offshore oil platform, producing 10,000 barrels per day. Pump oil for the 10 year nominal life of the oil field (don't spill a drop).		
ep 3:	RESULT: Supply of 36 million barrels of o	il!	

Figure 2

An oil company's 10,000 barrel/day, 700 foot-high, \$ 300-million platform off the Santa Barbara, California coast.





# Window Energy Snapshot: Progress...

## • Good news:

- With DOE R&D support, industry transformed markets from single -> double -> double, low-E, argon
- 90%+ sales of all window are low-E

## Bad news: little tech innovation since 1990

- Biggest Energy Opportunity- highly insulating glazing for heating dominated climates (~1-2 Q at stake)
- Market "Saturated" at double, low E: >90% Market Share
- Triple glazing: only 1.7% market share, **no recent change**
- Need: "Better" triples or new technology options



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# Why Not Make Better Windows Now... ??

- Window Manufacturers "could" redesign product lines to offer triple glazing
  - No easy path to high performance window today
  - Costly to manufacturers to retool; → costly to end-users
  - "No Demand" now; uncertain demand at higher price point
- Europe Northern countries "mandate" triple glazing;
  - Base window accommodates triple IGU
  - Offered by all suppliers
  - Supported by codes, higher energy prices
  - So no fundamental "technical" obstacle to adoption



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## Success of Low-E, Double Glazed IGU: U: 0.5 -> 0.3

- 3 stage "adoption" process to increase market share
  - 1. Introduction -> ~20% market share: Innovation push
  - 2. 20% -> 60% NFRC Ratings, Voluntary market pull (ES)
  - **3.** 60% -> 95%: **Codes and Standards**
- "Criteria" for rapid adoption:
  - Window manufacturers must accept cost and risk
    - New Investment, Disruption to manufacturing process?
    - See a Competitive Market opportunity or threat
  - Glass package is affordable, durable, ...
  - Market Acceptance and Demand:
    - Work with Early adopters, Niche Markets, Incentives,...



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# National Fenestration Rating Council -NFRC





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## Choosing Better Windows Efficient Window Collaborative www.efficientwindows.org

# How to Choose Windows

This site provides unbiased information on the benefits of energy-efficient windows, descriptions of how they work, and recommendations for their selection and use.

### NEW CONSTRUCTION

REPLACEMENT WINDOWS

WINDOW SELECTION TOOL ASSESSING OPTIONS SELECTION PROCESS DESIGN GUIDANCE INSTALLATION



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#### SELECT ORIENTATION:



Equal



North



East



West

South

#### SELECT WINDOW AREA:





Small (10%)

Large (20%)









NEXT

PREVIOUS



Location: Portland, Oregon



#### ENERGY STAR Zones | IECC Zones

**Energy Costs** Natural Gas: \$1.133/therm Electricity: \$0.108/kWh

#### Additional Tools & Information:

- » Oregon Fact Sheet
- » State Code Information
- » Selection Guidance Fact Sheet

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### Efficient Windows™



## Selecting Energy Efficient New Windows in Oregon

www.efficientwindows.org

January 2016

Collaborative



U-factor	SHGC	Air Leakage
Windows: $U \le 0.27$ Windows: $U = 0.28$ Windows: $U = 0.29$ Windows: $U = 0.30$ Skylights: $U \le 0.50$	Windows: Any Windows: SHGC ≥0.32 Windows: SHGC ≥0.37 Windows: SHGC ≥0.42 Skylights: Any	Windows:AL≤0.30 Skylights:AL≤0.30

For superior energy performance, select windows with a U-factor of 0.25 or less. If air conditioning is not a concern, look for a higher Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) of 0.35–0.60 so winter solar heat can help offset the heating energy need. If cooling is a significant concern and no shading is available, select windows with a SHGC less than 0.32.

