

# TRIPLE PANE WINDOWS

A Look Beyond U-Values



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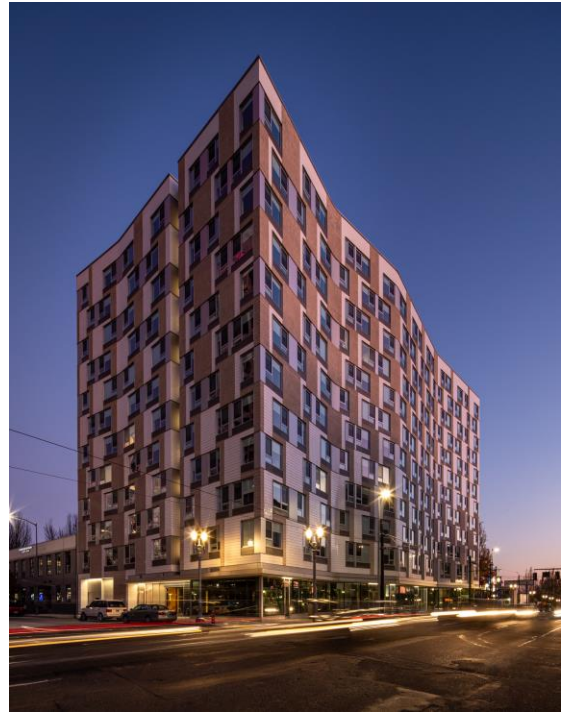


# Innotech Windows + Doors

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- Established in 2001 in British Columbia Canada
- Largest exclusive manufacturer of German engineered systems designed for North American projects
- All products manufactured in Canada
- All products NFRC certified and NAFS compliant
- Recognized for superior air-water-thermal-structural performance
- Specified for Passive House, net-zero energy, LEED and other high-performance building standards









Completed 2024:  
Parkview at Terwilliger in Portland, Oregon  
Phius Certified





Completed 2024:  
Timbre & Harmony in Vancouver, BC  
PHI Certified







Coming Soon:  
Vienna House in Vancouver, BC  
Targeting PHI Certification



Coming Soon:  
981 Davie in Vancouver, BC  
Targeting PHI Certification



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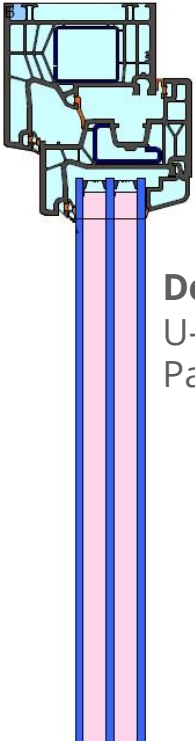
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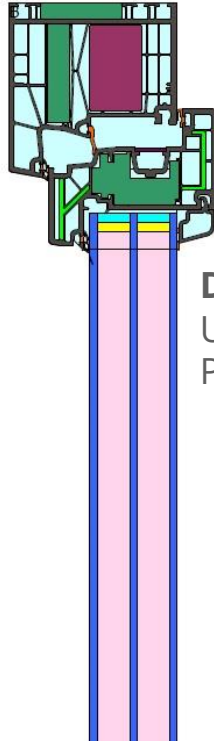
# The Defender Window Series



**Defender 76TS**

U-value 0.90

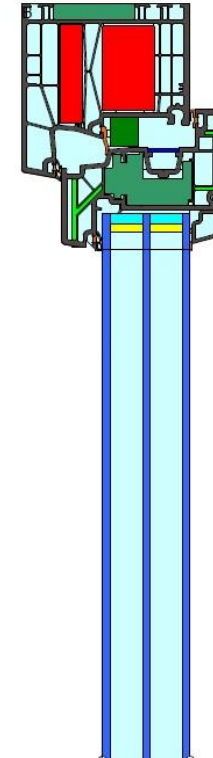
Passive House Suitable Component



**Defender 88PH+ Pro**

U-value 0.746

PHI Cool Temperate Certified

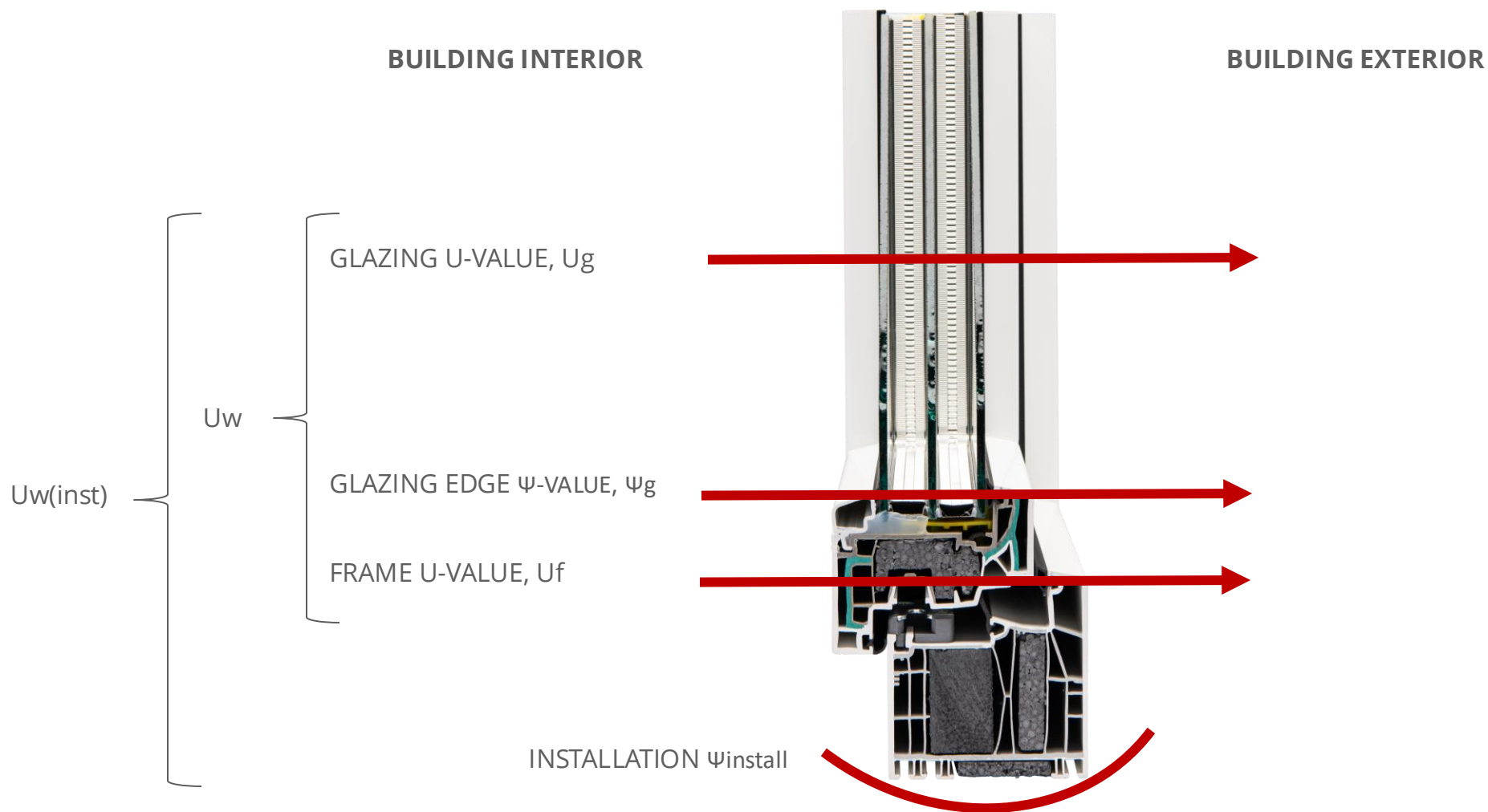


**Defender 88PH+ XI**

U-value 0.59

PHI Cold Climate Certified

# What is U-value?



# How Are U-values Calculated?

	U-value	
	Exterior Temp.	Interior Temp.
NFRC 100 & 200	-18°C	21°C
ISO 10077-1, ISO 10077-2, ISO 15099	0°C	20°C
Passive House Window Certification Criteria	Frame: -10°C IGU: 20°C to -7°C (climate specific)	20°C



