Safety/Security glass

Pilkington Optilam™
Pilkington Toughened Safety Glass
The importance of Safety/Security glass

Demanding safety legislation has highlighted the critical areas where modern safety glazing must comply with the required safe practice. Innovations in the development of Safety/Security glass has opened up new avenues of design, allowing people to be protected from personal injury or in the most extreme cases protecting buildings from various forms of attack.

With this in mind, we have developed a wide range of sophisticated products, in order to meet these ever increasing demands, without compromising on the design criteria of natural light and visibility. And, we are always at the forefront in developing products and industry standards, so that personal accident and serious injuries resulting from glass impact are further prevented or minimized.
What does “Safety” and “Security” mean?

Although Safety and Security are closely linked topics, it is important to understand the distinction between the two terms, to ensure the right glass is specified.

The term “Safety” is applied to glazing used to reduce the risk of accident by impact, fracture, shattering, or in a fire. The term “Security” is applied to glazing, which in addition to “Safety”, is able to withstand a variety of deliberate attacks such as manual, ballistic or blast resistant.

Using the right type of glass for security applications is not enough to ensure the necessary resistance to severe loads. Since the glass can behave differently in different framing systems, it is imperative to combine high performance glazing with high performance framing systems to achieve the level of protection required.
The standards

**EN 12600 Glass in building - Pendulum Test - Impact test method and classification for flat glass**

This is the standard for testing and classifying flat glass products by performance under impact and by mode of breakage. It is similar to the previously used swing bag test whereby a weight cushioned with two rubber tyres is allowed to swing at the glass from 3 heights.

The classifications are summarised in Table 1.

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<th>Classification</th>
<th>Mode of breakage types</th>
<th>Drop height [mm]</th>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>A, B, C</td>
<td>190</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>A, B, C</td>
<td>450</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>A, B, C</td>
<td>1200</td>
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The classification has three components:

- The first is the drop height class (i.e. 1, 2 or 3) at which the product did not break or where it broke in accordance with the first two types of breakage as follows:
  - Numerous cracks appear, but no shear or opening that allows 76 mm diameter sphere to pass through when a maximum force of 25 N is applied. Additionally, if particles are detached from the test piece up to three minutes after impact, they shall, in total, weigh no more than a mass equivalent to 10,000 mm² of the original test piece.
  - Disintegration occurs and the 10 largest crack free particles are collected within three minutes and weighed, all together, weigh no more than the mass equivalent to 6,500 mm² of the original test piece.

**EN 356 Glass in building - Security glazing - Testing and classification of resistance against manual attack**

This specifies the requirements and test methods for glass designed to be resistant to manual attack. The glass is subjected to impact from a steel ball with a mass of 4.11 kg for classes P1A to P5A and an axe for classes P6B to P8B.

The classes of resistance are summarised below in Table 2.

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<tr>
<th>Class of resistance</th>
<th>Drop height [mm]</th>
<th>The number of strikes</th>
<th>Code designation of resistance class</th>
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<tr>
<td>P1A</td>
<td>1500</td>
<td>3 in a triangle</td>
<td>EN 356 P1A</td>
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<tr>
<td>P2A</td>
<td>3000</td>
<td>3 in a triangle</td>
<td>EN 356 P2A</td>
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<td>P3A</td>
<td>6000</td>
<td>3 in a triangle</td>
<td>EN 356 P3A</td>
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<td>P4A</td>
<td>9000</td>
<td>3 in a triangle</td>
<td>EN 356 P4A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P5A</td>
<td>9000</td>
<td>3 × 3 in a triangle</td>
<td>EN 356 P5A</td>
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<tr>
<td>P6B</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>from 30 to 50</td>
<td>EN 356 P6B</td>
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<td>P7B</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>from 51 to 70</td>
<td>EN 356 P7B</td>
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<tr>
<td>P8B</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>more than 70</td>
<td>EN 356 P8B</td>
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This specifies the performance requirements and test methods for the classification of bullet resistant glass, based on attacks by handguns, rifles and shotguns.

Dependent on the classification, the test consists of 3 shots fired at the vertices of an equilateral triangle with the side length equal to the striking distance (or one shot at the centre point for class SG).

