



# High Performance Roof Daylighting



# The Passive House standard is part of the solution



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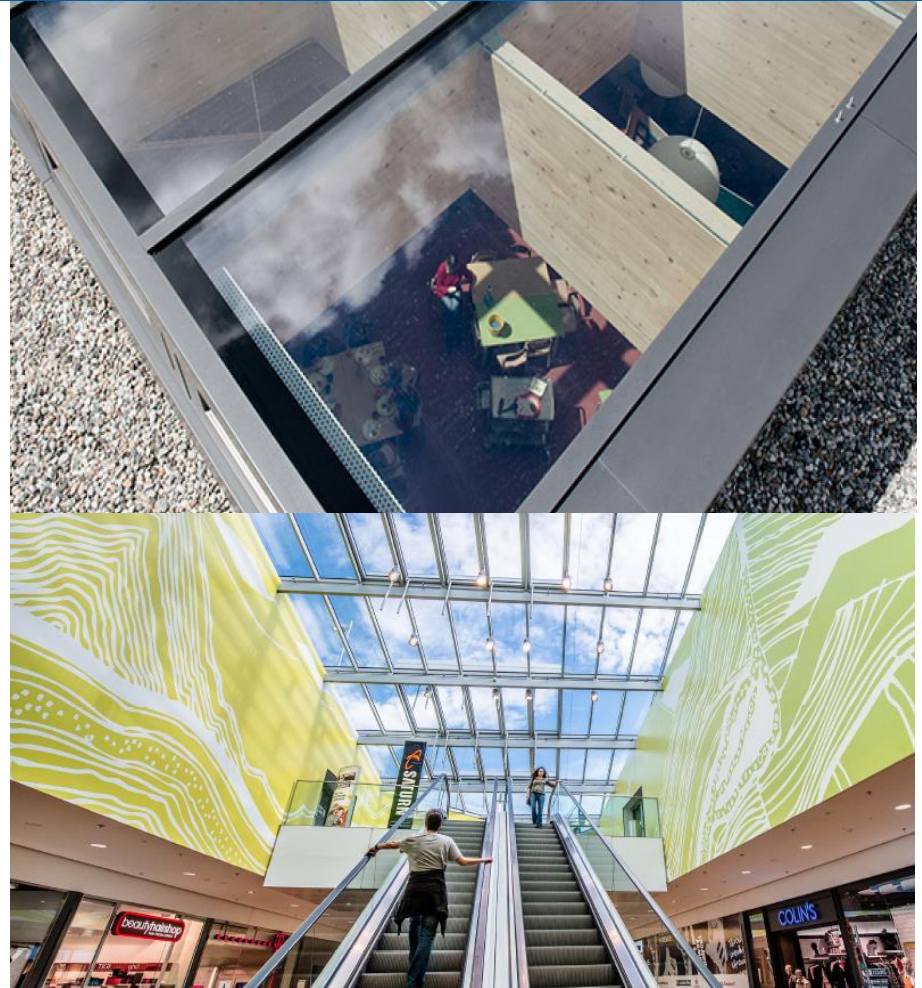
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# Why Daylighting?

- We are all more healthy and productive
  - We all sleep better at night
  - Increase productivity
  - Students perform better
  - Stores sell more products



# Why Daylighting?

## Aesthetics



Kimball Art Museum, Louis Kahn

# Other Benefits?



Natural Ventilation

Exterior Access

Energy Positive Potential

# Extend Benefits Deep To Interior

IECC daylight requirement on top floor (C402.4.2)



Johnson Wax Administration Building, Frank Lloyd Wright

# More Energy Better Balance

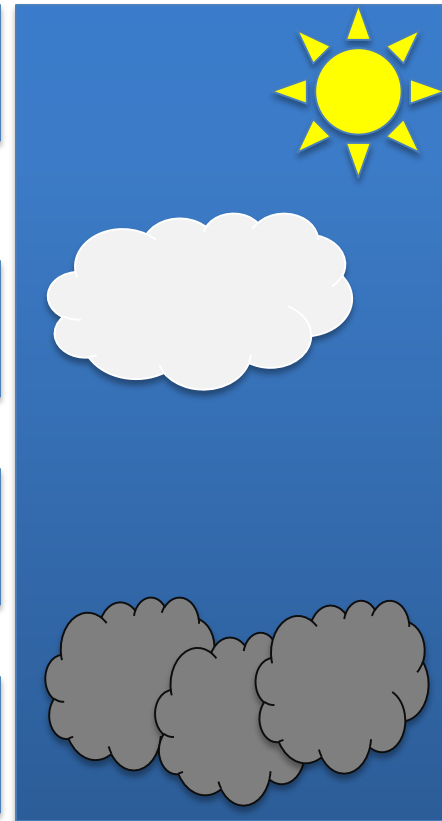
- Windows mostly provide indirect daylight from the sky
- Skylights can combine direct sunlight in addition to diffuse daylight
- Skylights can easily be 3-10 times smaller than a window to collect the same amount of light