U-factor	SHGC	Air Leakage
Windows: U ≤ 0.30	Windows:SHGC≤0.40	Windows:AL≤0.30
Skylights: U ≤ 0.53	Skylights:SHGC≤0.35	Skylights:AL≤0.30

The larger your heating bill, the more important a low U-factor becomes. For superior energy performance, select windows with a U-factor of 0.25

### 1. Meet the Energy Code & Look for the ENERGY STAR®

Windows must comply with your local energy code. Windows that are ENERGY STAR certified often meet or exceed energy code requirements. To verify if specific window energy properties comply with the local code requirements, look for the NFRC label.



### 2. Look for Efficient Properties on the NFRC Label

The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) label is needed for verification of energy code compliance. The NFRC label displays whole-window energy properties and appears on all fenestration products which are part of the ENERGY STAR program (www.nfrc.org).



A Back CHOOSE WINDOW

#### 3. Compare Annual Energy Costs for a Typical House

Use computer simulations for a typical house to compare the annual energy performance of different window types. A comparison of the performance of a set of windows for this climate begins on Page 3 or use the Window Selection Tool on the EWC web site or the Window Selection Tool Mobile App (www.efficientwindows.org).







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18	3	HSG Low- E	Non-metal, Improved	≤0.22	0.41- 0.60	0.41- 0.50			\$999	\$888	\$111	78.4	1025	71.43	3.596	products
21	2	HSG Low- E	Non-metal, Improved	0.23- 0.30	0.41- 0.60	0.51- 0.60			\$1002	\$879	\$122	77.62	1133	71.83	3.781	products
15	2	HSG Low- E	Non-metal, Improved	0.23- 0.30	0.41- 0.60	0.51- 0.60			\$1018	\$882	\$136	77.85	1255	72.43	3.997	products
19	3	MSG Low- E	Non-metal, Improved	≤0.22	0.26- 0.40	0.41- 0.50			\$1030	\$956	\$74	84.36	683	71.35	3	products
22	2	MSG Low- E	Non-metal, Improved	0.23- 0.30	0.26- 0.40	0.51- 0.60			\$1030	\$952	\$79	84	729	71.67	3.093	products
16	2	MSG Low- E	Non-metal, Improved	0.23- 0.30	0.26- 0.40	0.51- 0.60			\$1048	\$967	\$81	85.37	747	72.21	3.138	products
20	3	LSG Low-E	Non-metal, Improved	≤0.22	≤0.25	≤0.40			\$1054	\$998	\$56	88.05	518	71.21	2.65	products
23	2	LSG Low-E	Non-metal, Improved	0.23- 0.30	≤0.25	0.41- 0.50			\$1055	\$996	\$59	87.93	548	71.54	2.717	products
9	2	HSG Low-	Metal, Improved	0.41-	0.41-	0.51-			\$1063	\$919	\$144	81.08	1334	74.42	4.179	products



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# **Generic Window**

Window 18	U = ≤0.22	LOCATION: Portland, Oregon
Triple-glazed, High-solar-gain Low-E Glass, Argon/Krypton Gas Non-metal, Improved	VT = 0.41-0.50	WINDOW TYPE: Windows
Manufacturer		View Products
<b>Manufacturer</b> Accurate Dorwin		View Products Products Available»
Manufacturer Accurate Dorwin Fibertec Window & Door Mfg.		View Products Products Available» Products Available»
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Disclaimer: Manufacturers have agreed that products listed here meet the energy performance requirements of the Efficient Windows Collaborative and have been tested and certified according to NFRC standards.