If the glass sample has not been pierced by the shots then the required class is achieved. Behind the glass sample is an aluminium witness sheet. If after the shots have been fired there are some perforations on it, then the resistance class must have the suffix S (splinters), otherwise it is classified NS (no splinters).

The classes of resistance are summarised below in Table 3.

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<tr>
<th>Class of resistance</th>
<th>Calibre</th>
<th>Bullet mass [g]</th>
<th>Bullet velocity [m/s]</th>
<th>Test range [m]</th>
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<tr>
<td>BR1-S</td>
<td>0.22 LR</td>
<td>2.6</td>
<td>360</td>
<td>10</td>
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<tr>
<td>BR1-NS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>BR2-S</td>
<td>9 mm Luger</td>
<td>8.0</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>BR2-NS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>BR3-S</td>
<td>0.357 Magnum</td>
<td>10.2</td>
<td>430</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>BR3-NS</td>
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<tr>
<td>BR4-S</td>
<td>0.44 Rem. Magnum</td>
<td>15.6</td>
<td>440</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>BR4-NS</td>
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<tr>
<td>BR5-S</td>
<td>5.56 × 45</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>950</td>
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<tr>
<td>BR6-S</td>
<td>7.62 × 51</td>
<td>9.5</td>
<td>830</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>BR6-NS</td>
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<tr>
<td>BR7-S</td>
<td>7.62 × 51</td>
<td>9.8</td>
<td>820</td>
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<tr>
<td>SG1-S</td>
<td>Shotgun 12/70*</td>
<td>31.0</td>
<td>420</td>
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<td>Shotgun 12/70</td>
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* One strike only.
What is toughened glass?

Toughened glass is manufactured by subjecting the final glass size to a heating and cooling treatment which sets up high compressive stresses at the surface, and balancing tensile stresses in the centre of the glass, which increases its strength. The result is a glass that is 4 or 5 times stronger than ordinary glass of the same thickness.

How it works

The high compressive surface stresses give the glass its increased resistance to mechanical and thermal stresses. It can, however, break under extreme loads or by severe impact. When broken, toughened glass shatters into small, blunt-edged fragments, reducing the risk of personal injury.

Heat strengthened glass is produced by a similar process to toughened glass, however, the strength developed is about half that of toughened glass. It does not meet the safe break criteria for safety glass because its breakage pattern resembles that of annealed glass. It is used to provide glass that is resistant to thermal stress and for laminating where greater glass strength is required.

Most Pilkington glass is available in toughened form.
Applications

Pilkington Toughened Safety Glass provides an economical and proven solution where national standards or Codes of Practice specifically require the use of safety glazing material. Examples include passageways, areas of high pedestrian traffic, in doors and adjacent panels, shower and bath enclosures, balconies and barriers amongst others.

Pilkington Toughened Safety Glass product features:
- up to 5 times stronger than ordinary glass of the same thickness; offering a proven solution to safety and strength concerns;
- can be heat soaked for extra confidence in use;
- reduces the risk of thermal stress breakage of glass exposed to solar radiation;
- conforms to all EN 12150-1 requirements and is CE marked in accordance with EN 12150-2;
- achieves Class 1 to EN 12600 with a mode of breakage type C;
- thicker glass achieves the highest classification of 1 (C) 1 to EN 12600.
Introducing Pilkington Optilam™ laminated glass

**What is laminated glass?**

Laminated glass is produced by combining two or more sheets of float glass with one or more interlayers. The most popular interlayer used is a polyvinylbutyral (PVB) interlayer, which is processed with heat and pressure under factory conditions.

**How it works**

The interlayers ensure the integrity of the glass, by holding the broken pieces in place should any damage occur. In fact, glass fragments adhere strongly to the interlayer, while the resistant cushioning effect dissipates the energy. Our laminated glass is called Pilkington Optilam™. Its performance can be influenced simply by changing the number and thickness of each layer of glass and PVB interlayer. By doing this, we can offer a wide range of products suitable for many applications.

For additional noise control performance, the product is further enhanced by using specially developed acoustic interlayers (i.e. Pilkington Optiphon™).

