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Standard Specification for Pyrolytic and Vacuum Deposition Coatings on Flat Glass¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the optical and aesthetic quality requirements for pyrolytic and vacuum deposition coatings applied on flat glass for use in building glazing.

1.2 The coatings are applied on the glass using either pyrolytic or vacuum sputtering deposition methods to control solar heat gain, energy performance, comfort level, and condensation and to enhance the aesthetic of the building.

1.3 This specification addresses blemishes related to the coating only. It does not address glass blemishes, applied ceramic frits to spandrel glass, and organic film opacifiers.

1.4 The *Nonuniformity for Coated Glass* requirements, given in 6.10, pertain to glazing units of vertical and sloped orientations as installed in the building exterior.

1.5 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 Reference to these documents shall be the latest issue unless otherwise specified by the authority applying this specification.

2.2 *ASTM Standards:*²

C162 Terminology of Glass and Glass Products

C1036 Specification for Flat Glass

C1048 Specification for Heat-Strengthened and Fully Tempered Flat Glass

D2244 Practice for Calculation of Color Tolerances and Color Differences from Instrumentally Measured Color Coordinates

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 Refer to Terminology C162 or Specification C1036 or C1048, as appropriate.

3.1.2 *blemishes in flat glass*—refer to Specification C1036 or C1048, as appropriate.

3.1.3 These definitions do not apply to in-service damage.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *coated overhead glass*—glass used in an installation in which the lower edge of the glass is more than 6 ft (1.8 m) above (the viewer's) floor level or cannot be approached within 10 ft (3.0 m); the glass can usually but not always be viewed in both transmission and reflection; the glass is usually sloping in from the vertical plane, however, may also be vertical or sloping out from the vertical plane.

3.2.2 *coated spandrel/non-vision glass*—glass used in an installation in which the glass is only viewed in reflection from the building's exterior; the glass is usually installed vertically, however, may be at a slope to the vertical plane.

3.2.3 *coated vision glass*—glass used in an installation in which the lower edge of the glass is a maximum of 6 ft (1.8 m) above (the viewer's) floor level; the glass can be viewed in transmission or reflection; the glass is usually vertical, however, may also be sloping in or out from the vertical plane; and the glass can be approached within 10 ft (3.0 m) or less. If the distance is greater than 10 ft (3.0 m), see *coated overhead glass*, which would apply.

3.2.4 *coating rub*—a surface abrasion of appreciable width that has partial or complete removal of the coating producing a hazy appearance.

3.2.5 *coating scratch*—partial or complete removal of the coating along a thin straight or curved line.

3.2.6 *corrosion*—change in the color or level of reflected or transmitted light over all or part of the glass surface as a result of degradation of the coating from external sources.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

3.2.7 *crazing*—a random conglomeration of fine lines or cracks in the coating.

3.2.8 *cut size*—flat glass cut to specific dimensions for end use.

3.2.9 *edge deletion*—the process of removing a portion of the vacuum deposition coating from the glass surface typically within 1 in. (25 mm) or less of all edges before insulating or laminating the glass.

3.2.10 *mark/contaminant*—a deposit of foreign material on the surface of the glass or coating.

3.2.11 *nonuniformity*—obvious variation in color within a lite of coated glass, or between two or more lites of coated glass, or both, with like construction that have been installed in the same plane and elevation in the same building.

3.2.11.1 *banding*—wide or narrow area(s) of nonuniformity with demarcation that appears as a linear feature and may occur anywhere on a lite of coated glass.

3.2.11.2 *edge to edge*—gradient nonuniformity within a lite of coated glass.

3.2.11.3 *lite to lite*—nonuniformity between individual lites of coated glass.

3.2.11.4 *mottling*—splotchy or patchy nonuniformity (not to be confused with strain pattern; see **X1.1.5**).

3.2.11.5 *picture framing*—perimeter nonuniformity within a lite of coated glass.

3.2.12 *pinhole*—small blemish in which the coating is entirely or partially absent.

3.2.13 *pyrolytic*—method of manufacture of a type of coating that applies the coating to hot glass, usually at the time of flat glass manufacturing.

3.2.14 *spot*—a small opaque blemish on or in or under the coating.

3.2.15 *stock size*—flat glass cut to standard dimensions that will be cut to smaller sizes in a subsequent process.

3.2.16 *vacuum deposition*—method of manufacture of a type of coating that applies the coating in a vacuum chamber to stock size or cut size flat glass.

3.2.17 *vacuum sputtering*—see *vacuum deposition*.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This specification groups coated glass according to application. These groups are: vision, spandrel/non-vision, and overhead. Similar but unique quality tolerances and inspection criteria have been outlined for each application. The glass to be coated shall comply with the applicable provisions of Specifications **C1036** and **C1048**.

4.2 Coating blemishes are an inherent part of the glass coating process. In addition, coatings can be damaged as a result of improper transportation, storage, handling, fabrication, or installation.

4.3 Individual manufacturers should be contacted for recommended storage, handling, fabrication, installation, and application guidelines.

5. Classification

5.1 *Kinds*—Pyrolytic or vacuum deposition coated flat glass furnished under this specification shall be of the following kinds, as specified:

5.1.1 *Kind CV*—Flat transparent glass conforming to the applicable requirements of Specification **C1036** or **C1048**, or both, and having a coating applied to one or more of the glass surfaces which further conforms with the requirements hereinafter specified for coated vision glass.

5.1.2 *Kind CO*—Flat transparent glass conforming to the applicable requirements of Specification **C1036** or **C1048**, or both, and having a coating applied to one or more of the glass surfaces which further conforms with requirements hereinafter specified for coated overhead glass.

5.1.3 *Kind CS*—Flat glass conforming to the applicable requirements of Specification **C1036** or **C1048**, or both, and having a coating applied to one or more of the glass surfaces that further conforms with the requirements hereinafter specified for coated spandrel/non-vision glass.

6. Requirements

6.1 These specifications apply to cut size glass only. For specifications of stock size glass and blemishes not listed, contact the manufacturer.

6.2 All glass is to be inspected in transmission (unless otherwise noted) at a viewing angle of 90° to the specimen, using a bright uniform background with diffused daylight conditions, without direct sunlight. For factory inspection, the specimen shall be placed a minimum of 12 in. from the light source using uniform diffused background lighting with a minimum luminance of 1700 lux (160 fc) and maximum of 2500 lux (230 fc) measured at the center of the glass surface closest to the light source. If a blemish is readily apparent under these viewing conditions and detection distance as stated in **6.3**, the criteria in **Table 1**, **Table 2**, or **Table 3** applies for each kind of coated glass.

6.3 Defect detection distance for coated vision glass (*Kind CV*) is 10 ft (3.0 m) and for coated overhead glass (*Kind CO*) and coated spandrel/non-vision glass (*Kind CS*) is 15 ft (4.6 m) for both Range Nos. 1 and 2 (see **Table 3**).

6.4 No more than two readily apparent blemishes are allowed in a 3-in. (75 mm) diameter circle, and no more than

TABLE 1 Quality Specifications for Cut Size Coated Vision Glass (Kind CV)

Blemish (maximum)	Central Area in. (mm)	Outer Area in. (mm)
Pinhole (size)	1/16 (1.6)	3/32 (2.4)
Spot (size)	1/16 (1.6)	3/32 (2.4)
Coating Scratch (length)	2 (50)	3 (75)
Mark/Contaminant (length)	2 (50)	3 (75)
Coating Rub (length plus width)	none allowed	3/4 (19)
Crazing (length plus width)	2 (50)	3 (75)
Corrosion	none allowed	none allowed