

Glass & Glazing Codes and Standards for Architects

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- 2. Energy Codes IECC and ASHRAE 90.1
- 3. Specialized Products VIG and BIPV
- 4. Buy Clean Programs
- 5. EPDs and NGA's EPA Grant
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National Glass Association

NGA is a not-for-profit trade association, and the only national trade association serving the entire glass and glazing industry.



NGA's Vision

We envision a future in which glass is the material of choice to enhance spaces where people live, play, learn and work.







Balancing the Many Functions of Glazing

- Weather protection
- Ventilation
- View
- Daylighting
- Fade resistance
- Energy efficiency
- Thermal comfort
- Solar gain
- Acoustics
- Privacy
- Human health
- Safety
- Structural protection
- Security
- Fire
- Egress

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Many Types

- Clear, low-iron, tint
- Low-e
- Heat treated
- Laminated
- Insulating
- Vacuum Insulated Glazing
- Thin glass
- Dynamic glass
- Photovoltaic
- Decorative
- Patterned, fritted, etched
- Applied films



NGA ARCHITECT EDUCATION

- Critical Reasons to Specify Insulating Glass
- Designing with Glass for Cast and Heat-Formed
- Designing with Glass for Privacy and Translucency
- Fire-Rated Glazing Today
- Glazing to Protect
- Benefits of Laminated Glass in Design
- Reflected Solar Energy of Glazing Systems
- Understanding Applications for Heat-Treated Glass
- Benefits of Daylighting in Building Design
- NEW! Value-Added Performance of Coated Glass
- NEW! Thermal Bridging Considerations At Interface Conditions
- NEW! Bird-Friendly Glazing

COMING SOON!

- Glass Inspection
- School Security Glazing
- Thermal Comfort

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NGA Glass & Glazing Advocacy Days

May 14-15, 2024 Washington, DC



Event Recap: glass.org/event/2024-glass-glazing-advocacy-days







Dr. Zack Valdez, Advisor to the Department of Energy's Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains



Representative Buddy Carter, Republican, Georgia



Jeff Grove, Vice President of Global Policy, ASTM

Marc LaFrance, Windows Technology Lead, Department of Energy Marek Laco, Professional Staff Member, House Committee on Education and the Workforce Doug Anderson, Manager of the Energy Star Windows Program, Environmental Protection Agency







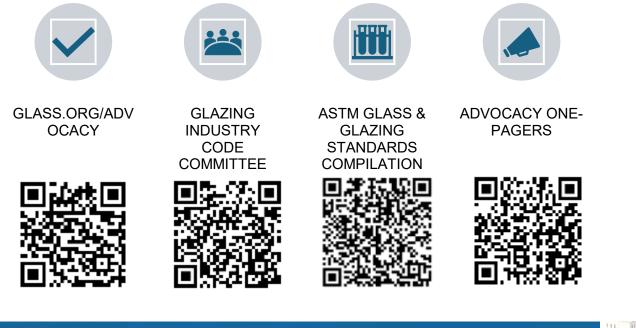






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NGA works with standards and codes bodies to promote and defend the use of glass in the built environment.





Members-Only Codes & Standards Help Center Have Questions? Get Answers.



Glass is complicated-NGA is here to help.

Exclusively for NGA members, we have compiled answers to nearly 40 tough technical codes and standards questions in an easy-to-use, online help center.

Available now (member login required).



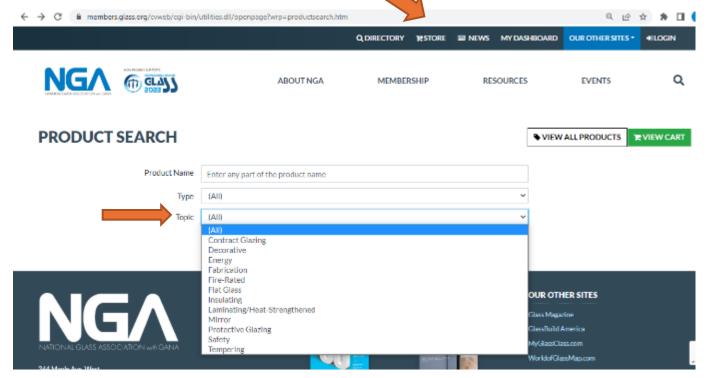




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Publications

92 Glass Technical Papers free to download







Energy Codes – IECC and ASHRAE 90.1

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

- The 2024 IECC is now complete and published.
- No changes in window area limits.
- Marginal improvements in commercial fenestration U-factor, nothing dramatic.
 - For example, zone 4-5 went from 0.36 to 0.34, zone 3 from 0.42 to 0.38. No changes in SHGC.
- Credit for high performance windows, increased daylight area, automated shading, PV and BIPV.
- New requirements for on-site renewable energy (PV, BIPV) with off-site options if can't be done on-site.