# NFRC vs. ISO U-value Calculation

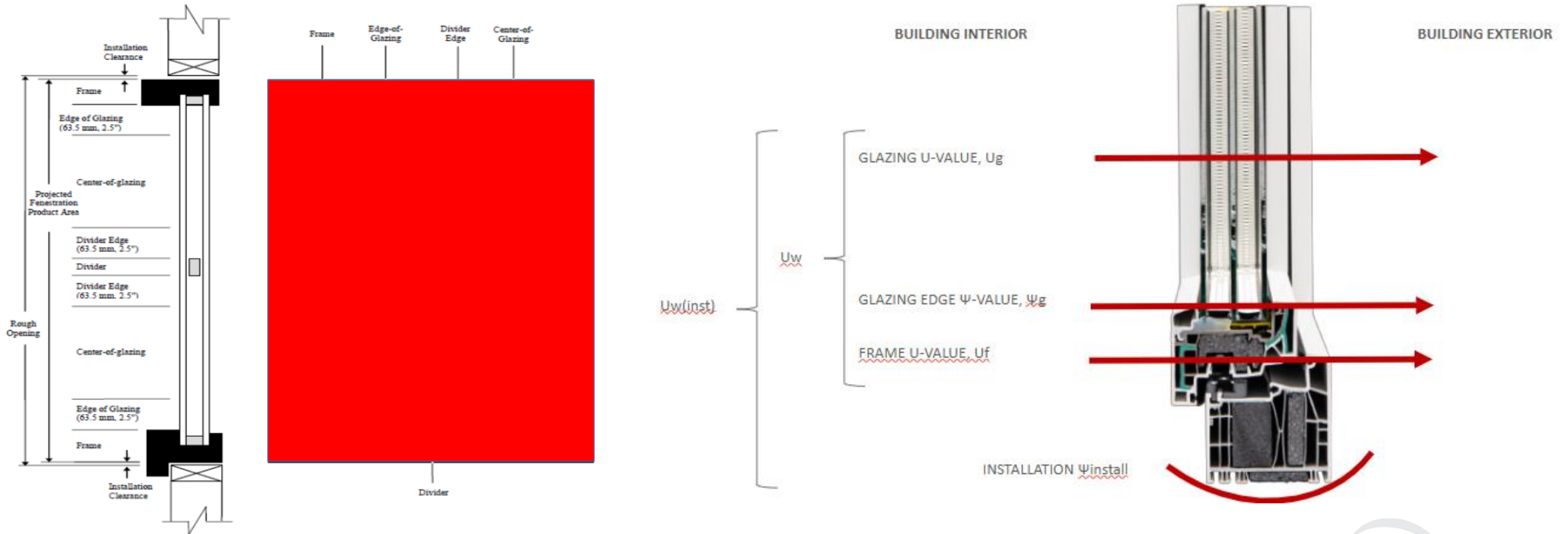
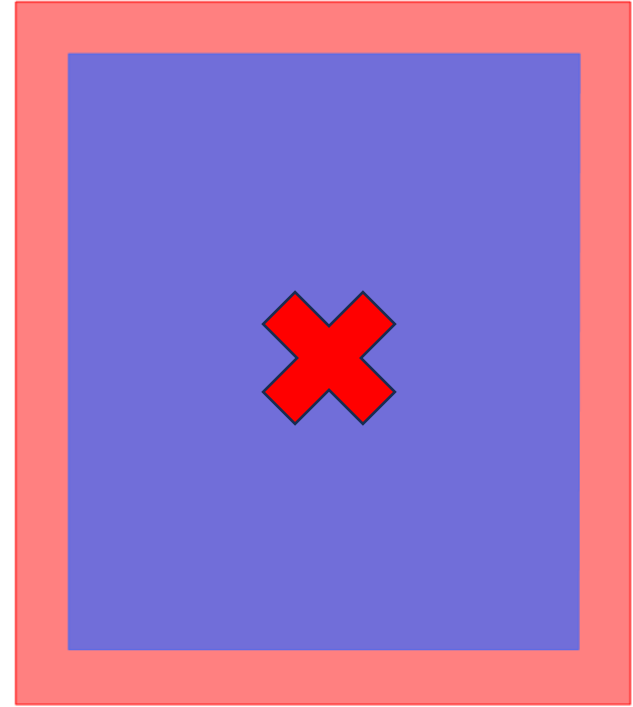
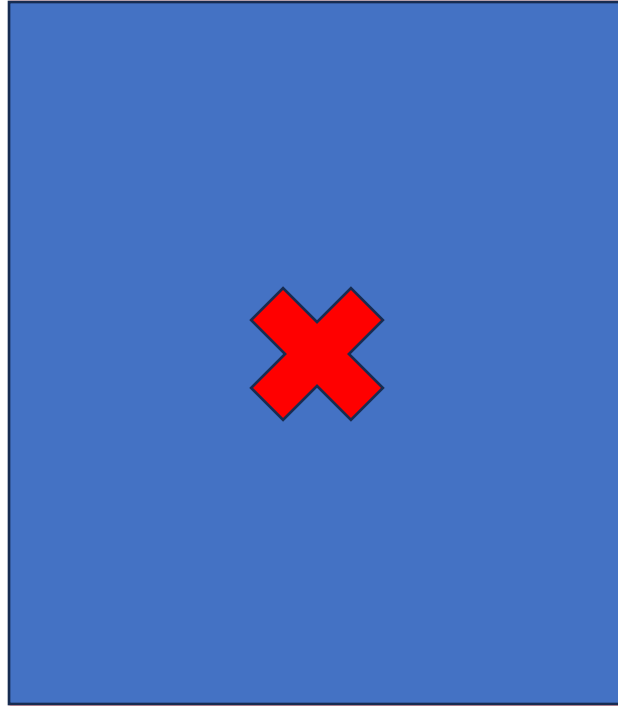
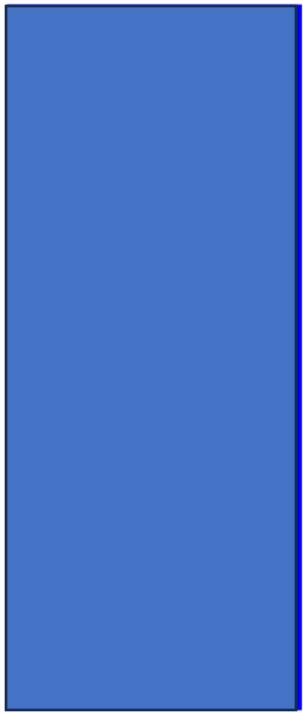


Figure 2 Window Product Diagram (NFRC, 2010)

