

Vacuum Insulated Glazing  
Pilkington **Spacia**™

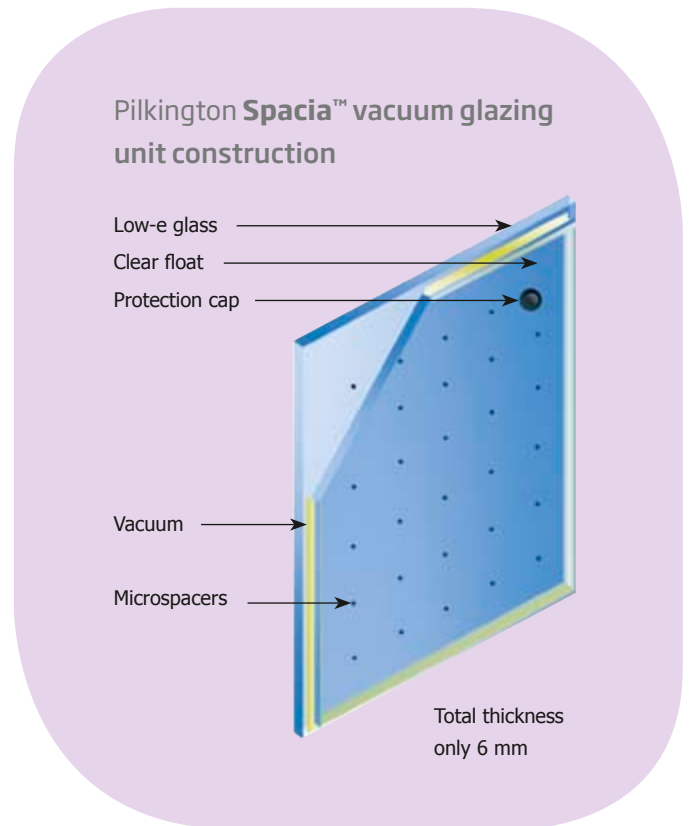
# Pilkington Spacia™

## Vacuum Insulating Glazing

Pilkington **Spacia™** is the world's first commercially available vacuum glazing, offering the thermal performance of conventional double glazing in the same thickness as a single glass pane. Because of the thin profile, it is often a good fit for historic restoration projects as it balances historical preservation with modern comfort and environmental requirements.

### How it is made

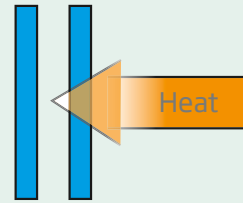
Pilkington **Spacia™** is different than conventional double glazing. While it does consist of an outer pane of low-emissivity glass and an inner pane of clear float glass, instead of leaving a gap for air or argon, the air between the two panes of glass is extracted creating a vacuum and leaving a space of only 0.2 mm. To maintain this space, the two panes are separated by a microspacer grid of tiny pillars, each measuring 0.5 mm in diameter. The grid ensures that the panes are kept a fixed distance apart. The edges are welded to achieve a hermetic seal. The result is excellent thermal performance from a unit that is only slightly thicker than single glass.



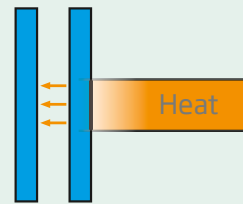
## How it works

A vacuum provides excellent thermal efficiency and if the pressure is low enough, it will eliminate the conductive and convective heat exchange between the two panes of glass. In a standard double glazed unit with a low-e coating, the conduction/convection component can result in 70% of the heat lost and so eliminating this loss is significant. The vacuum space provided between the two panes with Pilkington **Spacia™** significantly reduces thermal conduction and convection, and a low-e coating reduces thermal radiation.