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# **Specific Manufacturer Product Lines**



Window 18

Glass, Argon/Krypton Gas Non-metal, Improved

Triple-glazed, High-solar-gain Low-E

U = ≤0.22 SHGC = 0.41-0.60 VT = 0.41-0.50 LOCATION: Portland, Oregon HOUSE TYPE: 1 Story WINDOW TYPE: Windows

Manufacturer	Product Line	Options	U-factor	SHGC	VT	AL
Fibertec Window & Door Mfg. http://www.fibertec.com	Series 600 Next Generation Fixed Window - Heat Mirror TC88		0.21	0.43	0.55	
	Series 300 Fixed Window - triple pane Energy Advantage		0.22	0.51	0.59	
	Series 300 Fixed Window - Heat Mirror TC88, krypton		0.16	0.44	0.56	
	300 Series Casement Window	Triple Glaze, 2 LoE LOF, Argon Gas	0.21	0.43	0.46	
	300 Series Awning Window	Triple Glaze, 2 LoE LOF, Argon Gas	0.21	0.43	0.46	100
	300 Series Fixed Window	Triple Glaze, 2 LoE LOF, Argon Gas	0.18	0.51	0.55	
	400 Series Side Slider Window	Triple Glaze, 1 LoE LOF, Krypton Gas	0.27	0.47	0.52	





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	Summ	nary	Energy	COMFO	RT	Conder	sation		
			Window System				Comfort		Info
ID	Panes	Glass	Frame	U-factor	SHGC	VT	Summer and Winter Comfort Su	ummer Winter	Manufacturers
18	3	HSG Low-E	Non-metal, Improved	≤0.22	0.41-0.60	0.41-0.50	Cold Neutral Hot	Warm Neutral	products
21	2	HSG Low-E	Non-metal, Improved	0.23-0.30	0.41-0.60	0.51-0.60	Cold Neutral Hot V	Warm Neutral	products
15	2	HSG Low-E	Non-metal, Improved	0.23-0.30	0.41-0.60	0.51-0.60	Cold Neutral Hot V	Warm Neutral	products
19	3	MSG Low-E	Non-metal, Improved	≤0.22	0.26-0.40	0.41-0.50	Cold Neutral Hot Sligh	ntly Warm Neutral	products
22	2	MSG Low-E	Non-metal, Improved	0.23-0.30	0.26-0.40	0.51-0.60	Cold Neutral Hot N	leutral Neutral	products
16	2	MSG Low-E	Non-metal, Improved	0.23-0.30	0.26-0.40	0.51-0.60	Cold Neutral Hot Sligh	itly Warm Neutral	products
20	3	LSG Low-E	Non-metal, Improved	≤0.22	≤0.25	≤0.40	Cold Neutral Hot N	leutral Neutral	products
23	2	LSG Low-E	Non-metal, Improved	0.23-0.30	≤0.25	0.41-0.50	Cold Neutral Hot N	leutral Neutral	products



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### **IECC** Compliance Guide for Homes in Oregon

Code: 2018 International Energy Conservation Code

#### Step-by-Step Instructions

- 1. Using the climate zone map to the right, match the jurisdiction to the appropriate IECC climate zone. Use the simplified table of IECC building envelope requirements (below) to determine the basic prescriptive requirements for the thermal envelope associated with the jurisdiction.
- 2. Use the "Outline of 2018 IECC Requirements" printed on the back of this sheet as a reference or a categorized index to the IECC requirements. Construct the building according to the requirements of the IECC and other applicable code requirements.

#### The 2018 International Energy Conservation Code

The 2018 IECC was developed by the International Code Council (ICC) and is currently available to states for adoption. The IECC is the national model standard for energy-efficient residential construction recognized by federal law. Users of this guide are strongly recommended to obtain a copy of the IECC and refer to it for any questions and further details on compliance. To obtain a copy of the 2018 IECC, contact the ICC or visit <u>www.iccsafe.org</u>. IECC compliance training is also available from many sources.

#### Limitations

This guide is an energy code compliance aid for Oregon based upon the simple prescriptive option of the 2018 IECC. It does not provide a guarantee for meeting the IECC. This guide is not designed to reflect the actual energy code, with amendments, if any, adopted in Oregon and does not, therefore, provide a guarantee for meeting the state energy code. For details on the energy code adopted by Oregon, including how it may differ from the IECC, please contact your local building code official. Additional copies of this guide are available on www.reca-codes.com.