# Calculating Heat Gain - Systems

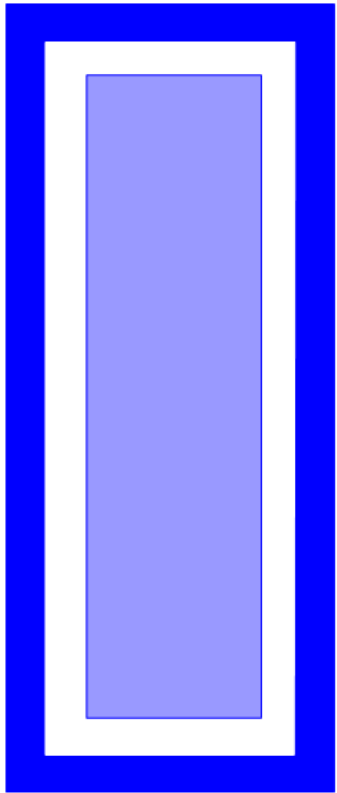
	Solar Heat Gain		
	Exterior Temp.	Interior Temp.	Solar Radiation
NFRC 100 & 200	32°C	24°C	783 W/m <sup>2</sup>
ISO 10077-1, ISO 10077-2, ISO 15099	30°C	25°C	500 W/m <sup>2</sup>
Passive House Window Certification Criteria	30°C	25°C	500 W/m <sup>2</sup>

# NFRC, ISO vs PHI Solar Heat Gain Calculation

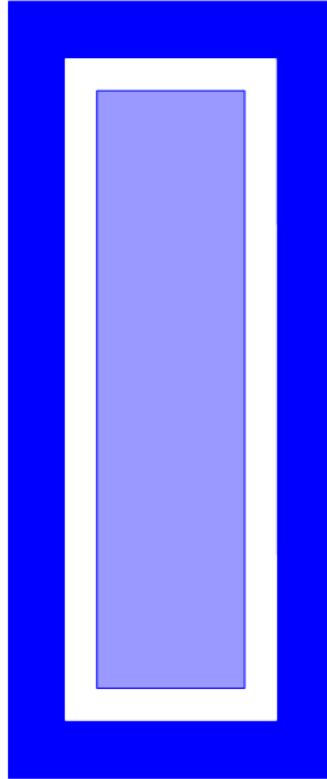




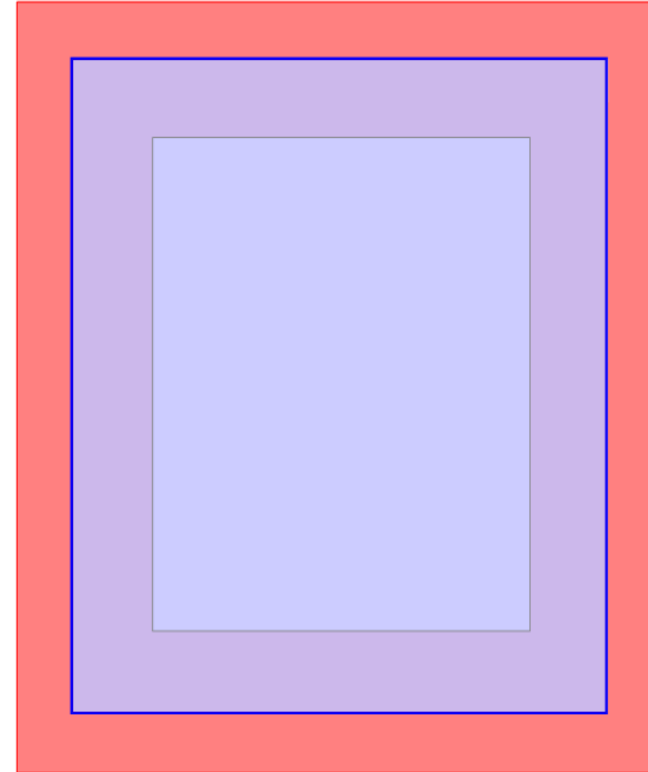
# Does Size Matter for U-value & SHGC?



Window A  
27% Frame  
 $U_f=1.5$   
 $U_g=0.9$   
 $U_w=1.07$   
(NFRC)



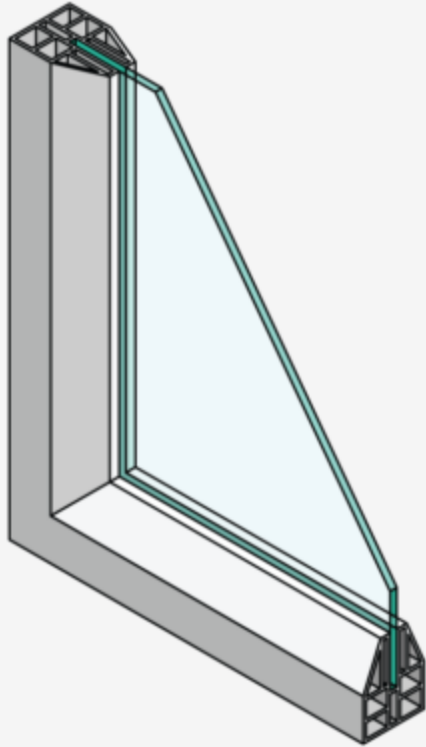
Window B  
46% Frame  
 $U_f=1.25$   
 $U_g=0.90$   
 $U_w=1.07$   
(NFRC)



# What U-value Have You Been Given?

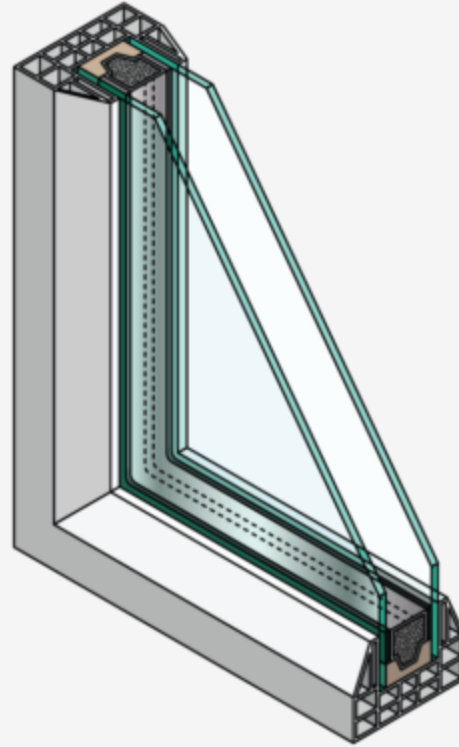
- NFRC is intended to provide direct comparison between windows at standard size, not specific product performance for projects.
- PHI methodology is designed to provide specific heat flows for products at actual size for specific performance projects.