Direct Sun  
5,000 – 10,000 fc

Bright, sunlit clouds  
3,000 – 5,000 fc

Blue Sky  
1,000 – 3,000 fc

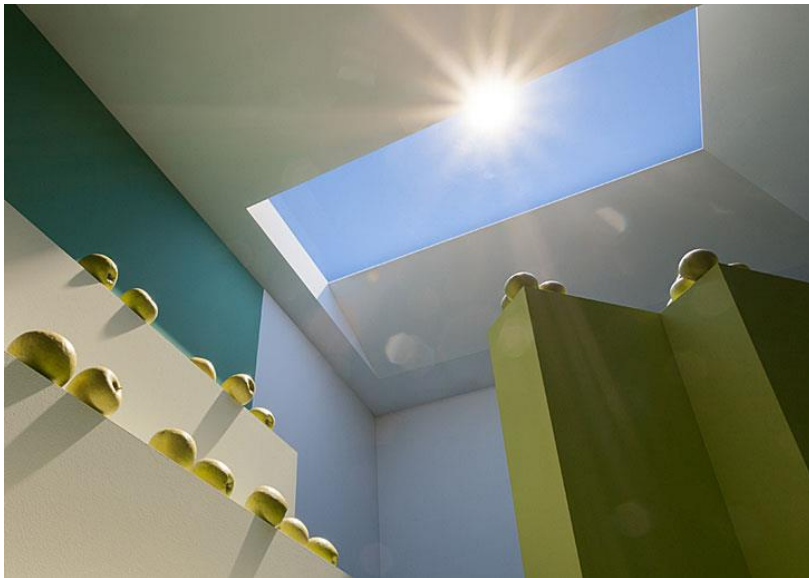
Dark, heavy clouds  
1,000 fc



fc = foot candles – a measure of illumination from a light source

# Challenges for roof daylighting?

- Glare
- Winter heat losses
- Summer over-heating
- Condensation



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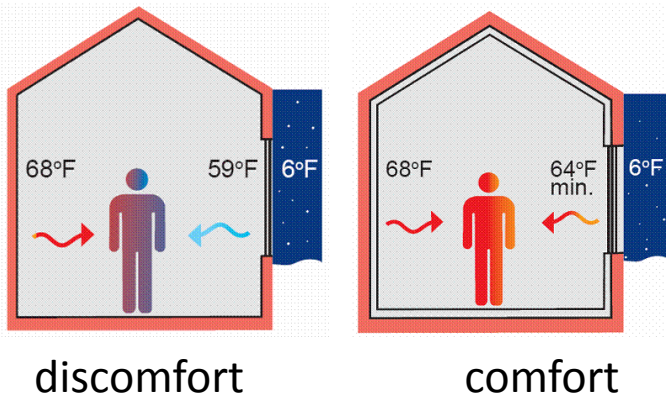