Energy Codes – IECC and ASHRAE 90.1

ASHRAE 90.1

• ASHRAE 90.1 is the most important code affecting commercial and highrise residential buildings, also referenced in federal law.

Climate Zones

- All building criteria (U-factor, SHGC) are set based on project's building location and climate zone.
- Climate zones range from zone 0 (extremely hot) to zone 8 (subarctic / artic)
- As the climate changes, the zones move ... and the ASHRAE 90.1 map is changing again ...



Climate Zone Map – ASHRAE 90.1-2013 and before

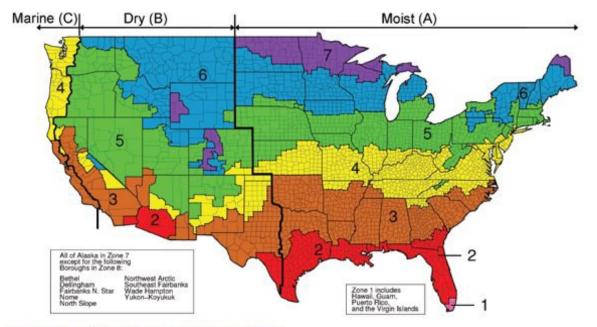
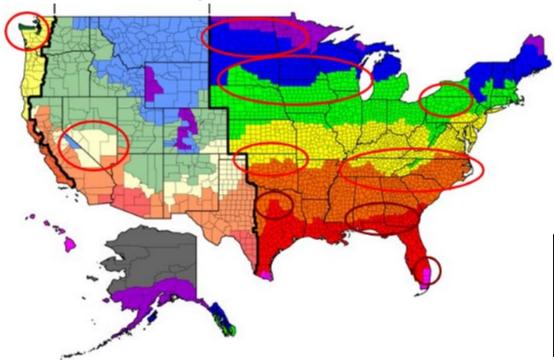


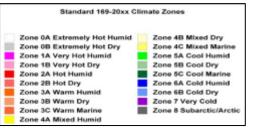
Figure B1-1 U.S. climate zone map (ASHRAE Transactions, Briggs et al., 2003).



Climate Zone Map – ASHRAE 90.1-2016 to 2022



10% of counties moved to warmer climate zone



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Climate Zone Map – ASHRAE 90.1-2025



9% of counties moved to warmer climate zone

3% of counties moved to cooler climate zones



Fenestration Criteria

- Worked for last 2 years on next step in fenestration criteria for 90.1-2025.
 - Very detailed life cycle cost effectiveness analysis. Some new aspects also examined such as HVAC downsizing, social-cost-of-carbon, different baselines.
 - Once we see what passes / fails, then negotiate the final values looking at product impacts and overall targets.
 - Some want to see big changes; some want no change -- and we usually end up somewhere in-between.
- Good news ... after negotiation, we came to consensus with the proposal receiving unanimous support by the committee. Positive for our members.
- Just completed first public review Sep 9. Only 3 public comments received, which will only result in small tweaks.
- So, what's in it?

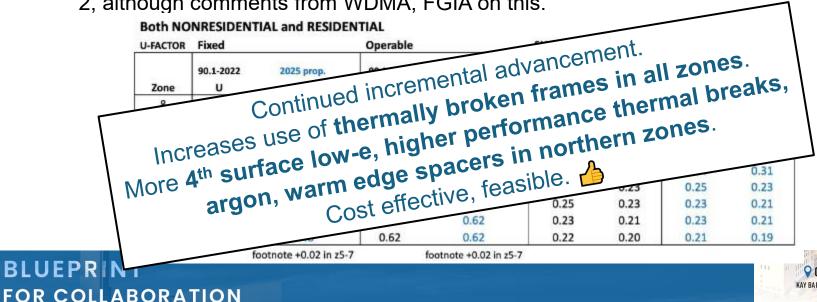


Vertical Fenestration Criteria

- No reduction in window area.
- Comprehensive changes in fixed windows, operable windows, skylights / sloped glazing. No changes to glazed entrance doors.
- Roughly 3-13% changes in U-factor.