Single Pane



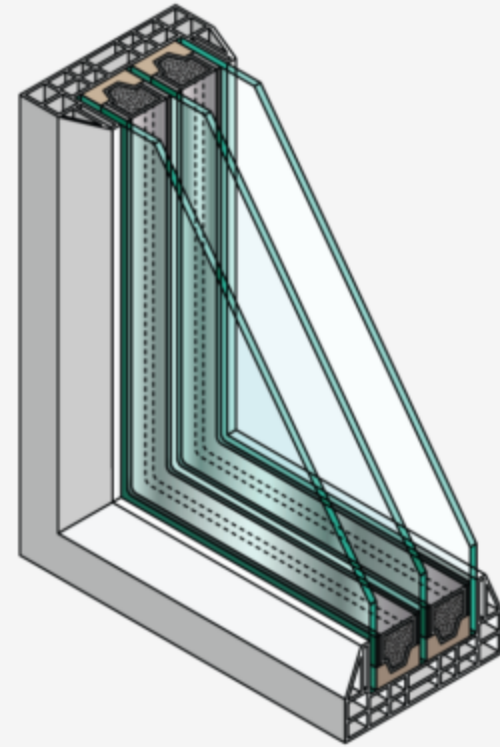
PHi Ug=5.801  
g=0.858

Double Pane



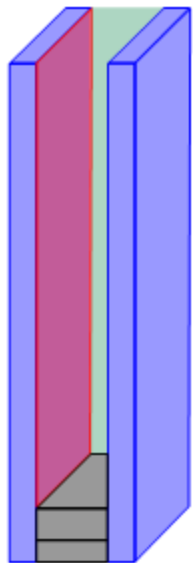
PHi Ug=1.116  
g=0.394

Triple Pane



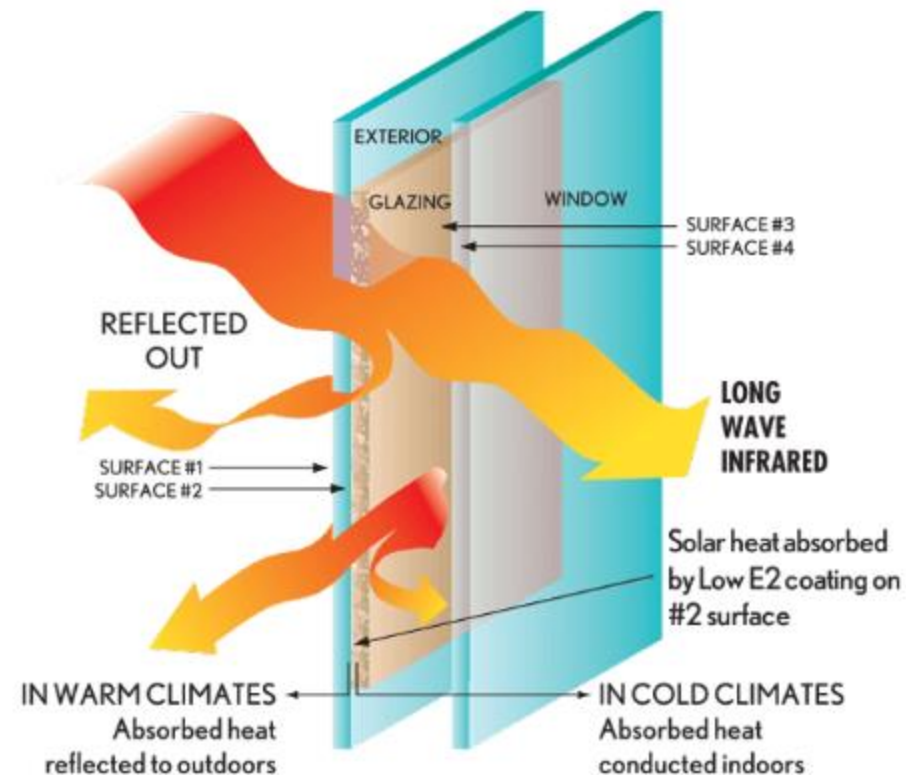
PHi Ug=0.535  
g=0.339



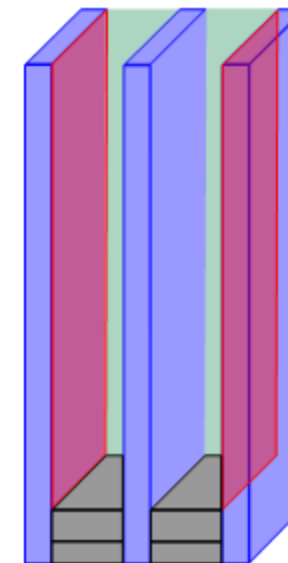


PHi  $U_g=1.116$   
 $g=0.394$

Fill: 95% Ar  
 15mm cavity, 23mm O/A  
 1 layer LowE

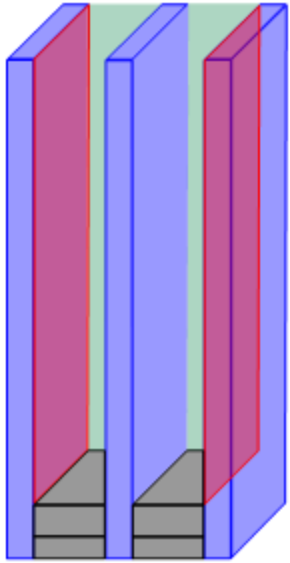


Low Emissivity Coatings (Low-E) are critical to reflecting heat back to the source in glazed units, but are not the sole determinant to performance.



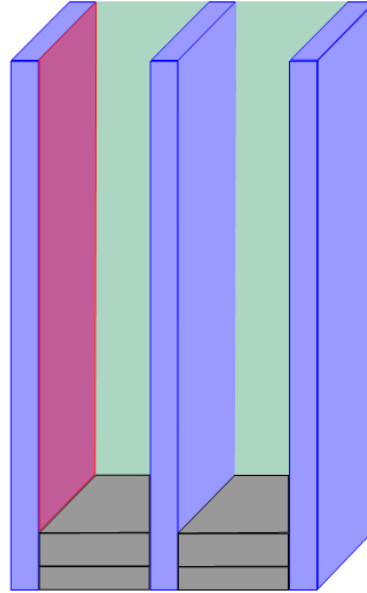
PHi  $U_g=1.565$   
 $g=0.369$

Fill: 95% Ar  
 5.7mm cavities, 23mm O/A  
 1 layer LowE



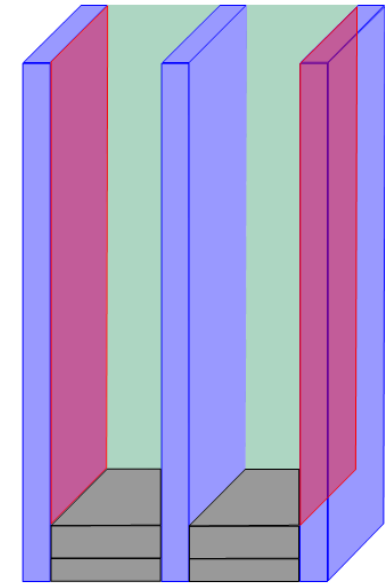
PHi Ug=1.267  
g=0.358

Fill: 95% Ar  
5.7mm cavities, 23mm O/A  
2 layers LowE



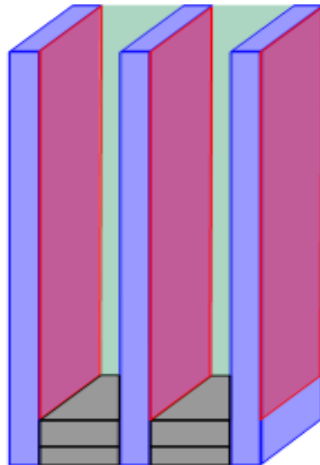
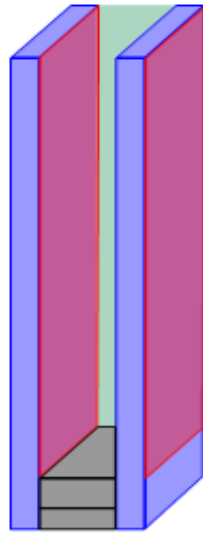
PHi Ug=0.890  
g=0.363