Building enclosure consulting



# Comfort Drivers

- Even light distribution
- Uniform surface temperatures



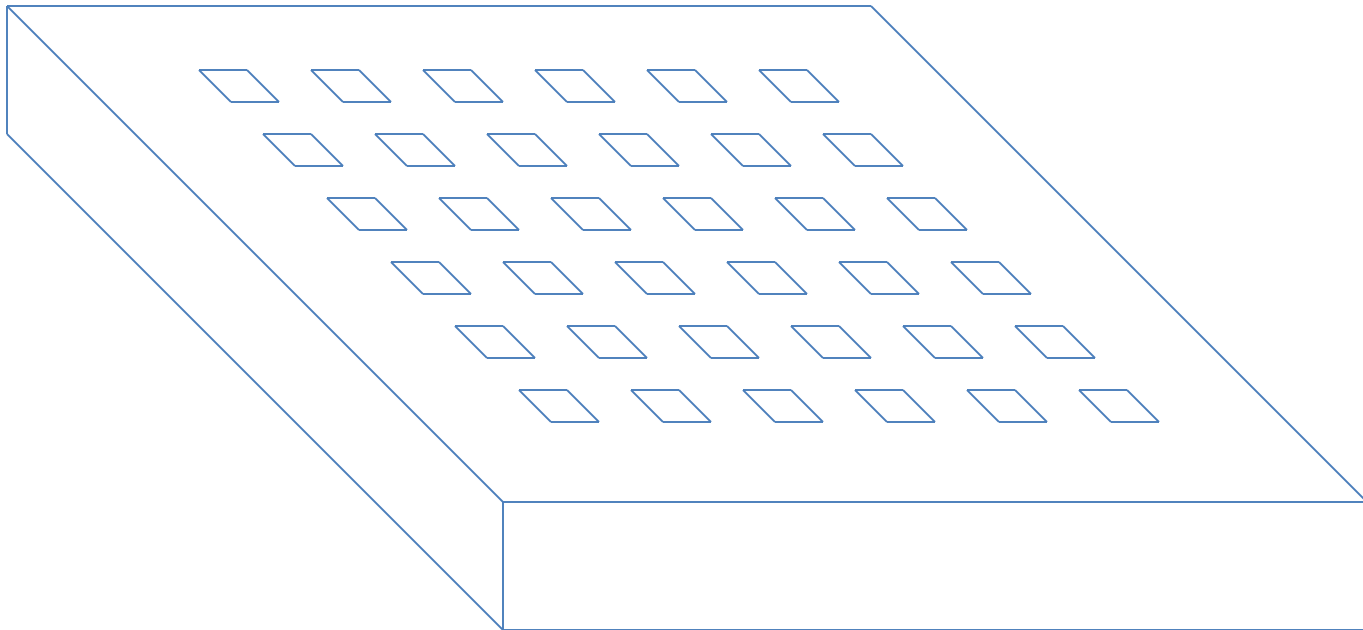
Aaron Leitz Photography

# Energy Balance

Building Footprint: 200ft x 200ft

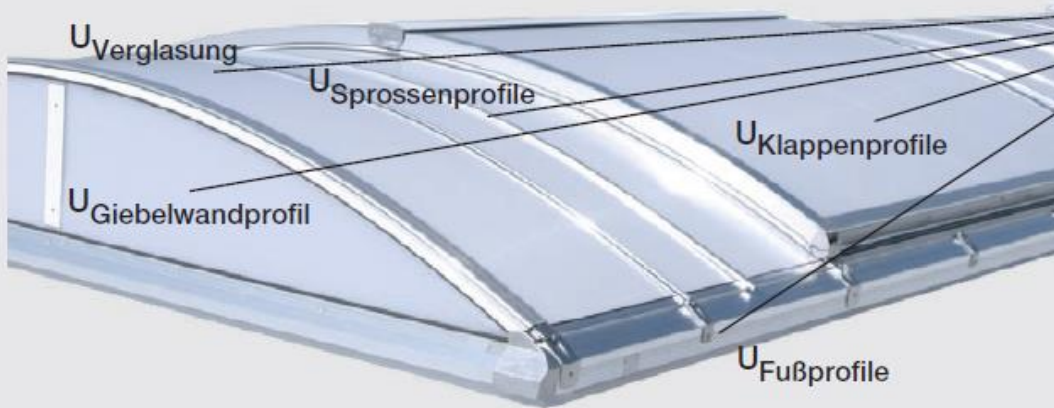
Skylights: 36 (38"x38" each)

Total glass area: 323 SF



# Thermal Values

Unsere Ingenieure übernehmen für Sie die Berechnung:



$$U_W = \frac{U_g \times A_g + \sum (U_{fi} \times A_{fi}) + \psi_i \times l_i + \chi_i}{A_g + \sum A_{fi}}$$

$U_W$  = Wärmedurchgangswert des gesamten Lichtbandes ohne Zarge

$A_W$  = gesamte wärmeabstrahlende Fläche des Lichtbandes  
( $A_W = A_g + \sum A_{fi}$ )

$U_g$  = Wärmedurchgangskoeffizient der Verglasung in horizontaler Einbaulage

$A_g$  = Flächenanteil der Verglasung

$U_f$  = Wärmedurchgangskoeffizient der Rahmenbauteile

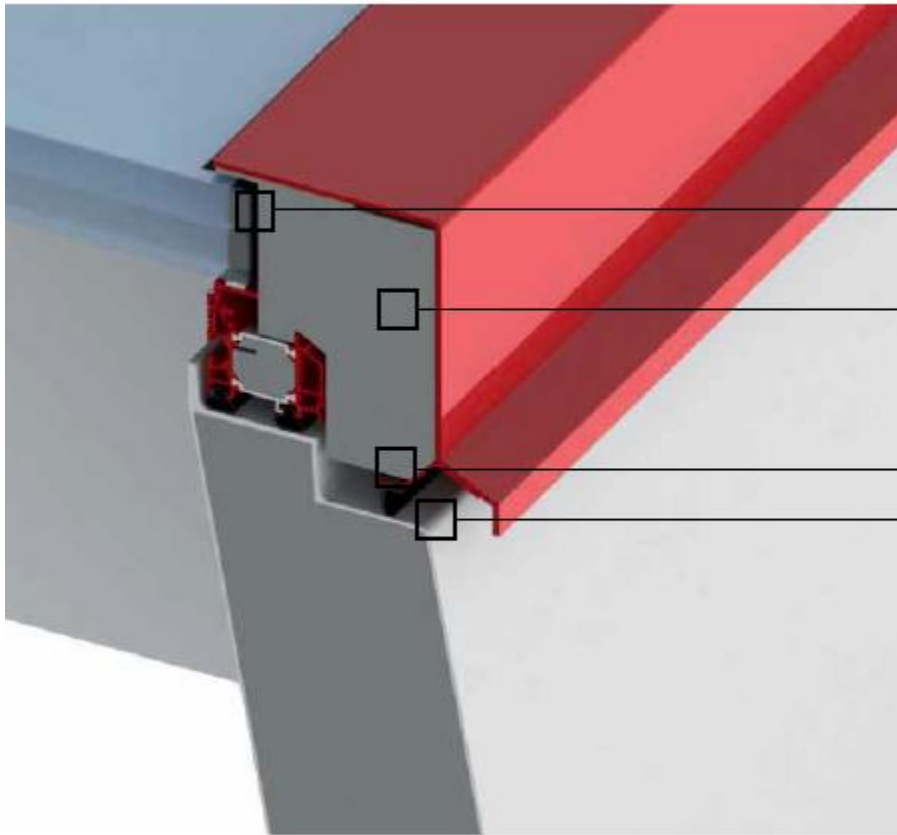
$A_f$  = Flächenanteil der Rahmenprofile