SHGC already mostly optimized so main change is extending the 0.23 SHGC up to zone 2, although comments from WDMA, FGIA on this.

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Skylight Criteria

- Also, separate & less stringent requirements for semi-heated spaces (e.g., warehouses)
- Based on public comments some of the northern U-factors in zones 4-7 may be a little too aggressive, and likely to be changed.

Zone	90.1-2022 U	2025 prop. U	90.1-2022 SHGC	2025 prop. SHGC
8	0.41	0.40	NR	NR
7	0.44	0.44	NR	NR
6	0.47/0.50	0.45	0.40	0.40
5	0.50	0.46	0.40	0.40
4	0.50	0.49	0.40	0.40
3	0.55	0.55	0.30	0.30
2	0.65	0.65	0.30	0.30
1	0.70	0.68	0.30	0.30
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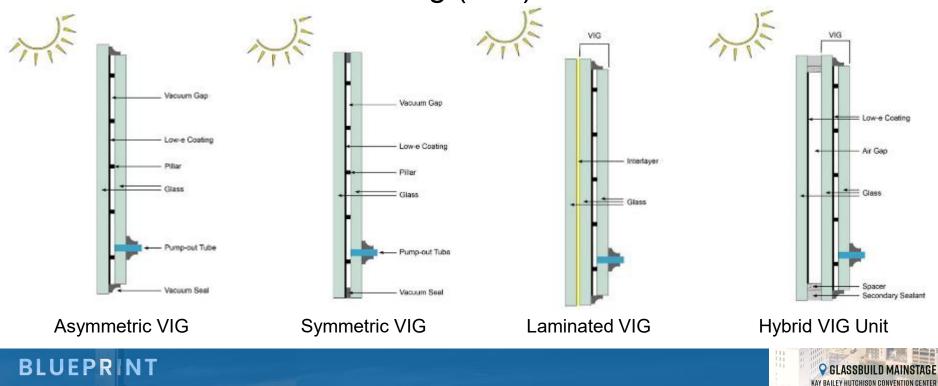


Other Items

- Proposal to allow credit for dynamic glazing and automated shading in Ch 12 performance path similar to what is already in Appendix G performance path. No comments, so approved for publication.
- Proposal to increase on-site renewable energy (PV, BIPV) requirement from 0.50 to 0.75 W/ft2. This one is a little more controversial.
- Clean up of existing building language.
- New net-zero operational carbon appendix being finalized.
 - Prescriptive appendix that jurisdictions can optionally adopt as a net-zero energy and netzero carbon code. Pushed by IRA funding and overall policy goals.
 - Set efficiency a notch higher (~10-15%), then determine how much renewable energy is required to get to net-zero.
 - We made sure it does not lower the window area limit as some were initially proposing.
 - Pushes higher performance glazing, and glass in PV, BIPV.



Vacuum Insulated Glazing (VIG)



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Vacuum Insulated Glazing (VIG)

What do the energy codes say about VIG?

- Not much *directly*
- Only place VIG is directly mentioned is for reach-in glass doors in walk-in coolers and freezers, where we worked with DOE and AHRI to clarify.

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• But get credit for using it ...

Vacuum Insulated Glazing (VIG)

- For envelope, none of the prescriptive criteria directly require VIG (lowest U is 0.25), but *get credit for products going beyond code minimum*.
 - Performance Path Compliance
 - Additional Energy Credits, now in both ASHRAE 90.1-2022 and 2024
 - Must demonstrate compliance with main code AND earn extra points, choosing from advanced options across envelope, HVAC, lighting, renewable energy, etc.
 - Advanced performance products beyond the base code will help architect earn points and give them more flexibility in overall design.
 - New Net-Zero Operational Carbon options
 - Optional appendices that can be adopted by local jurisdictions to achieve net-zero buildings
 - Aggressive but achievable building efficiency + renewable energy. VIG will help.



Vacuum Insulated Glazing (VIG)

Overall, the codes don't explicitly drive VIG yet, but they do give credit for higher performance in the glass and/or frame components.

- More flexibility in the overall product design to meet the U-factor requirements
- · Gives the architect and building owner more allowable window area
- Gives the architect more options to meet the new additional energy credit requirements
- Potential tax incentives for the building owner (e.g. expanded 179D credit)



Specialized Products

Building-Integrated Photovoltaics (BIPV)

- We will see more use of solar on buildings, both traditional rooftop solar as well as BIPV in spandrel area, sunshades, canopies, and even vision area.
- New on-site renewable energy requirements in 90.1-2022 and 2024 IECC.
- New net-zero operational carbon appendix.
- New "additional energy credits" requirement.