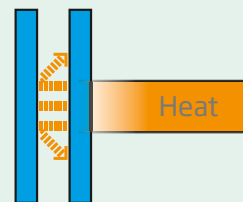
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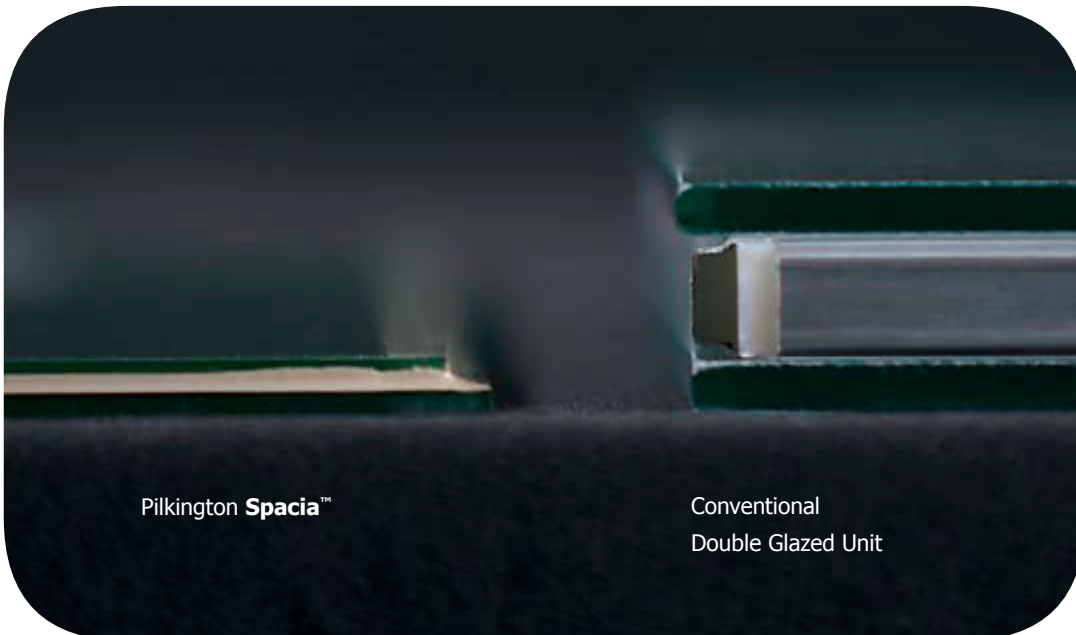
**Thermal Conduction**  
"Conduction" is the transfer of heat through an object. Since heat does not transfer in a vacuum, conduction is significantly reduced.



**Thermal Convection**  
"Convection" is the transfer of heat through fluid motion. Convection is significantly reduced in a vacuum in which no air or water exists.



**Thermal Radiation**  
"Radiation" is the transfer of thermal energy generated from an object to another object. Low-e coatings reduce thermal radiation.



Pilkington **Spacia™**

Conventional  
Double Glazed Unit

## Pilkington Spacia™ Product Lineup

The Pilkington **Spacia™** products include many variations, including types designed for high thermal performance and others with enhanced sound and thermal performance.

### Pilkington Spacia™ / Pilkington Spacia™ STII

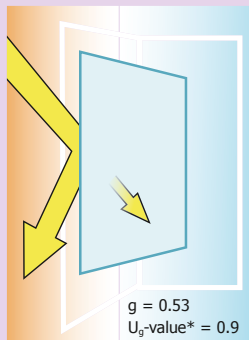
Standard Pilkington **Spacia™** is the original double glazed unit with a low-e coating for improved thermal control. The vacuum space between two panes provides thermal insulation approximately four times greater than a single pane. Pilkington **Spacia™** helps to maintain room temperature and significantly reduces condensation resistance.

### Pilkington Spacia™ Cool

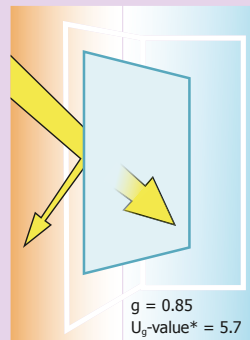
Pilkington **Spacia™** Cool is a double glazed unit with a solar control low-e coating to reduce solar heat gain, which also provides an improved  $U_g$ -value.