$\psi$  = längenbezogener Wärmebrückenverlustkoeffizient

$\chi$  = punktförmiger Wärmebrückenverlustkoeffizient  
(Wird für Klappen und Lastkonverter angesetzt)

Nur unter dieser Betrachtung ist ersichtlich, wie sich der Wärmedurchgangskoeffizient der einzelnen Bauteile direkt auf die Energiebilanz eines Gebäudes auswirkt.

# Thermally optimized



**NEW:** “warm edge” with Super Spacer in serial-production triple glazing

**NEW:** optimised impermeable core

**NEW:** triple layered seal system

Upstand with layered geometry to hold layered seal

# Thermal Values

## Unit Skylights with insulated curbs

**Certificate**  
 Passive House suitable component  
 for cool, temperate climate, valid until 31.12.2014

Category: **Skylight**  
 Manufacturer: **LAMILUX Heinrich Strunz GmbH**  
 95111 REHAU, GERMANY  
 Product name: **CI-System Glaselement FE<sub>energy</sub>save**

The following comfort criteria were used in awarding this certificate:

Given a  $U_g$  value of  $0.84 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$  by  $0^\circ$  inclination and a skylight size of  $1.50 \text{ m}$  by  $1.50 \text{ m}$ ,

$U_{SL} = 0.84 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)} \leq 1.10 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$

Taking into account the installation based thermal bridges, and provided that the installation is, with regard to the thermal bridges, equal or better than shown in the data sheet, the sky light meets the following criterion.

$U_{SL, installed} \leq 1.10 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$


**Thermal data**

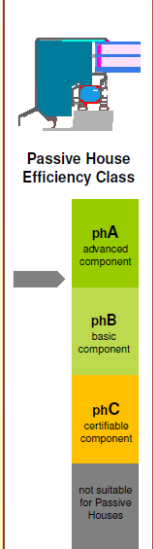
	$U_g$ -value [W/(m <sup>2</sup> K)]	Width [mm]	$\Psi_g$ [W/(mK)]	$f_{RSH=0.25}$ E1
Spacer			ACS plus*	
Bottom	0.61	116.4	0.029	
Side/top	0.61	116.4	0.029	0.73

\*Spacers of lower thermal quality, especially those made of aluminium, lead to significantly higher thermal losses and lower temperature factors.

Further information see data sheet

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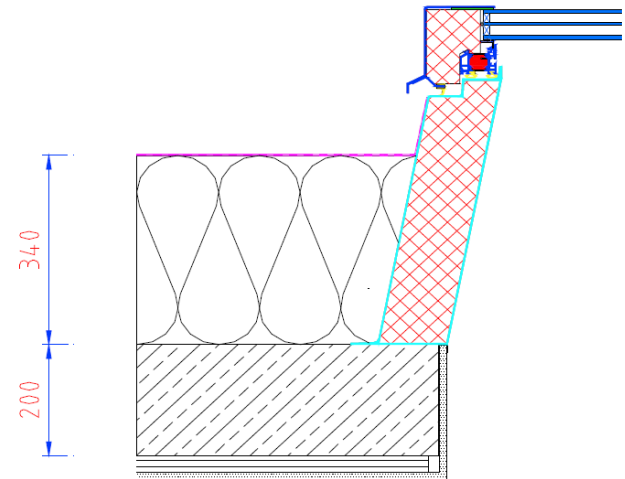
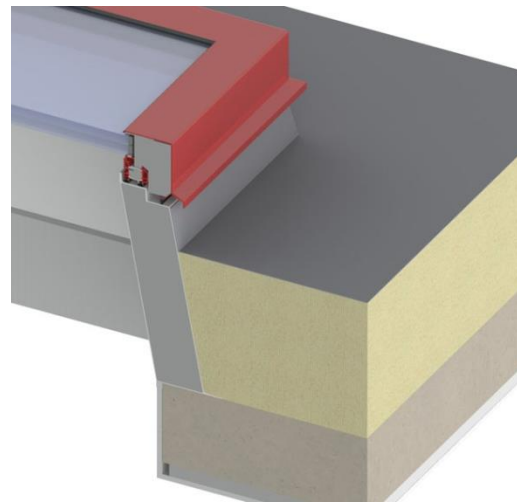
phB basic component