Fill: 95% Ar  
18mm cavities, 48mm O/A  
1 layer LowE

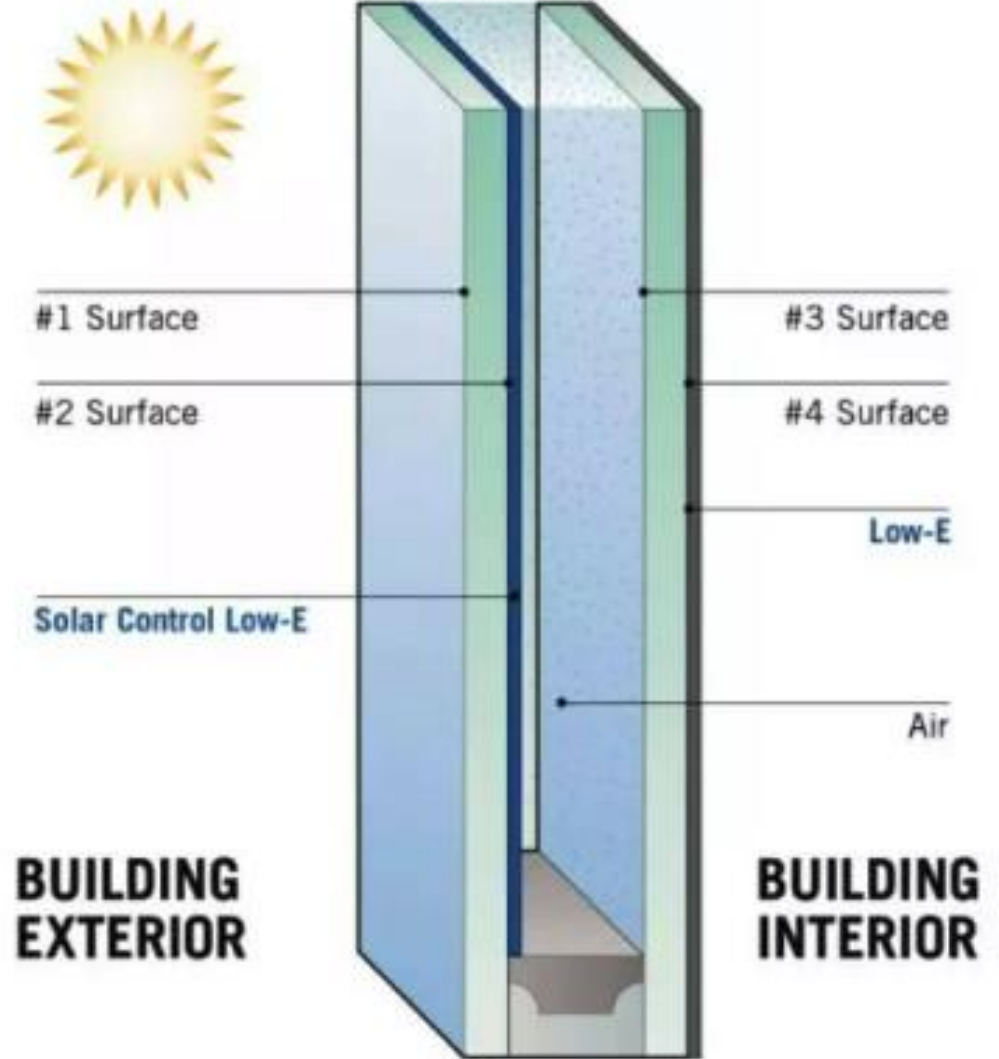


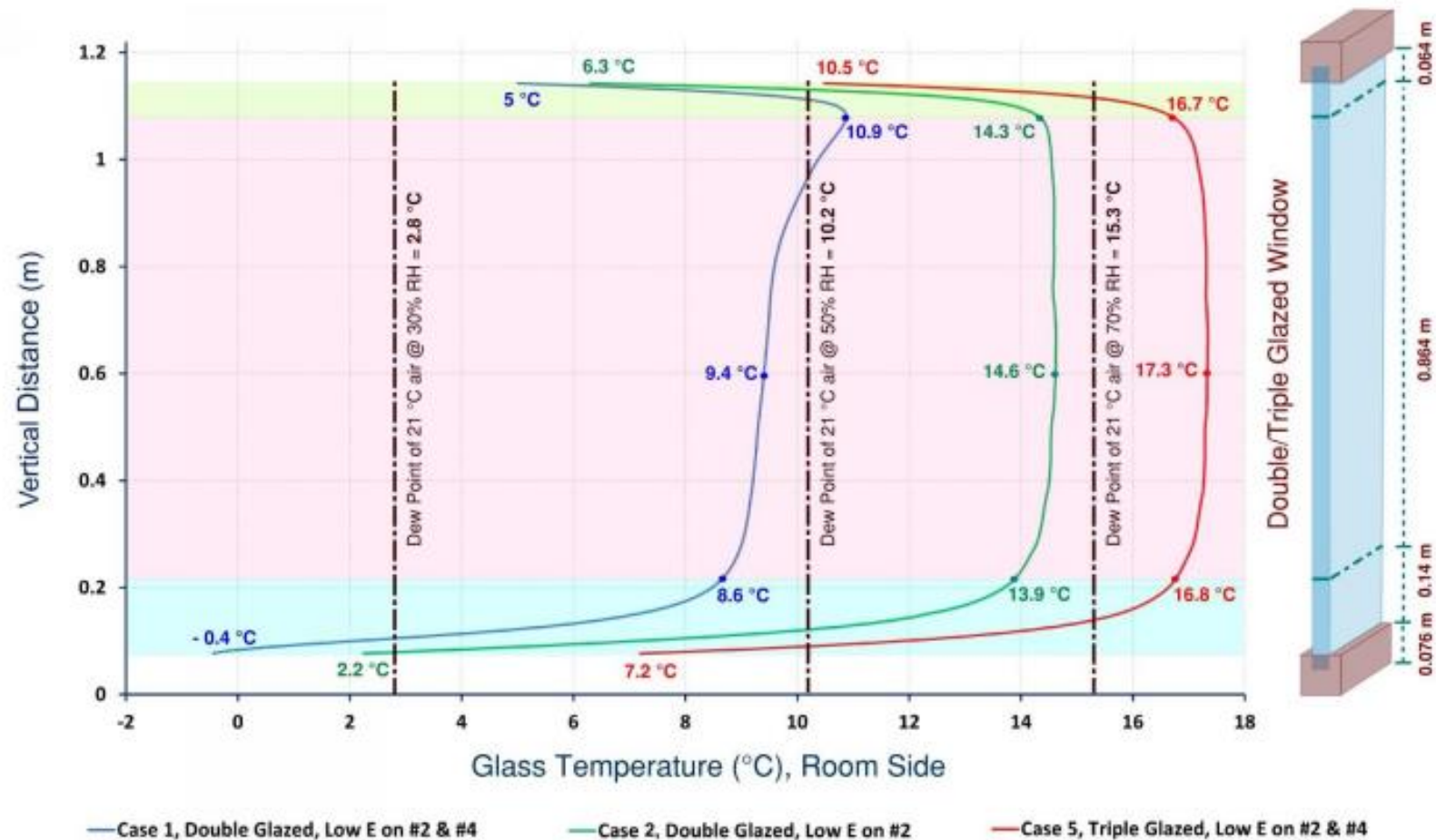
PHi Ug=0.570  
g=0.353

Fill: 95% Ar  
18mm cavities, 48mm O/A  
2 layers LowE



## Double-Pane IGU





**Figure D** Surface temperature of the most inner pane of glass (surface #4 for double-glazed and surface #6 for triple-glazed) when subject to 21 °C (70 °F) indoor temperature and -18 °C (-0.4 °F) outdoor temperature. The results are for windows inside the concrete wall (Cases 1, 2 & 5 – Figure B).