Pilkington **Spacia™** Cool reduces solar heat gain and improves thermal insulation more than five times greater than uncoated monolithic strength glass. The solar control properties work to retain comfortable room temperatures.

Pilkington **Spacia™** Cool



Monolithic Clear Glass



Figures demonstrate improved solar performance over clear glass.

\*  $W/m^2K$

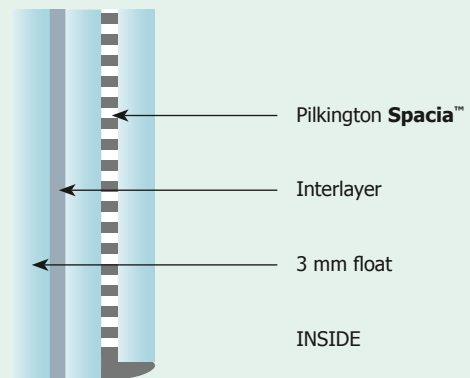
### Pilkington Super Spacia™

Pilkington **Super Spacia™** is slightly thicker with a total overall thickness of 8.2 mm but has the lowest  $U_g$ -value of all Pilkington **Spacia™** products. Additionally, it has a wider pillar array than standard Pilkington **Spacia™**.

### Pilkington Spacia™ Shizuka

Pilkington **Spacia™** Shizuka is double glazed unit with a laminated lite of clear glass for added safety performance and improved sound reduction. This unit provides thermal insulation and almost 100% UV absorption, in spite of its thin structure.

Pilkington **Spacia™** Shizuka vacuum glazing unit construction



### Pilkington Spacia™ Shizuka Cool

Pilkington **Spacia™** Shizuka Cool offers the same sound performance as standard Pilkington **Spacia™** Shizuka, with added solar control performance. This double glazed, laminated clear glass unit has an added solar control low-e coating for excellent sound control and interior comfort.

### Pilkington Spacia™ Opaque

The Pilkington **Spacia™** Opaque has the appearance of a sand blasted or acid etched glass on one lite to allow for more design opportunities while still achieving ideal thermal performance and thicknesses. The maximum size is 1800 mm × 1200 mm.

## Performance Data

Product	Thickness Available [mm]	Interior pane [mm]	Gap	Exterior pane [mm]
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™	6.2 8.2 10.2	3 mm Clear 3 mm Clear 5 mm Clear	0.2 mm vacuum	3 mm Pilkington <b>Energy Advantage</b> ™ Clear 5 mm Pilkington <b>Energy Advantage</b> ™ Clear 5 mm Pilkington <b>Energy Advantage</b> ™ Clear
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ STII	6.2	3 mm Clear	0.2 mm vacuum	3 mm single silver
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ Cool	6.2 8.2 10.2	3 mm Clear 3 mm Clear 5 mm Clear	0.2 mm vacuum	3 mm single silver 5 mm single silver 5 mm single silver
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ Shizuka	9.2 9.7 10.7 11.7	Laminates a pane to the exterior face of any of the above versions		
Pilkington <b>Super Spacia</b> ™	8.2	4 mm Clear	0.2 mm vacuum	4 mm single silver

Product	Thickness [mm]	Maximum Size [mm]	Minimum Size [mm]
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™	6.2	2400 × 1500	335 × 120
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™	10.2	3000 × 2000	335 × 120
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ Cool	6.2/ 8.2/10.2	2400 × 1500	335 × 120
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ Shizuka	9.2/9.7/10.7/11.7	2400 × 1240	335 × 120
Pilkington <b>Super Spacia</b> ™	8.2	2400 × 1500	335 × 200