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Installed skylight U-value: 0.15 (R-7)

Glass U-value: 0.11 (vert) = 0.13 (hor)

Frame U-value: 0.11

Spacer psi value: 0.017

# Light Transmission /SHGC

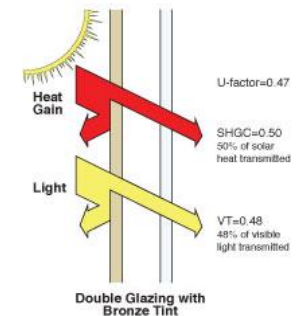
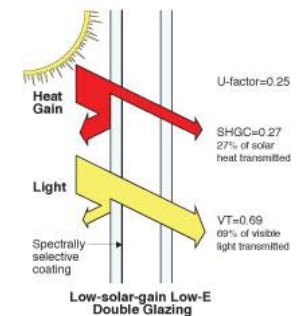
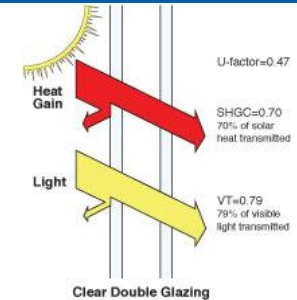
Light transmission to Solar Heat gain coefficient ratio

- Sunglasses (bronze tint) between 1 and 1.2
- Better 2
- Maximum theoretically possible 2.5

Optimize diffuse daylight - high VT with orientation and shading devices



Einkaufszentrum Rhein-Galerie, Ludwigshafen



# Energy Balance (heating)

Building Footprint: 200ft x 200ft

Skylights: 36 (38"x38" each)

Total glass area: 323 SF

Skylight	Thermal Bridge Free	Curb Insulation	Uglass BTU/hr.ft2°F	SHGC	Losses kBTU/yr	Solar Gains	Total Heat Gain or Loss	Total of heat loss/gain for building (%)
Double pane	No	None	0.24	30%	25935	11687	14248	212748 <b>(7%)</b>
Triple pane - conventional spacer	No	Non-Continuous	0.18	30%	23907	11053	12854	210114 <b>(6%)</b>
Triple pane - better spacer	Yes	Non-Continuous	0.18	30%	21907	11053	10854	208898 <b>(5%)</b>
Advanced component – low SHGC	Yes	4" Continuous	0.13	30%	10835	11032	<b>-197</b>	198079 <b>(0%)</b>
Advanced component – high SHGC	Yes	4" Continuous	0.13	<b>50%</b>	10835	18332	<b>-7497</b>	198079 <b>(-4%)</b>
Advanced component – high SHGC, shaded in summer	Yes	4" Continuous	0.13	<b>50%</b>	10835	18387	<b>-7552</b>	<b>191389 (-4%)</b>

Total reduction of heat demand of **21359 kBTU/yr – 11% improvement** (excluding lighting energy savings)

# Energy Balance (cooling)

Building Footprint: 200ft x 200ft

Skylights: 36 (38"x38" each)

Total glass area: 323 SF

Skylight	Thermal Bridge Free	Curb Insulation	R-skylight installed	Area	Cooling Gt F*day/yr	Summer heat Gains kBTU/sf*yr)
Double pane	No	None	0.24	400	2863	14111
Triple pane - conventional spacer	No	Non-Continuous	0.18	400	2863	12664
Triple pane - better spacer	Yes	Non-Continuous	0.18	400	2863	11994
Advanced component – low SHGC	Yes	4" Continuous	0.13	400	2863	5988
Advanced component – high SHGC	Yes	4" Continuous	0.13	400	2863	5988
Advanced component – high SHGC, shaded in summer	Yes	4" Continuous	0.13	400	2863	<b>5988</b>

Total reduction of heat gain by transmission – **8123** kBTU/yr (Reduction of **57%**)



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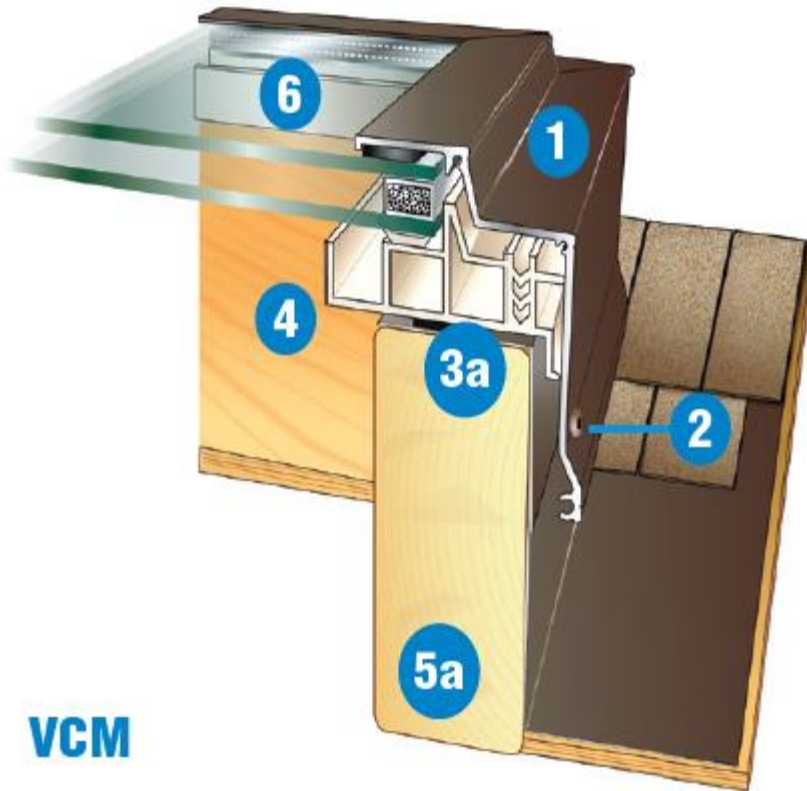
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Total glass area: 323 SF