If you would like more detailed information on Pilkington Optiphon™, please ask for our separate brochure.

Pilkington Optilam™ safety glass product features:
- class 2(B)2 performance to EN 12600 achieved through Pilkington Optilam™ 6.4 mm, which is the most widely used thickness for protecting people against risk of accidental injury;
- up to Class 1 (B) 1 can be achieved (dependent upon thickness and type);
- can be used in many applications including glazed building entrances, internal doors, overhead and roof glazing, swimming pools and windows in critical risk locations;
- available in a wide range of thicknesses;
- available incorporating Pilkington Optifloat™ Tint and Pilkington Suncool™ range of glass, or a tinted PVB interlayer (Pilkington Optilam™ I) to provide both safety and solar control properties;
- available in combination with Pilkington KGlass™ or Pilkington Optitherm™ to enhance thermal insulation whilst providing safety, or with Pilkington Activ™ to provide additional self-cleaning properties.

* NB: Clear float, tinted or low-iron glass may be used.

The above diagram illustrates the multiple layer system in its simplest form of 2 × glass sheets and 1 × PVB interlayer.
Applications

In addition to safety, security and noise control, Pilkington Optilam™ may also be used to provide supplementary benefits such as solar control, thermal insulation, self cleaning and decoration.

Pilkington Optilam™ security glass product features (in addition to safety):
- meets EN 356 in addition to safety glass requirements (EN 12600);
- retains its overall integrity and continues to act as a barrier even if the glass breaks;
- protects from vandalism and burglary;
- protects against break-ins by preventing or slowing down burglary attempts;
- able to withstand repeated blows from heavy objects such as bricks, hammers or crowbars;
- can be used in typical applications which display valuable goods, such as banks, building societies, museums, as well as safety glazing in hospitals and prisons;
- provides higher levels of UV protection than monolithic glass types.

Pilkington Optilam™ product features, suitable for bullet resistance (in addition to safety and security):
- conforms to EN 1063 or to national specifications;
- protects and gives peace of mind from armed aggressors;
- penetration resistant from bullets fired from handguns, shotguns, modern high performance firearms and high velocity military rifles;
- available in 11.5 mm to 73 mm thicknesses to suit different levels of threat;
- may be used in applications in high risk buildings such as banks, post offices, building societies, embassies, cash offices, military establishments and VIP residences.
**Protection against ultraviolet radiation**

Pilkington Optilam™ absorbs UV radiation (UVB and UVA) which can affect the colour of objects exposed to it. The very low UV transmittance of Pilkington Optilam™ helps to protect materials prone to fading when subjected to prolonged exposure to UV radiation*.

* Fading of materials may also be influenced by factors other than exposure to UV radiation.

**Solar control laminated glass**

Pilkington Optilam™ can be manufactured with different types of interlayers or it can be combined with solar control glass to provide medium, good or high solar control and is aesthetically pleasing.

Product range:
- Pilkington Suncool Optilam™
- Pilkington Eclipse Advantage Optilam™
- Pilkington Optilam™ Tint – manufactured with body tinted glass
- Pilkington Optilam™ I – manufactured with a tinted interlayer
Thermal insulation laminated glass

To ensure thermal comfort Pilkington Optilam™ can be supplied incorporating low-emissivity glass such as Pilkington K Glass™ or Pilkington Optitherm™ range of products.

Product range:
Pilkington Optilam K Glass™
Pilkington Optilam™ Therm

Self-cleaning laminated glass

Pilkington Activ™ self-cleaning glass is available in a range of laminated products:
Pilkington Activ Optilam™
Pilkington Activ Suncool Optilam™
Pilkington Activ Optilam™ Therm

Decorative laminated glass

Decorative laminated glass provides designers with considerable artistic freedom to allow their designs to be fully realised.

Product range:
Pilkington Optilam™ made of textured glass
Pilkington Optilam™ OW manufactured with Pilkington Optiwhite™
Pilkington Optilam™ I made with a coloured or white translucent interlayer
CE marking confirms that a product complies with its relevant harmonised European Norm.
The CE marking label for each product, including declared values, can be found at www.pilkington.com/CE

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