Product	Thickness [mm]	Visible Light (%)			Solar Energy (%)			U <sub>g</sub> -value [W/m <sup>2</sup> K]**
		Transmittance	Reflectance		Direct transmittance	Reflectance	Total solar heat transmittance (g-value)*	
			External	Internal				
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™	6.2	75	16	17	62	15	68	1.2
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ STII	6.2	78	13	14	62	17	67	1.1
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ Cool	6.2	70	23	20	48	34	53	0.9
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ Shizuka	9.2	73	15	17	56	12	63	1.2
Pilkington <b>Super Spacia</b> ™	8.2	69	23	20	47	32	52	0.7

\* calculated value in general accordance with EN 410

\*\* measured value in accordance with EN 674

Outer Pane	Cavity – Gas Fill	Inner Pane	U <sub>g</sub> -value [W/m <sup>2</sup> K]***	
			Argon	Krypton
4 mm Pilkington <b>Optitherm</b> ™ S3	16 mm	Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ ST II 6.2 mm	0.6	0.6
4 mm Pilkington <b>Optitherm</b> ™ S3	12 mm	Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ ST II 6.2 mm	0.7	0.6
4 mm Pilkington <b>Optitherm</b> ™ S3	8 mm	Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ ST II 6.2 mm	0.8	0.6
4 mm Pilkington <b>Optitherm</b> ™ S1	16 mm	Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ ST II 6.2 mm	0.6	0.6
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\*\*\* calculated in general accordance with EN 673

## Features and Benefits

- Thermal performance of modern double glazing in the same thickness as a single pane of glass
- Minimum disruption to existing older window frames and sashes as it can be retro-fitted into the existing frames
- Cost effective method of improving the energy of older homes and buildings
- Improved acoustic performance over single glazing or standard IGU, enhancing the living and working environment
- Custom sizes available
- Proven technology; successfully used in Japan and other countries for over 20 years
- Pilkington provides a ten year warranty to the installer
- Some products in the Pilkington **Spacia™** range are available in shapes. For more details of the available shapes, please refer to the Pilkington **Spacia™** technical datasheet.



## Noise Control

In addition to thermal insulation, the Pilkington **Spacia™** range provides sound insulation to block out noises generated inside and outside a room, enhancing acoustic performance and creating the ultimate quiet environment. As sound transmission through a vacuum is low, Pilkington **Spacia™** achieves higher levels of sound insulation than conventional single and double glazing.

## Sound insulation of Pilkington **Spacia™**

Product	R <sub>w</sub> (C; C <sub>r</sub> ) dB
Pilkington <b>Spacia™</b>	
6.2mm Pilkington <b>Spacia™</b>	35 (-1; -3)
9.2mm Pilkington <b>Spacia™</b> Shizuka	37 (-1; -3)
Conventional glazing	
Single glazing (6 mm float)	31 (-2; -3)
Double glazing (4 mm – 16 mm argon – 4 mm)	31 (-2; -5)

Note. The value for single glazing is a generally accepted value for generic products taken from EN 12758. They are conservative values that can be used in the absence of measured data. The values for Pilkington **Spacia™** and the insulating glass unit have been measured in accordance with EN ISO 10140 and R<sub>w</sub> (C; C<sub>r</sub>) determined in accordance with EN ISO 717-1.