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Double pane	No	None	0.24	30%	28364
Triple pane - conventional spacer	No	Non-Continuous	0.18	30%	28364
Triple pane - better spacer	Yes	Non-Continuous	0.18	30%	28364
Advanced component – low SHGC	Yes	4" Continuous	0.13	30%	28311
Advanced component – high SHGC	Yes	4" Continuous	0.13	50%	47185
Advanced component – high SHGC, shaded in summer	Yes	4" Continuous	0.13	50%	<b>18874</b>

Total reduction of cooling load by shading 50% SHGC compared to 30% SHGC glass – app **10,000 kBTU/yr (-33%)**

# Condensation



- 1 Durable Aluminum Cap:** Baked brown enamel finish\*
- 2 Installation:** Outside fastening as standard. Inside fastening also available.
- 3 Base Frame:**
  - a** Thermally broken white PVC base frame
  - b** Thermally broken aluminum base frame
- 4 Condensation channel:** 4 sided channel with weep holes in each corner
- 5 Curb:**
  - a** Can be installed on a 2 x 4, 2 x 6 or 2 x 8 curb
  - b** Can be installed on a 2 x 4, 2 x 6 or 2 x 8 curb - Requires a full 2" wide curb
- 6 Glazing:** 7 glass & 6 acrylic or polycarbonate glazing options *(See page 18)*

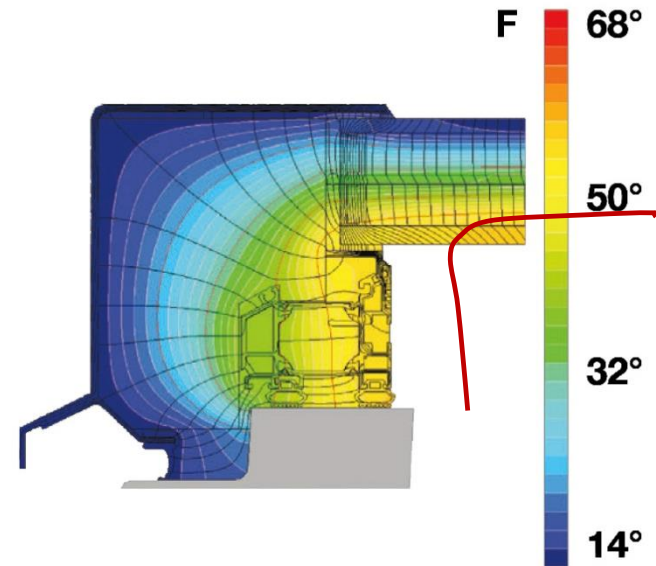
VCM

Columbia skylights

Airtight?

# Condensation

Thermo active design:  
Increase surface temperature at critical  
junction



Surface temperature stays far above  
'dew point' of 50F/10C (red line)

Offers protection with higher relative  
humidities (climate dependant)

Completely airtight (class 4)

# Advanced Components

## Glass Roofs

### Certificate

**Certified Passive House component**  
for cool, temperate climate, valid until 31.12.2015

Category: **Inclined Curtain Wall**  
 Manufacturer: **LAMILUX Heinrich Strunz GmbH**  
 95111 Rehau, GERMANY  
 Product name: **CI-System Glasarchitektur PR60<sub>energysave</sub>**  
 (Inclined)

The following comfort criteria were used in awarding this certificate:

Given a  $U_g$  value of 0,72 W/(m²K) by 45° inclination and an element size of 1.20 m by 2.50 m,

$U_{cwi} = 0,81 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)} \leq 1,00 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$

Taking into account the installation based thermal bridges, and provided that the installation is, with regard to the thermal bridges, equal or better than shown in the data sheet, the facade meets the following criterion.