'Buy Clean' Initiatives

Federal 'Buy Clean'

- Biden Administration launched Buy Clean Task Force and Initiative in 2021.
- In 2023, launched Federal-State Buy Clean Partnership with 12 leading states (CA, CO, HI, IL, ME, MD, MA, MI, NJ, NY, OR, WA)

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'Buy Clean' Initiatives

Federal 'Buy Clean'



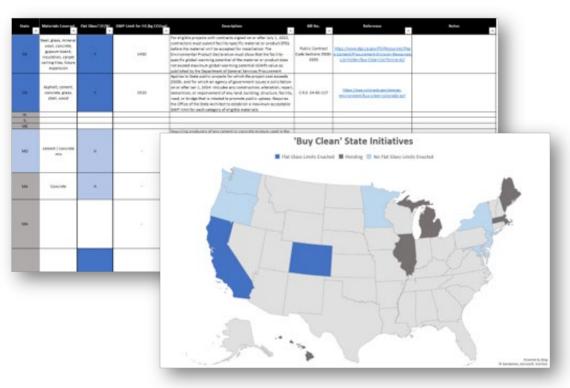
- \$2.15B appropriated through GSA for procurement of low-embodied carbon construction materials on federal projects.
- GSA setting GWP CO2eq limits for procured materials in governmental projects, including *flat glass*, asphalt, concrete, steel.
- They also allow construction assemblies, such as a window or curtain wall, to qualify if EPDs covering 80% of the assembly cost or weight are submitted. Minor parts (sealants, hardware, fasteners, spacers, etc) can be ignored.
- In other words, for now, can just hand in the flat glass EPD, as that covers the bulk of the carbon impact.



'Buy Clean' Initiatives

State 'Buy Clean'

- Legislative spreadsheet available as members-only resource
- State, materials covered, description, bill number, etc.
- www.glass.org





Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs)

Voluntary declarations providing quantified and verified data regarding a product's environmental impact over its partial or entire life cycle.

- Produced using a PCR
- Based on LCA data following ISO 14040 standards
- 4 categories
 - Industry wide
 - Product specific
 - Supply chain specific
 - Facility specific



Flat Glass PCR

- NGA PCR for Flat Glass was published by NSF describing requirements for LCAs and EPD of flat glass
- Valid through Sept. 30, 2025

Product Category Rule for Environmental Product Declarations

NGA PCR for Flat Glass: UN CPC 3711





Program Operator NSF International National Center for Sustainability Standards Valid through September 30, 2025 ncss@nsf.org

https://www.glass.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/pcr flat glass 2020.pdf

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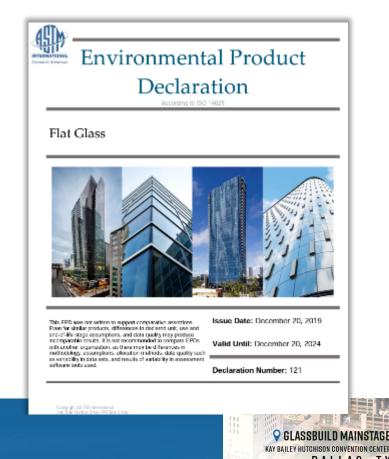


Flat Glass EPD: Industry Average

- NGA flat glass member companies (members of Forming Committee) published an industry average EPD for flat glass produced in the US in December 2019.
 - Average GWP is 1,430 kg CO2 eq
- Valid through Dec. 20, 2024

https://www.glass.org/sites/default/files/2019-12/NGA_EPD_2019_12_16_signed.pdf

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Processed Glass PCR

- PCR Guidance for Building-Related Products and Services Part B: Processed Glass EPD Requirements (Established Aug. 2016)
 - Original expiration date Dec. 6, 2023 extended to June 2024

<u>Updates</u>

• UL is working with industry stakeholders to update. EPA PCR requirements. EPA Grant

https://www.shopulstandards.com/ProductDetail.aspx?Un iqueKey=35842





Windows PCR (Fenestration PCR)

 Windows PCR established September 10, 2015

Updates

- Updated draft PCR reviewed by LCA expert panel
- NSF Fenestration PCR published Jan. 2024

https://d2evkimvhatqav.cloudfront.net/documents/PCR-Product-Category-Rules/fenestration-assemblies-nsf-1102-23.pdf?v=1707165191





Product Category Rule for Environmental Product Declarations



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Windows PCR (Fenestration PCR)

Windows PCR Scope

- Provide detailed method for developing EPD to support comparable, informed, and objective sustainable purchasing of windows.
- Includes residential windows and ribbon/curtain wall windows.