# Warning: You Might Overheat

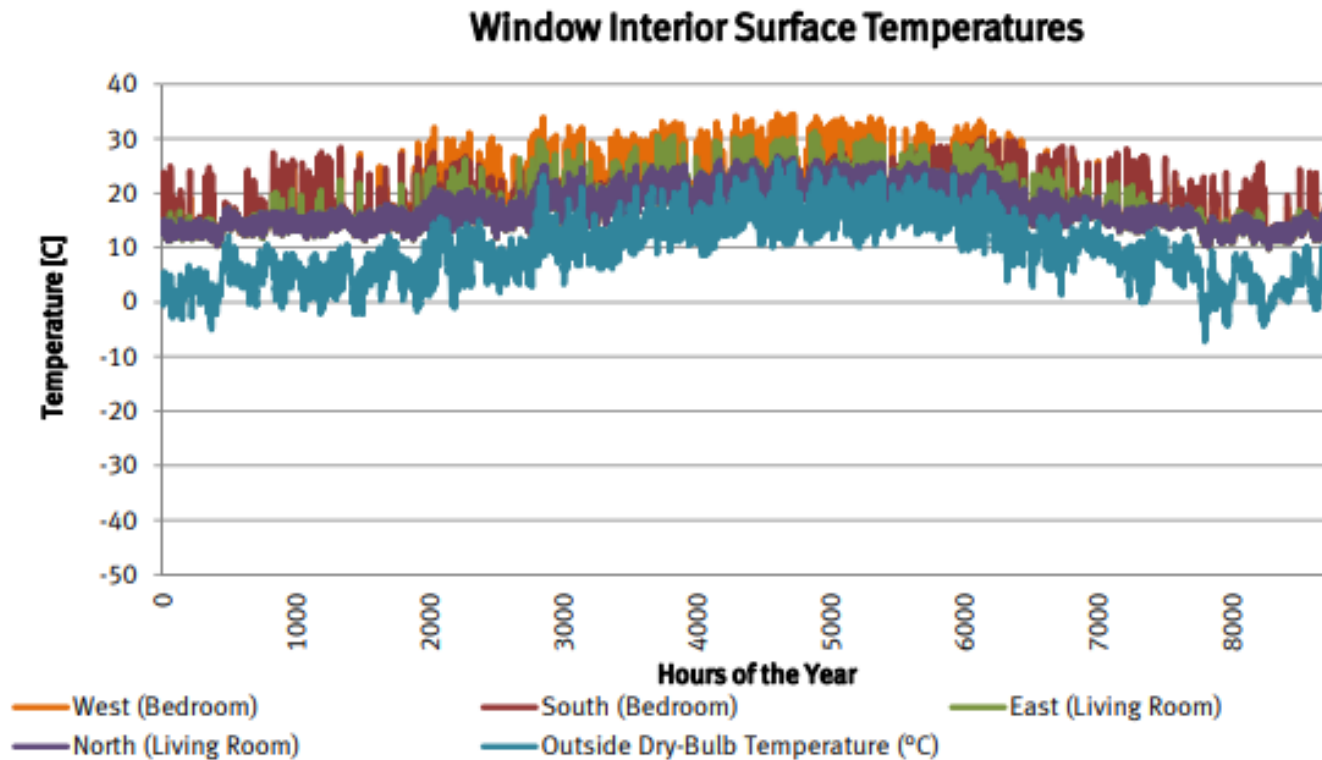
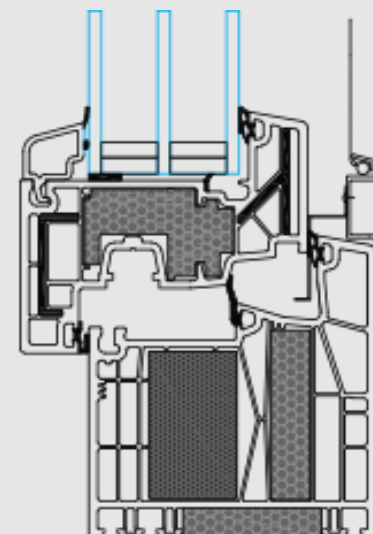
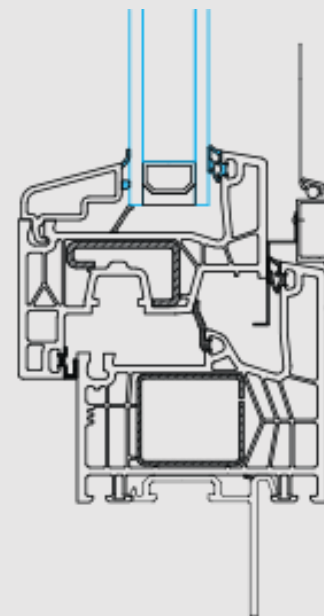
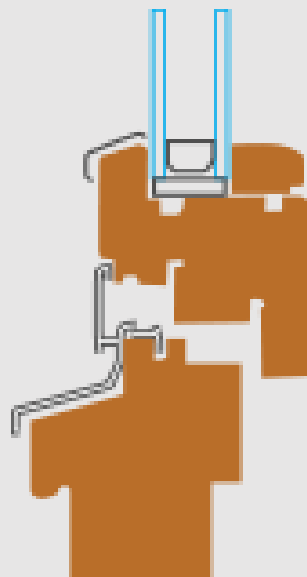
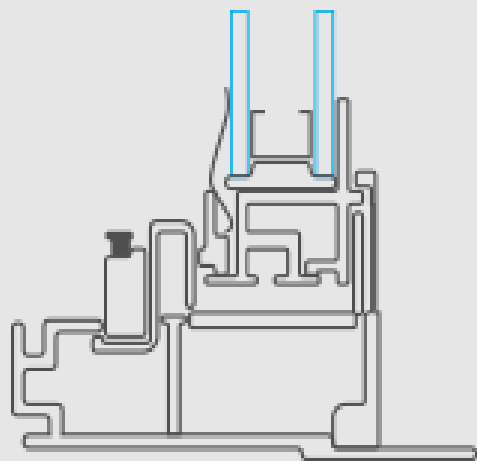
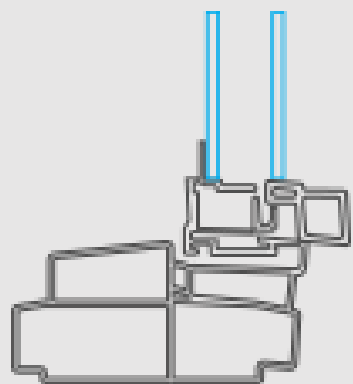


Fig. 9.4.5 D1 Vancouver, Window surface temperatures

Source: <https://www.bchousing.org/publications/Window-Energy-Rating.pdf>



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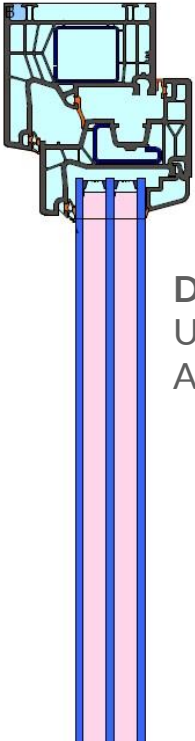
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**HYGIENE CRITERIA**

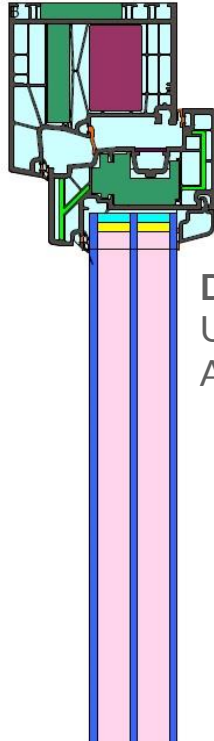
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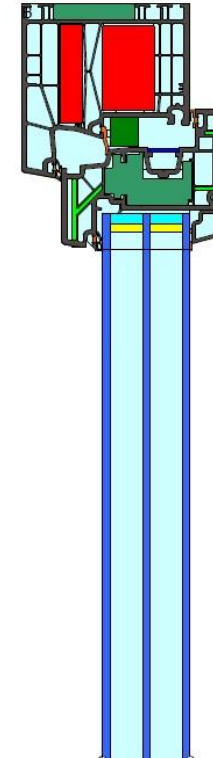
# Airtightness