$U_{cwi,installed} \leq 1,00 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$

**Thermal data of the construction**

	$U_f$ -value [W/(m²K)]	Width [mm]	$\Psi_g$ [W/(mK)]	$f_{Rsi=0,25}$ [-]
Spacer			SuperSp, TriSeal PU*	
Transom (t)	0.79	60	0.034	0.79
Mullion (m)	0.79	60	0.034	
Thermal glass carrier bridge $\chi_{GT}$ [W/K]:				0.010

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### Data Sheet

LAMILUX CI-System Glasarchitektur PR60<sub>energysave</sub> (inclined)

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95111 Rehau, GERMANY  
Tel.: +49 (0) 9283 595 0  
[www.lamilux.com](http://www.lamilux.com)

Bottom section

Isothermal

**Description**

Aluminium construction, Aluminium pressure-strip, PE-foam insulator in the glazing rebate, plastic glass-carrier on stainless steel bolts. Used Pane: 52 mm (6/16/6/16/6), intersection of the Glass: 16 mm. Used spacer: SuperSp, TriSeal PU

**Thermal data**

	$U_f$ -value [W/(m²K)]	Width [mm]	$\Psi_g$ [W/(mK)]	$f_{Rsi=0,25}$ [-]
Spacer			SuperSp, TriSeal PU*	
Transom (t)	0.79	60	0.034	0.79
Mullion (m)	0.79	60	0.034	
Opening element				
Thermal glass carrier bridge $\chi_{GT}$ [W/K]:				0.010

1: Includes  $\Delta U = 0,13 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$ , Determined by measurement  
2: Determined by 3D thermal flux simul. (PHI)

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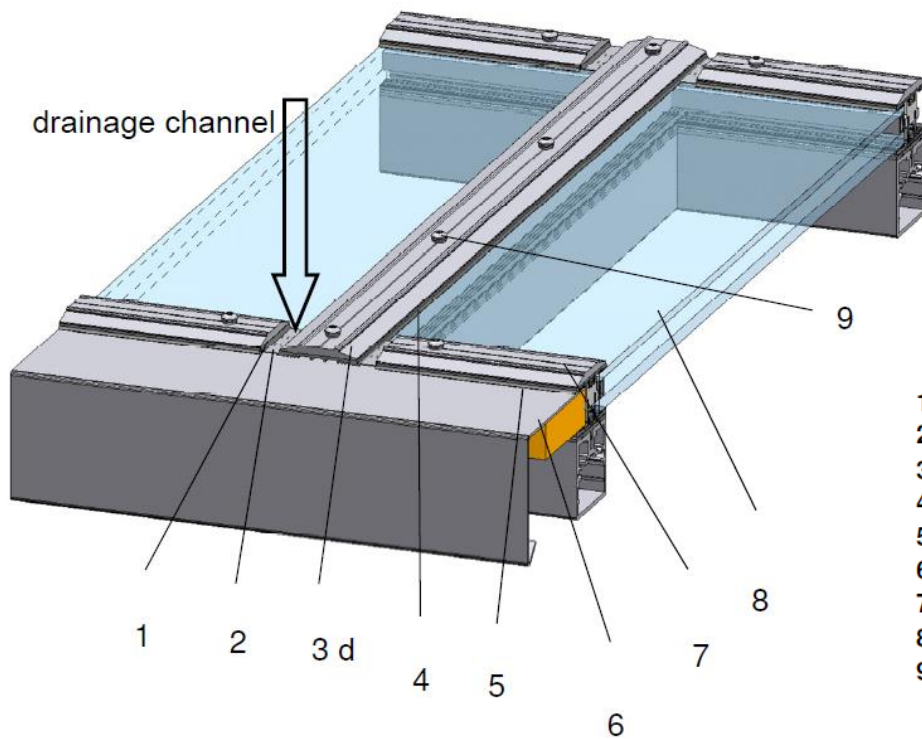
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# Advanced Components

## Glass Roofs



# Detailing of a glass roof



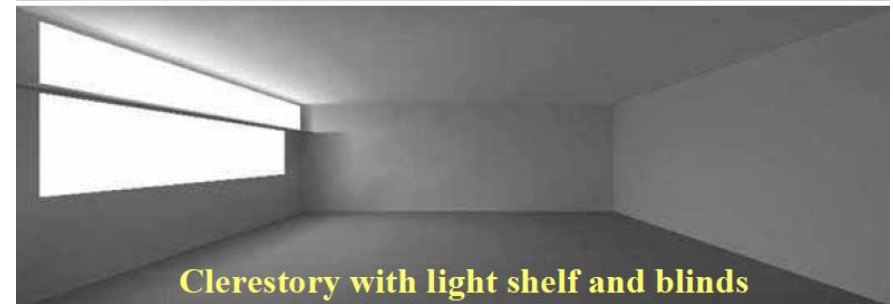
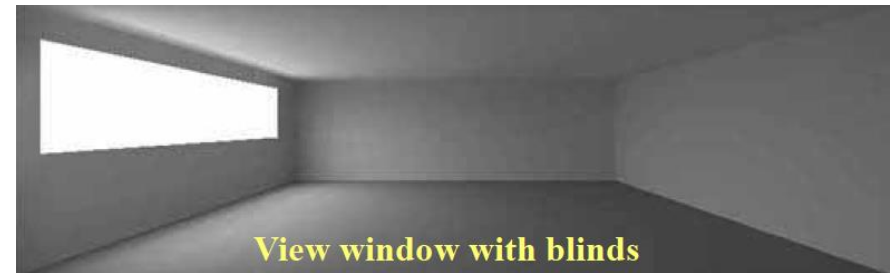
- 1 Sealed horizontal mullon-cover joint
- 2 Self adhering stainless steel cover plate for traverse gasket joint
- 3 Vertical mullon
- 4 Exterior vert. mullon gasket
- 5 Exterior hor. mullon gasket
- 6 Flashing
- 7 Horizontal mullon
- 8 Glass
- 9 Stainless steel screw connection with epdm seal