<b>CLIMATE ZONE 5</b>		
Baker	Lake	
Benton	Lane	
Clackamas	Lincoln	
Clatsop	Linn	
Columbia	Malheur	
Coos	Marion	
Crook	Morrow	
Curry	Multnomah	
Deschutes	Polk	
Douglas	Sherman	
Gilliam	Tillamook	
Grant	Umatilla	
Harney	Union	
Hood River	Wallowa	
Jackson	Wasco	
Jefferson	Washington	
Josephine	Wheeler	
Klamath	Yamhill	





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# Window Replacement Options

- Full frame replacement (new window)
- Pocket solution
- Sash replacement
- In place retrofit





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# How Do You Fit a 5" Wide Triple Glazed Window into a 2 x 4 Framed Wall? Sash/Frame and IGU Dimensions









# **Highly Insulating, Low Heat Loss Glazing**

Today: U-value ~ .3 BTU-sf-h/F Nearer Term Objective: U-value < 0.2 BTU-sf-h/F Longer Term Target: U-value < 0.1 BTU-sf-h/F

## **Current Approaches: 30 years**

- Low-Emissivity Coatings
- Low Conductance Gas Fills
- "Warm edge" low conductance spacers
- Insulated Frame Systems

**New Approaches??** 







# **Glazing Changes to Lower Heat Loss**

Uglazing (Btu/sf-hr-F) Typical values



Double	🔶 Triple	.5 🔶 .35
Double		5 31

Triple with Low-E, gas fill→~.1 -- .15Triple with suspended low-E plastic film→~.1 -- .15Vacuum glazing with low-E→~.1 -- .15







# U.S. Insulating Glazing Landscape Today:











# Non-Structural Center-Layers

- Current technologies for highly insulating products use multiple layers of low-e and gas fill
  - All glass is heavy
  - Thin film products expensive
  - Multiple spacers can lead to gas leakage
- LBNL research aims to develop lowercost, non-structural center layers
  - Utilize available low-e and gas-fill technologies
  - Research novel center layer designs and materials







# **Criteria for Success**

- Significant Improvement in Thermal Properties: >R5
- Drop-In Replacement for IGU: No Window Redesign
- Affordable Cost: < \$5/sf retail
- Scalable Rapidly
- Low Manufacturer Risk
- Acceptable Aesthetics
- Value Proposition to Builder, Homeowner



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## Drop-In "Thin Lightweight Triple" Upgrade" all R3 double glazed windows to R4-7 without redesign using new IGU with same width, weight



## Not a New Concept; Thin Glass, Thin Triple Concept Developed "Before its Time"

## **1991 Design Patent**



### United States Statutory Invention Registration (19)

[21]	Reg. Number:	H975
[43]	Published:	Nov. 5, 1991

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#### [54] THERMAL INSULATED GLAZING UNIT

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- [21] Appl. No.: 428,539

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Selkowitz et al.

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#### ABSTRACT

An improved insulated glazing unit is provided which can attain about R5 to about R10 thermal performance at the center of the glass while having dimensions about the same as those of a conventional double glazed insulated glazing unit. An outer glazing and inner glazing are sealed to a spacer to form a gas impermeable space. One or more rigid, non-structural glazings are attached to the inside of the spacer to divide the space between the inner and outer glazings to provide insulating gaps between glazings of from about 0.20 inches to about 0.40 inches. One or more glazing surfaces facing each thermal gap are coated with a low emissivity conting. Finally, the thermal gaps are filled with a low conductance gas such as keypting gai.

#### 21 Claims, 2 Deaving Sheets

A statutory invention registration is not a patent. It has the defensive attributes of a patent but does not have the enforceable attributes of a patent. No article or advertisement or the like may use the term patent, or any term suggestive of a patent, when referring to a statutory invention registration. For more specific information on the rights associated with a statutory invention registration see 35 U.S.C. 157.