**Defender 76TS**  
U-value 0.90  
Airtightness 0.01 CFM/FT<sub>2</sub>



**Defender 88PH+ Pro**  
U-value 0.746  
Airtightness 0.01 CFM/FT<sub>2</sub>



**Defender 88PH+ XI**  
U-value 0.59  
Airtightness 0.01 CFM/FT<sub>2</sub>

# Embodied Carbon

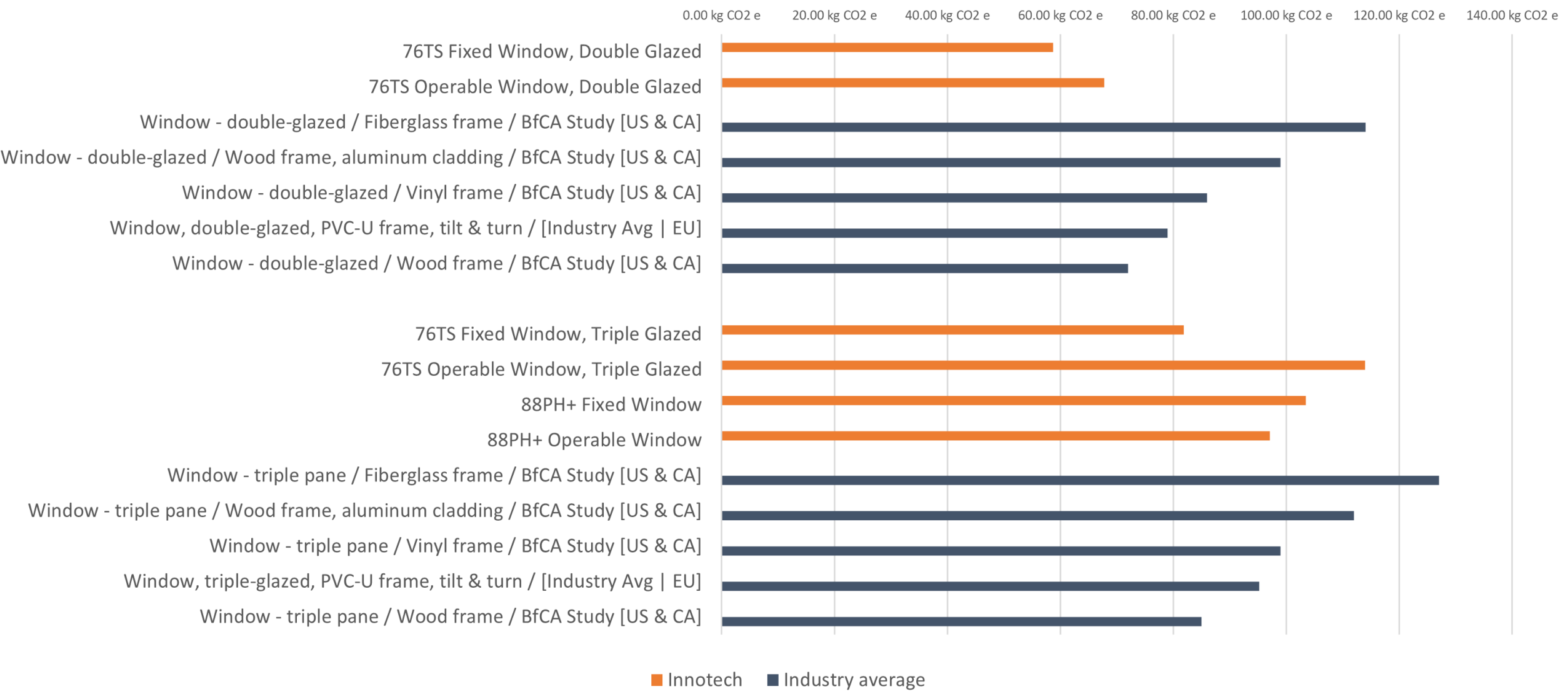
- Triple glazing impacts embodied carbon
- Balance embodied carbon with future operational carbon



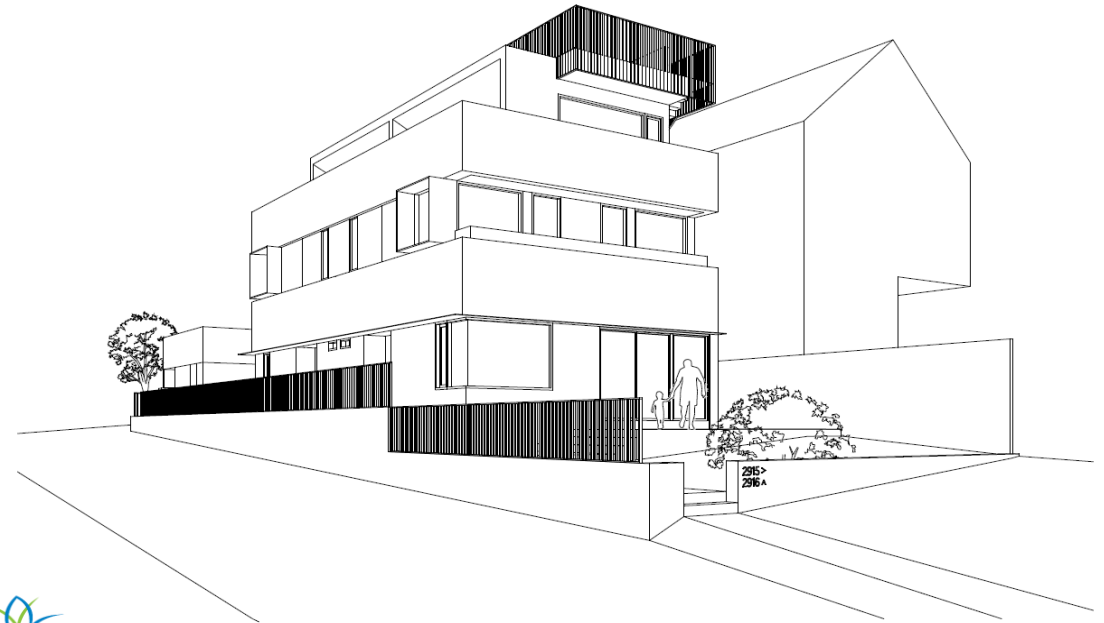
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# A1-A3 comparison to industry average (All products except Terrace Swings)