Fenestration PCR Scope

- Provide detailed method for developing EPD to support comparable, informed, and objective sustainable purchasing of windows.
- Includes exterior-grade, finished, assembled fenestration assemblies that selectively permit the passing of air, daylight, or people. Includes skylights, windows, curtain walls, storefronts, and doors.

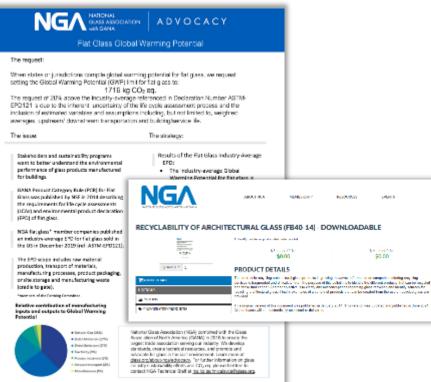


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Other NGA Sustainability Resources

PAN 2



- Download from NGA Store:
 - FB40-14 (2021) Recyclability of **Architectural Glass**
 - FM06-20 General EPD Education
 - FM07-21 Flat Glass Industry Environmental Transparency Documents
- Download from glass.org
 - NGA One-Pager Flat Glass Global Warming Potential
- https://www.glass.org/advocacy/initiatives/ sustainability

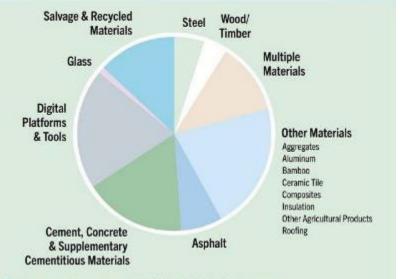


EPA Grant to Assist in EPD Development

- NGA is an EPA grant selectee finalizing grant details now.
- \$2.1 million over 5 years
- 38 proposals selected, 14 material types
- NGA is the only glass representative

Material & Product Categories for Grant Selections

Reducing Embodied Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Construction Materials'



"Selections are contingent upon completion of legal and administrative requirements.



EPA Grant to NGA

Four Subprojects

1. Primary Flat Glass LCI Data Aggregation (\$333k)

Provide support to improve granularity of primary flat glass LCI data, as well as PCR update.

2. EPD Generator Tool for Processed Glass (\$379k)

Develop robust generator tool capable of producing both LCA data reports and full 3rd party reviewed EPDs for processed glass products in conformance with ISO.

3. EPD Development Assistance for Glass Fabricators (\$1.2M)

Provide technical, educational, and financial assistance to glass fabricator members for EPD development.

4. End-of-life LCA data collection on architectural glass recycling (\$226k)

Improve understanding about glass end-of-life and quality of LCA part D data, quantify glass recovery rates and track end-use outcomes for recycled glass on 1-3 deconstruction projects.



Bird Friendly Solutions



Annual estimated bird mortality from selected anthropogenic causes in the U.S. Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

• NGA pushing to get Federal Bird Safe Buildings Act (H.R. 3781) reintroduced and passed to support implementation of bird-friendly design strategies.



Bird Friendly Solutions

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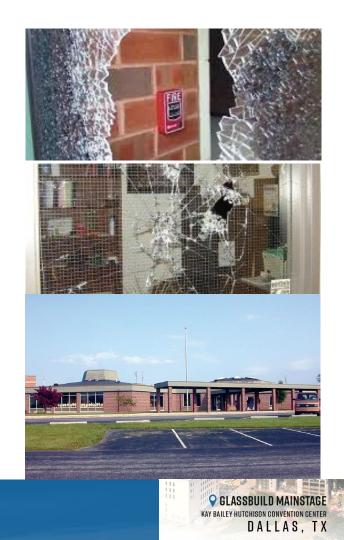
- NGA members' resource bird-friendly legislation tracking
- State and local ordinances
- www.glass.org

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School Security: How secure are schools?