# Why Will It Work Now?

## • Thin Glass:

- 4 years ago: Corning offered glass at ~ \$5.00/sf
- Today: Major float glass suppliers ~ \$0.60/sf due to huge demand for large flat screen TVs



## Krypton Gas

- 4 years ago: variable demand from other sources kept prices high and volatile; Gas fill wasted 50% -> Net cost > \$2.00/sf
- Today: Xenon requirements make Kr available; traditional Kr use has reduced; suppliers now sign long term contracts at ~\$0.50/sf
- New high rate gas fill with only 10% loss



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# Where Can We Find "Thin" Glass Today? 2017 – Total Glass Area Sold/Year??

## Flat Screen TVs Residential Windows





## 350M sf

## 600M sf

# Message: Build on the extensive display industry capability in flat glass



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## Flat Screen TV, Satellites, LEDs → 80+% reductions in cost









# "Thin-triple" spacer: Single spacer dual seal systems

Products are already entering the market





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## Technologies to Reduce Heat Loss Glass, Glass Edge

Dual, Clear, Dual, Clear, Dual, Low-e, Superwindow, Alum. spacer Foam spacer Foam spacer 4-lites, low-e, Kr



-6.0° C 20° C Images from LBNL Infrared Thermography Lab



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# "Warm Edge" IGUs





Aluminum Spacer with Thermal Break



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window with warm edge

technology



# Thin Lightweight Triple → Thin Quad



## **Alpen HPP**

Triple and Quad Windows Corner Samples

In Fiberglass Frames

## **IGU Fabrication: Cost Estimates** Incremental Cost to IGU Fabricator


### Market Drivers: Who Wants This? Needs This?

- Builders/Building Owners
  - Energy/\$\$ Savings
  - Thermal comfort
  - Larger window area
  - Early Adopters
    - Passive House buyers
    - Zero Net Energy Home buyers
- Architects/Engineers
  - Builders- first cost dominated-
    - Emerging early adopters
  - Comfort/Daylight
  - "Justifying" larger window area
  - HVAC system
    - first cost savings- reduced size
    - Duct system reductions, distributed/zonal HVAC



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## **Potential Performance Metrics (+ Energy)**

#### Comfort

Mean radiant temperature Operative temperature Uncomfortable hours Winter comfort temperature Summer comfort temperature Draft

Sound transmission

#### Health

Condensation resistance - Interior Condensation resistance - Exterior

UV transmittance

Sound transmission

### **Building resiliency**

Demand response Life safety (maintain temperature during power/gas outage) Mechanical equipment sizing Eliminate perimeter heating/cooling



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## Annual Energy Cost/Savings (6 U.S. Cities) 5 Alternative Window Designs

End use multipliers: Elec=3.167,Gas=1.084



# "Early Adopters"

### **Passive House/Buildings**

- Need "highly insulating" windows
- Two Competing Certification Groups, PHI, PHIUS
- Many builders import windows from Europe
- Activity Level ??

### Zero Net Energy Homes/buildings

- Role of High Performance Windows
- Systems impacts on HVAC Design, sizing
- Activity Level =?

## LEED/ Living Building Challenge

• Need for High Performance Windows?





## **Building the Case for High R Windows**

- Energy (current supply -> decarbonize
- Load shape, demand
- Occupant comfort ------
- HVAC System peak sizing
- HVAC System type, distribution
- Codes
- Utility Incentives and Rebates
- Energy Star



Draft Discomfort (Ankle Discomfort)



Radiant Discomfort (Full-body Discomfort)



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## **Thermal Comfort Considerations**