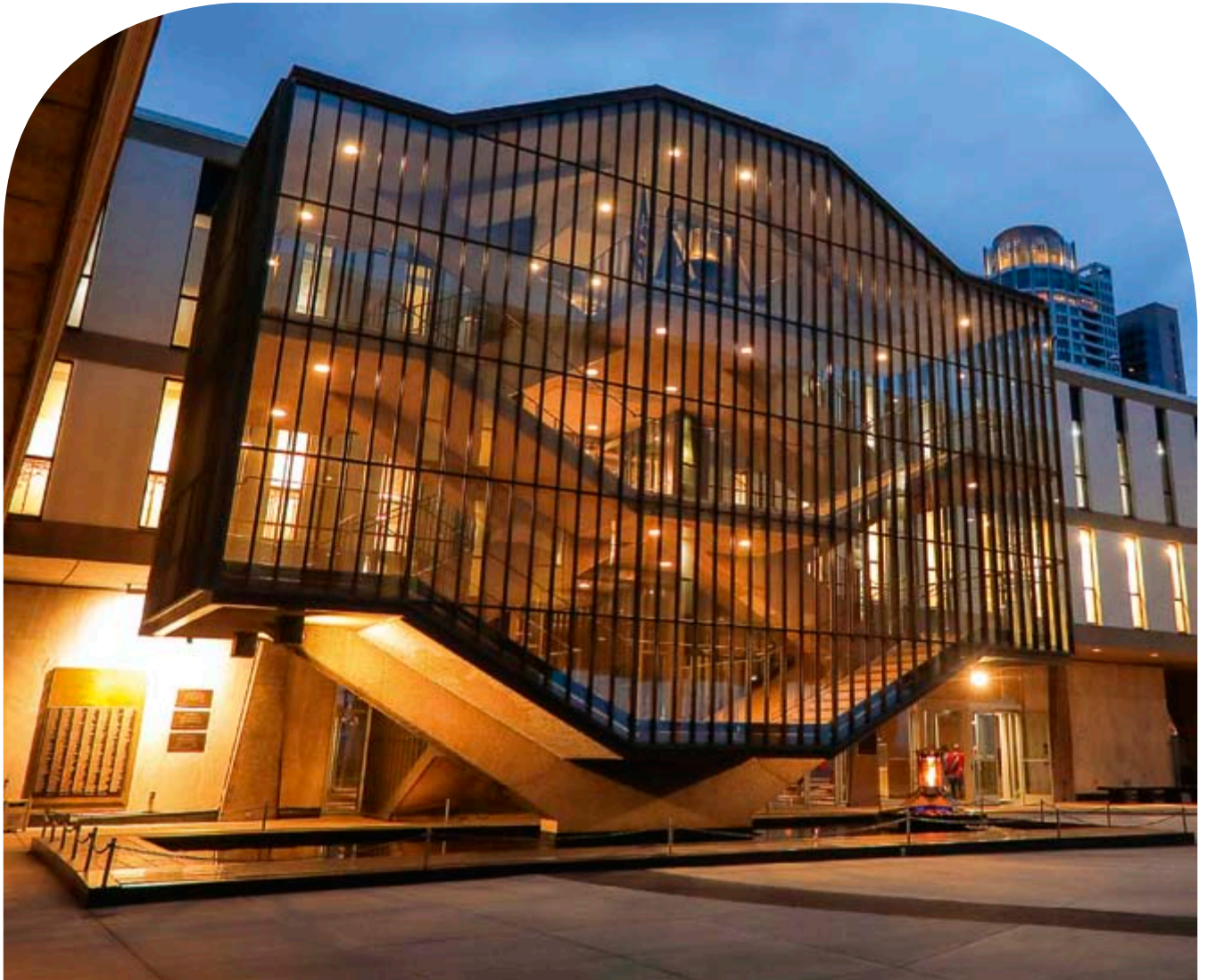
## Applications

With a narrow overall thickness and good acoustic performance, Pilkington **Spacia™** is ideal for use in variety of building types. Various types of Pilkington **Spacia™** are available for a multitude of glazing solutions.

Pilkington **Spacia™** offers historic buildings the ability to maintain original design, while improving glazing performance. It may even allow the use of the original frames if these are in a reasonable or repairable condition.

- Ideal for use in historic buildings
- Sliding windows
- Secondary glazing
- As part of a triple glazed window\*

\* The risk of thermal fracture of glass due to solar radiation depends upon many factors, including location, orientation, frame construction and shading. The risk is generally higher for Pilkington **Super Spacia™** in double glazing and Pilkington **Spacia™** in triple glazing. Before considering the use of Pilkington **Spacia™** in these applications, please consult NSG Group for advice.



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