- Most US schools are around 40-50 years old (National Center for Educational Statistics- 2011)
 - 45% built 1950-1969
 - 28% built before 1950
- ANSI Z97.1 Voluntary Safety Glazing Standard
 - created in 1966
- CPSC 16 CFR 1201 Federal Mandate for Safety Glazing
 adopted in 1977



School Security

School Security

ASTM F3561 Standard Test Method for Forced-Entry-Resistance of Fenestration Systems After Simulated Active Shooter Attack

Tennessee bill SB 0274 (HB 0322)

 Requires TN public school buildings and charter school buildings constructed or remodeled after July 1, 2023, to have installed a clear, bullet-resistant or entry-resistant film on the glass panel of each exterior entry or basement level window and door to prevent individuals from entering the school building without authorization by breaking the glass.

Texas School District Subchapter CC. Commissioner's Rules

• Except when inside an exterior secured area, all ground-level windows near exterior doors that are of a size and position that permits entry from the exterior if broken shall be constructed or modified such that the glass cannot be easily broken and allow an intruder to enter through the window frame (ex. Using forced entry-resistant film)



School Security



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ICC Code Proposal

Glass Recycling

Recycling

- Recycling rates are trending positive
- Majority of recycled glass is post-industrial
- Highest recycling rates occur with clean glass cullet
- Demand for recycled cullet is increasing

Why Recycle?

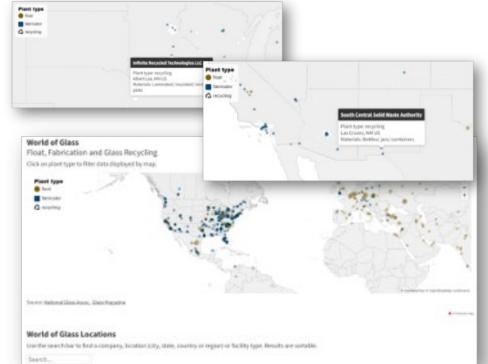
- Manufacturing new glass requires 15-16% more raw material, whereas manufacturing using cullet is 1:1
- Cullet melts at lower temperature --Every 10% of cullet used in place of raw material saves 3% energy and 5% CO2 emissions
- Melting cullet results in longer furnace life – cullet is less corrosive and higher temps are unnecessary



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Recycling

- World of Glass Map
 - Updated data for North American glass fabrication & float plants
 - New category: Recycling Plants
 - North American recyclers
 - Info on types of materials to be accepted
 - Proximity to float/fabrication plants
 - Available in October





Glass Recycling

Recycling – Strategies for Sustainability

- Reducing Embodied Carbon
 - Cullet vs raw material
 - Oxy-fuel technology in production
 - Other potential future technologies hydrogen, carbon capture
- Improve Operational Carbon
 - High performance glazing to reduce building energy use / operational carbon emissions.
 - · Glass in PV / BIPV helps support renewable vs. fossil fuel energy
- Increase Recycling and Reuse
 - Extending lifetime of existing buildings
 - Designing for disassembly



Tax Credits

IRC Section 48

- Energy tax credit for commercial investments in renewable energy property, including electrochromic glass.
- However, narrowly defined does not include other dynamic glazing technologies or high performance fenestration (e.g. triple, VIG).
- Also, very short lived construction must start by end of this year.
- NGA members and staff met with legislators both at NGA's Glass and Glazing Advocacy Days and recently to discuss potential fixes.

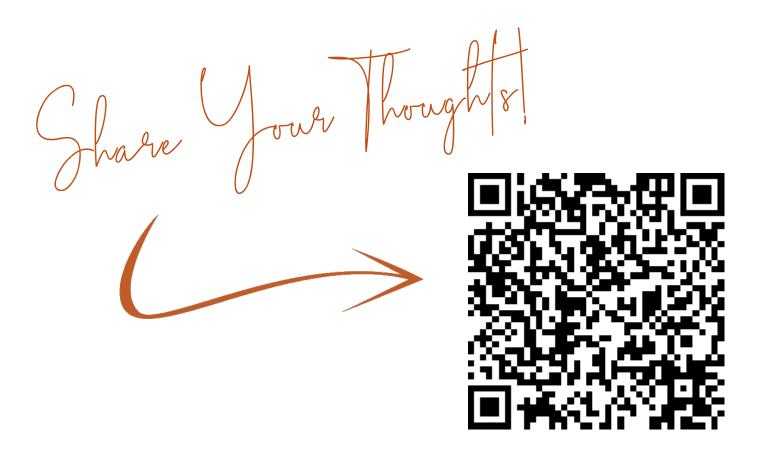
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