- Condensation Resistance
- Winter Outdoor Comfort Temperature



# **Window Industry Partners**

#### Alpen HPP

- Small, "Boutique" manufacturer, 30+ years, High Performance Markets
- History: R10 windows with fiberglass frame and heat mirror film
- Active engagement w/ senior management
- Currently supplying prototypes for pilot projects
- Aggressively pursuing thin triple window product designs
  - Double spacer design
  - Fabricating larger size IGUs

#### Andersen Corporation

- "Largest" U.S. manufacturer; National markets, 100+ years
- History: Early adopter of low-E, Energy Star leader
- Active engagement with R&D/Retrofit window team
- Fabricating windows for initial LBNL testing
- Scaling/Manufacturing issues being explored



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## **Industry Attention** DWM 11/2018 **Building Green 2/4/2019**



PRODUCT REVIEW

#### Thin Glass to Change High-Performance Window Market

Alpen is rolling out triple-pane products that are thinner and lighter-and will eventually be cheaper.

#### by Peter Yost

February 4, 2019

The good news about window performance is that the market has been transformed by the building industry moving to dual-pane, low-e, argon-filled glazing with performance around R-4, according to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL). See Figure 1 in the slideshow.

The bad news is that since around 1990, the performance of the vast majority of our windows has not really changed much. See Figure 2 for a current breakdown of the market based on performance of windows rated by the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC).

Yes, we now have triple-pane glazing in the R-6 and beyond range, but these windows are quite heavy, expensive, and not really embraced by the U.S. market.

Enter thin glass triple glazing (TGT) technology. In Figure 3, you can see the key ways TGT is a breakthrough:

- 1. The "thin"—1 mm—glass is inserted in the middle of a standard dual-pane insulated glazing unit.
- 2. Krypton gas replaces argon in the now half-as-wide spacing of the three glass panes.

Energy & Environmental News

#### NET-ZERO

#### **Glass From Flat-Panel TVs Makes** Zero-Energy Homes More Feasible

ven with the latest windows pro- | Zero-Energy Homes: Single Family - ducing U-factor ratings of as low Insights," by Jacob Corvidae, Michael as 0.11 (roughly equivalent to Gartman and Alisa Petersen, suggests R-9), windows have quite a way to go that, these days, builders can utilize before they catch up to solid walls in upgrades to building envelopes for insulating performance. Meanwhile, residential homes in order achieve a price check on the best windows net-zero energy performance, to shows that current costs are prohib- the tune of a 6-8 percent increase in itive enough to deter the average costs-a far cry from the nearly 20 to homeowner. But a recent report by Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), an by some experts. independent, nonprofit organization, suggests that glass borrowed from the flat-panel televisions market is about | ically today, even as they provide multo upend the costs for triple-pane tiple benefits over standard construcglass, making it feasible for everyday tion," says Corvidae, RMI's principal windows while also making net-zero and coauthor of the report. And for homes more attainable. The idea corroborates with info gained by Door ergy homes may become the norm. the glass that's used to produce such and Window Market (DWM) magazine from researchers at Lawrence else today runs a risk of creating Berkley National Laboratories (LBNL). homes that will be seen as out of date RMI's report, "The Economics of In only five years," Corvidae suggests.

#### CMS Proves 100 Percent Landfill Free Attainable



CMS Window Systems recently set a high mark for door and window manufacturers, by reaching its goal for becoming 100 percent "landfill free"eliminating any and all waste previously sent to landfills. Officials for the U.K-based manufacturer ay they reached that goal by using a special waste ystem that separates leftover doors and windows removed and broken down) into seven different waste streams, including: plastic, mixed metals, timber and glass. Materials are then sent away for reprocessing "Hitting our zero landfill target is a tremendous

achievement which reflects the focus and effort of everyone in the CMS team to re-use and recycle," says David Ritchie, the company's CEO.

"It's a vitally important milestone in being one of the most sustainable fenestration partners in the U.K. market and is coupled with our strategy to minimize resource use by designing out waste at project inception. Waste is also minimized during manufacture and installation and our range of windows and doors are designed to help our end-customers cut their own energy consumption."