# Affordability: Finding Balance



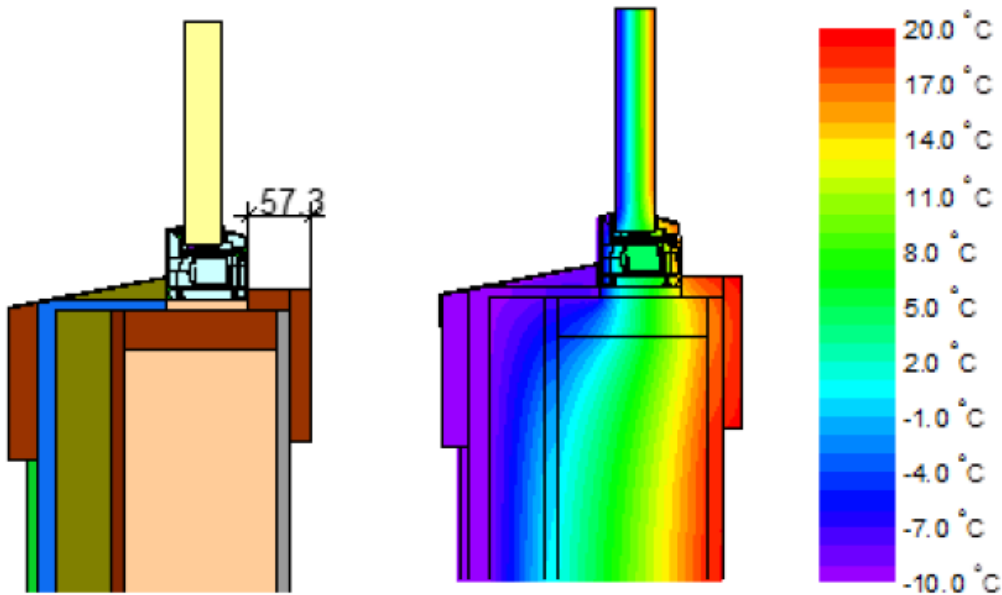
**CAN YOUR INSTALLATION  
IMPROVE THE OVERALL  
U-VALUE OF THE WINDOW?**



TABLE 4.1 OVERALL EFFECTIVE U-VALUE,  $U_{W,installed}$

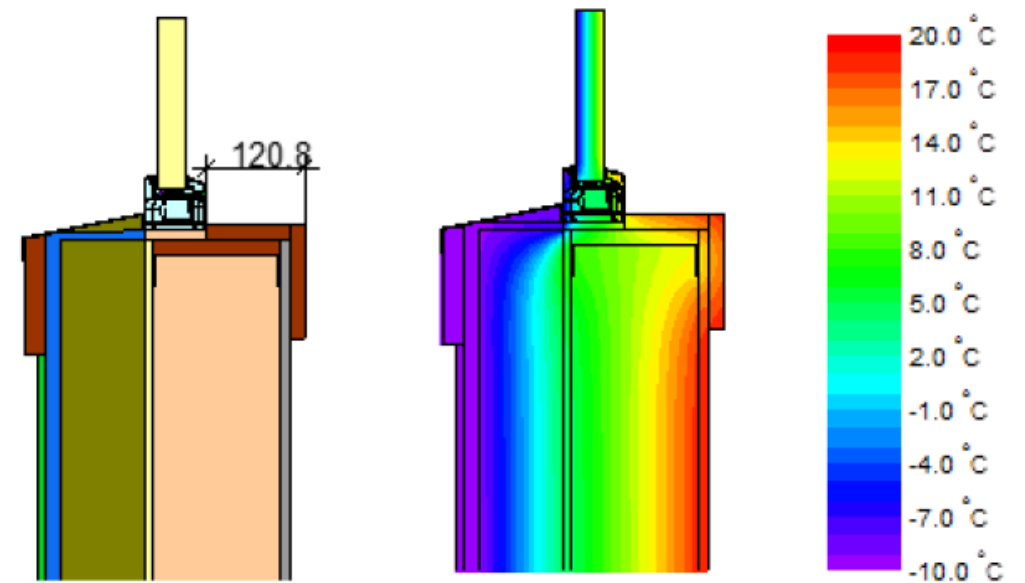
Wall Type	Optimal Position (non-OI/OI)	TS	
		U-value (non-OI)	U-value (with OI)
Wall 1	Outer/Inner	1.010 (13%)	0.897 (0%)
Wall 2	Mid/Mid	1.004 (12%)	0.906 (1%)
Wall 3	Outer/Mid	0.994 (11%)	0.890 (-1%)
Wall 4	Mid/Mid	1.136 (27%)	0.969 (8%)
Wall 5	Out/Inner	1.239 (38%)	1.038 (16%)
Wall 6	Outer/Outer	1.181 (32%)	0.988 (10%)

# Optimal Position



## Wall 1

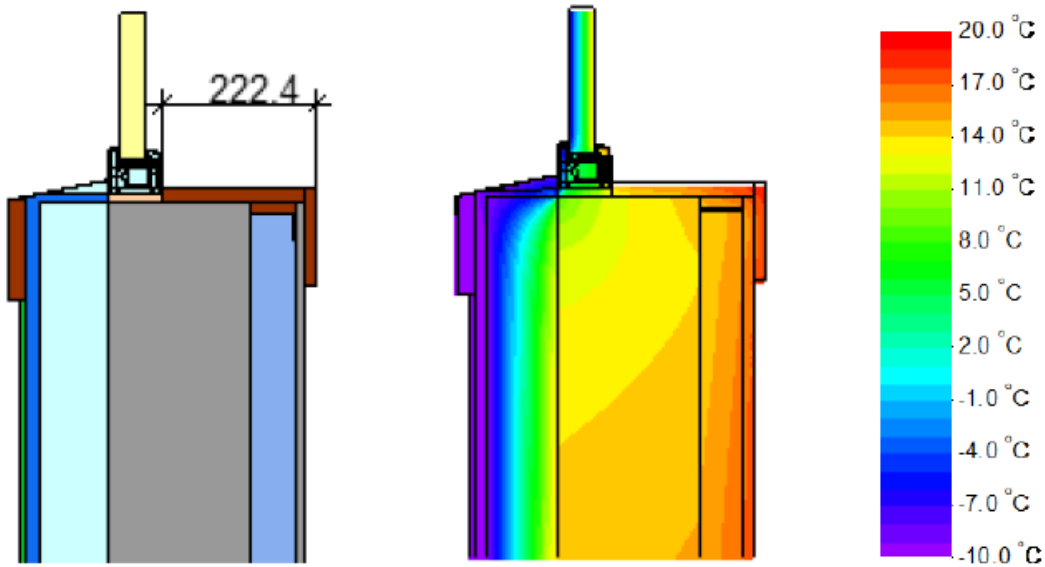
2x6 w/ 2" Ext. Insulation  
R-22+ Effective  
Uw-inst w/ OI: 0.897



## Wall 4

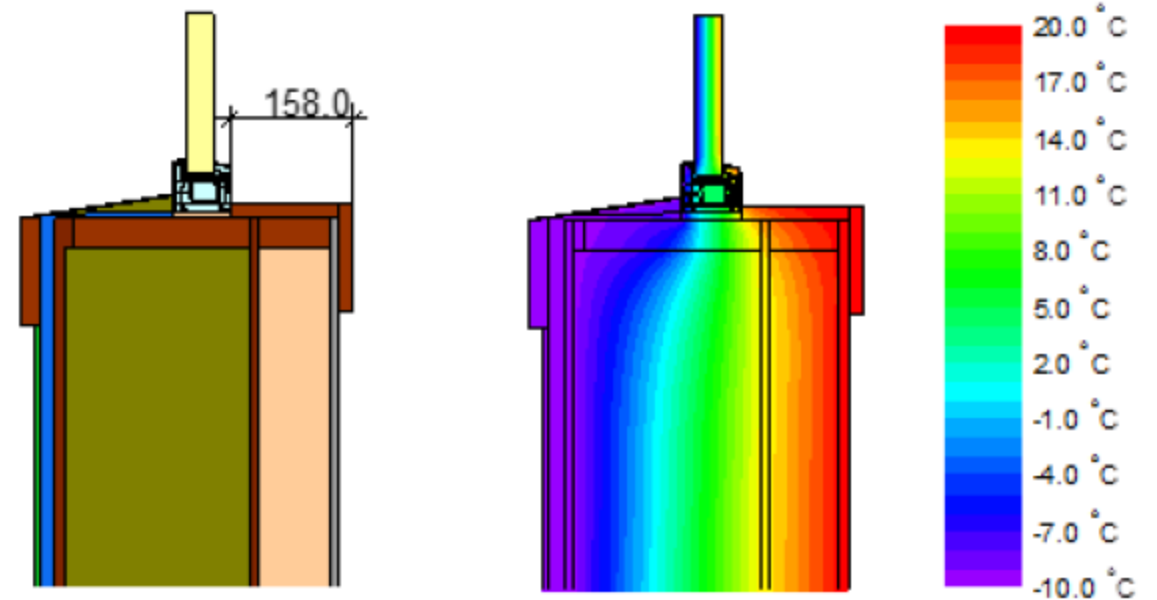
2x6 Steel Stud with 4" Ext. Insulation  
R-20+ Effective  
Uw-inst w/ OI: 0.969

# Optimal Position



## Wall 6

Ext. Insulated Concrete Wall, 8" Deep with 2.5" Steel Framing  
R-20+ Effective  
Uw-inst w/ Ol: 0.988



## Wall 2

Deep Stud/Double Stud  
R-40+ Effective  
Uw-inst w/ Ol: 0.906

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