# Big Design Strategies

- Orientation
- Spacing
- Diffuse the Light
- Ventilation
- Renewables (BIPV)
- Controls/BMS

# Orientation

- Daylight from windows limited
- Lightshelf can increase penetration
- Unit skylights with splayed light wells provide the most uniform light

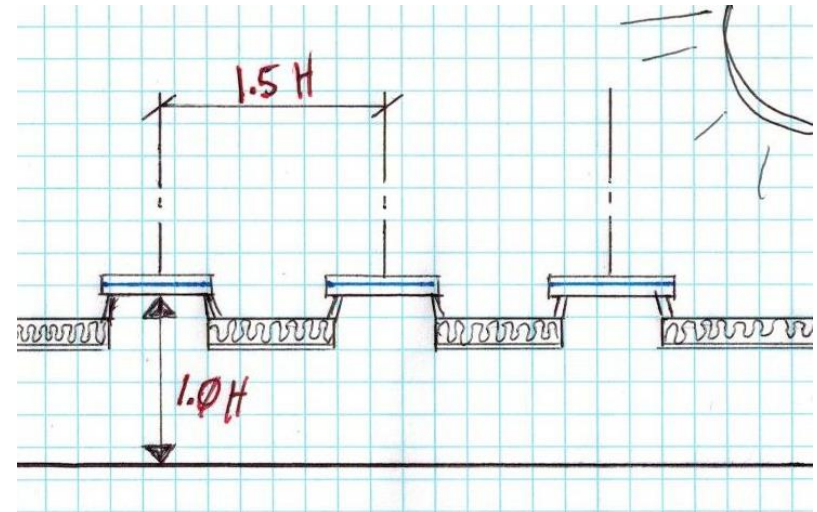


AAMA Skylight Council



# Spacing

- The general rule of thumb is to space skylights at 1.0 to 1.5 times the ceiling height (center-to-center in both directions)
- Actual designs can vary considerably based upon:
  - Skylight type
  - Light well depth and splays
  - Furniture or shelves



Cross-section

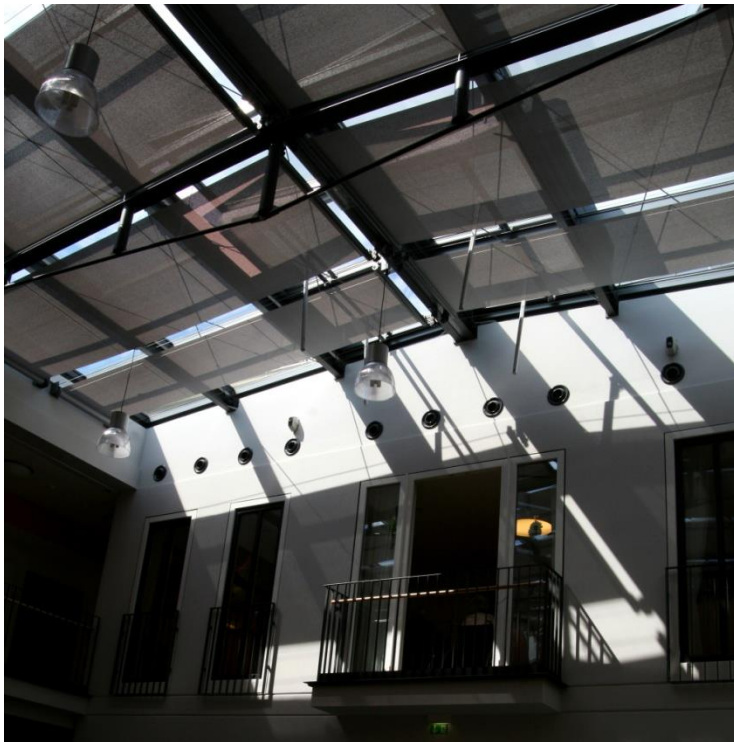
# Diffuse the Light

- External shading
- Internal treatments



# Glare/solar control

## Glass Roofs - shading



# Renewable Integration



# Ventilation Integration

In shoulder seasons (night time cooling)



Also for heat / smoke venting

# BMS Controls

Smoke  
Ventilation  
Fire Protection  
Sun Protection  
Access Systems



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