Door & Window Market

Taken from flat-panel televisions thinner glass makes triple-pane IG more economically feasible, researchers say, 30 percent increases previously cited

In addition to more efficient HVAC lighting and insulation, RMI's pre-"It's now clear that zero-enerscription for cost-feasible, net-zero performance includes the use of trigy-ready homes make sense economple-pane windows, which researchers say they've found to be more economically feasible these days, thanks to what they say is an approximatesooner than later. "Building anything products. Those decreases, they say, stem from a crossover from the glass used in flat-panel televisions to the inner-lite of triple-pane windows, dropping their price to as little as \$360. According to DWM's research, that number is on par with the cost of even a middle-of-the-road, double-pane window from just two years ago, when it cost around \$236 to upgrade to R-9 performance (the

best available at the time). That's also a number that may decrease going forward, according to researchers at LENL thee article with full details on page 20), who say they're closing in on a more than 20-year project, almed at developing super-efficient, cost-effective, triple-pane windows.

"Twenty years ago we couldn't find any companies that could make thir glass sheets in volume," says LBNL researcher Charlte Carcita. "Now the flat screen TV industry has pushed the glass industry to create precisely the glass we need for windows, and at a price the window market can afford." I

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COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE, AUDITED CIRCULATION



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# **Collaboration Around Aggressive Market Acceleration Programs**

- Window Manufacturers Training, Promotion
- Education and Training Architects, Engineers
- Voluntary Programs ENERGY STAR
- Builders, Renovators, Developers
- Utility Rebates and Incentives
  - Midstream, Upstream?
- Pilot Programs, Field Demonstration, Test Houses
- Codes and Standards





## Energy Trust of Oregon – Window Rebates

#### **Windows** \$1.75-\$4.00/sq. ft. cash incentive

Windows play a large part in regulating energy use and costs. ENERGY STAR® c windows reduce condensation, decrease drafts and air leaks, and can increase y curb appeal. Installing new, tight-fitting windows also helps seal your home agai intrusion or escape.

**Details** 

U-Value Tier	Relative Market Share		
> 0.35	2.78%		
.33 to .35	26.25%		
.31 to .32	15.05%		
.29 to .30	45.87%		
.26 to .28	7.91%		
.25 or lower	2.15%		
Total	100.00%		

Equipment	Incentive	Requirements
Windows	\$1.75 per square foot	U-Value 0.28-0.30
Windows	\$4.00 per square foot	U-Value 0.27 or less

**Resources** 



Steps

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# California T24 Code, 2019 U: .32 -> .30 High Efficiency Window Tradeoffs

	EDR		
Measure	Contribution	43.5	18.9
HPA	4.2		
HPW	1.7 <sub>ല</sub>	300	00 sf 💡
QII	2.0	Def	icit If
QII+Entire HPA&HPW	7.9	Measure	
4-Orientation Impact	2.5	Removed	
Windows - 2019 Over 2016	0.6	_	
HP Windows-0.23U&0.20 SHGC 0.23	1.6		
HP Windows-0.21 U&0.21 SHGC 0.21	1.8	30	UST
HP Windows-0.20U&SHGC	2.2	Compliance Credit If	
R38 Below Deck Insulation	0.9		
94 Furnace	1.2		
13 EER	0.8	ivie Ima	asure
0.94 Water Heater	0.7	Installed	
94 Furnace+13EER+0.94 WH	2.7		
Battery Storage Credit	3.2		

EDRs: Energy Design Ratings

Example: Delete "High Performance Walls"; -1.7 EDR

Add "High Efficiency Windows" +1.8, +2.2 EDR



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**Canadian Window Code Changes are Coming...** Fenestration Canada Annual General Meeting, June 2017

### Aspirational goals for residential windows

- By 2020, residential windows for sale in Canada meet an average U-factor of 1.6 (ER 25) U= .28
- By 2025,

U= .21

- All residential windows for sale in Canada meet a U-factor of 1.2 (ER 34)
- Residential windows with a U-factor of 0.8 can be manufactured and installed cost effectively.
- By 2030, all residential windows for sale in Canada meet a U-factor of 0.8 (~ ER 40)

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# **Our Role – Next Steps**

- Window Industry
  - Work with manufacturers to refine technology
  - Introduce cost effective options to market
- Supply Chain
  - Automated assembly -> lower cost
- Objective Estimates of Savings, Paybacks
  - + Comfort, HVAC sizing, etc
- Pilots, Field tests to Validate Performance
  - California
  - Oregon/Washington
  - National
- Promote Rebates, Incentives
- Enhanced Codes/Standard





# Your Role – Next Steps

#### • Window Industry messaging:

- Signal to manufacturers that you want more high performance options
- Sell clients on the full range of performance advantages of better windows
- Engage with Pilots, Field tests to Validate Performance
  - Check with NEEA, ETO, BPA, etc
- Take Advantage of Rebates, Incentives
- Provide Feedback to Us
- Collaborate in our Projects



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# Part IV: Window-Related Energy Ratings and Efficiency Program Opportunities

Christopher Dymond, NEEA



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# Window Ratings and Labels (NFRC, Energy Star)







- Energy Star's "Most Efficient" label includes triple-panes in northern climate zones
- Limited market uptake of "Most Efficient" label



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### NW Window Replacement Utility Incentives

### **BPA Utility:**

- Residential replacing aluminum or single pane windows with 0.22 U-factor or better
  - Incentives depend on depend on HVAC system.
- Residential (low-income qualifying) replace single pane or double pane metal frame as part of Weatherization Specification
  - Incentives tbd

#### **Energy Trust of Oregon**

- \$1.75/s.f. (U-Factor .28-.30)
- \$4.00/s.f. (U-factor .27 or less)
- Low-Market Uptake





## Attachment Energy Rating Council (AERC)

The window Attachment Energy Rating Council (AERC) is an independent, **public interest** organization whose mission is to provide consumers with **credible**, **relevant**, **and comparable** information about **window attachments** and their **performance**.





- AERC members include
  - Public Interest Groups
  - National Labs
  - Commercial Labs
  - Product Manufacturers
  - Component Manufacturers
  - Utilities



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# Why is AERC Necessary?

- Window attachments can save energy
  - However, many consumers are unaware of their energy-saving capability
- Consumers have no way to compare the energy performance of attachments
- Energy Efficiency program managers also benefit from ratings and energy performance information

The AERC rating allows consumers to make more informed decisions.



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# **AERC Energy Improvement Rating**

#### Save energy and make your home more comfortable.

Window attachments products with this label-such as blinds, shades, shutters and storm windows-can help you do both.



#### **ENERGY RATED. ADDED COMFORT.**

Want to learn more? Visit www.AERCEnergyRating.org

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# Low-E Storm Windows now Energy Star Certified



## **AERC** Rating







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## Status of Low-e Storm (LES) Window Program in the Northwest

- RTF Approved Measure
- Utilities with Low-e Storm Programs Requiring Qualified Home Performance Contractors
  - Chelan PUD little uptake
  - Snohomish PUD little uptake
  - Cowlitz PUD pilot in 2017-2018, no home performance contractors interest
- Expressed Interest
  - City of Richland, Franklin PUD, Benton PUD, and Idaho Power. Clark County



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## Retail Pilot Programs – Good Response

Pilot (year)	Overall storm window sales increase	Low-E sales increase	Low-E market share
Efficiency Vermont	37%	337%	2014 – 22% 2015 – 70%
<b>focus on energy</b> Partnering with Wisconsin utilities	9.6%	125%	2016 – 30% 2017 – 62%





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Thank you!

# **Any Questions?**



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## Extra Slides



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# Installation Methods: Exterior Storm Windows





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