

Vacuum Insulated Glazing  
Pilkington **Spacia™**

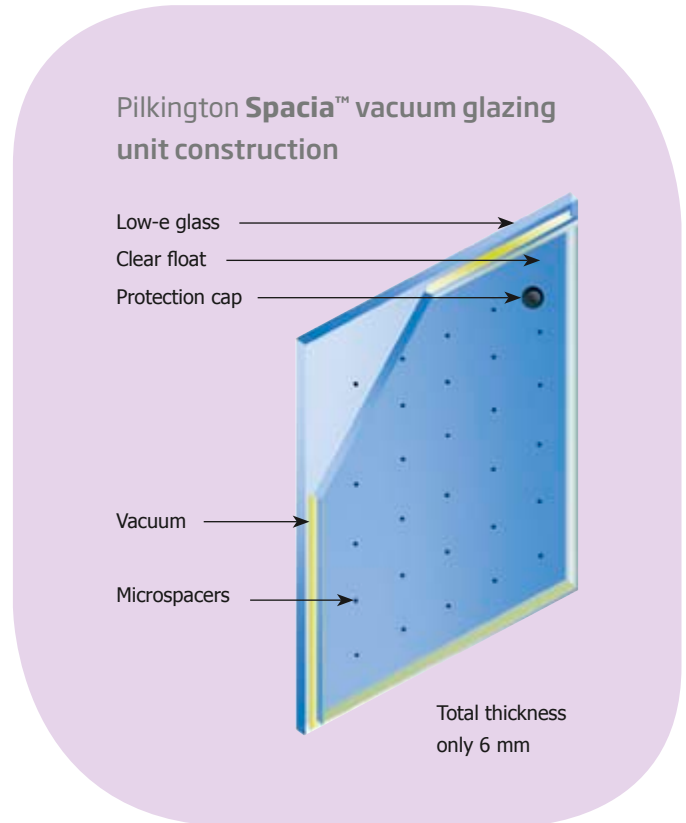
# Pilkington **Spacia**™

## 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.

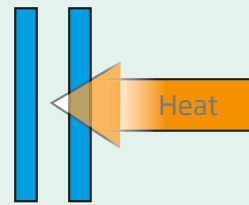




## How it works

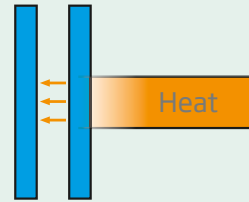
A vacuum provides excellent thermal efficiency and if the pressure is low enough, it will eliminate the conductive and convective heat exchange between the two panes of glass. In a standard double glazed unit with a low-e coating, the conduction/convection component can result in 70% of the heat lost 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.

### Types of heat transfer



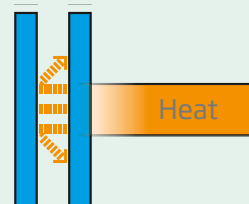
#### Thermal Conduction

"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**™

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.

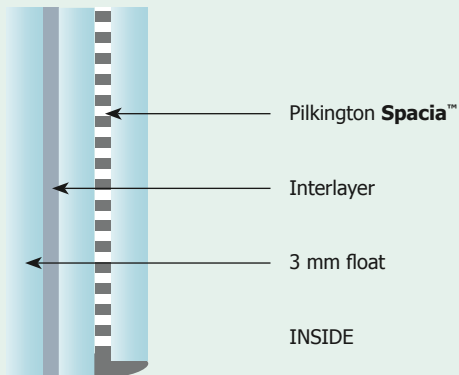
### Pilkington **Super Spacia**™

Pilkington **Super Spacia**™ is slightly thicker with a total overall thickness of 10.2 mm but has the lowest U-factor 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

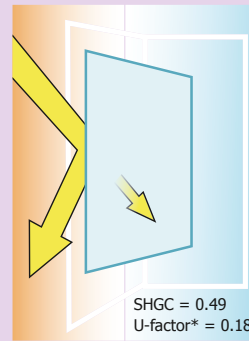


### Pilkington **Spacia**™ Cool

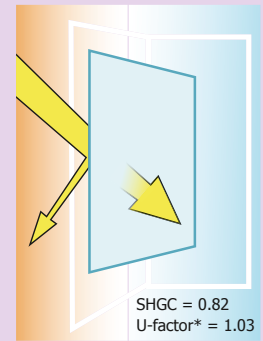
Pilkington **Spacia**™ Cool is a double glazed unit with a solar control low-e coating to reduce solar heat gain, which also provides an improved U-factor.

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.

\* Btu/hr ft<sup>2</sup> °F

### 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 lite (mm)	Gap	Exterior lite (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 Clear Pilkington <b>Energy Advantage</b> ™ 5 mm Clear Pilkington <b>Energy Advantage</b> ™ 5 mm Clear Pilkington <b>Energy Advantage</b> ™
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 double silver 5 mm double silver 5 mm double silver
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ Shizuka	9.2 9.7 10.7 11.7	Laminates a lite to the exterior face of any of the above versions		
Pilkington <b>Super Spacia</b> ™	10.2	5 mm Clear	0.2 mm vacuum	5 mm double silver

Product	Thickness (mm)	U-Factor (Wm <sup>2</sup> /K) / (Btu/hr ft <sup>2</sup> °F)	SHGC	Maximum Size	Minimum Size
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™	6.2	1.4 (0.25)	0.66	2400 x 1500 (94½ x 59⅙)	335 x 120 (13⅜ x 4¾)
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™	10.2	1.4 (0.25)	0.66	3000 x 2000 (118⅙ x 78¾)	335 x 120 (13⅜ x 4¾)
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ Cool	6.2	1.0 (0.18)	0.49	2400 x 1500 (94½ x 59⅙)	335 x 120 (13⅜ x 4¾)
Pilkington <b>Super Spacia</b> ™	10.2	0.65 (0.11)	0.49	2400 x 1500 (94½ x 59⅙)	335 x 120 (13⅜ x 4¾)

Product	Thickness (mm)	Visible Light <sup>2</sup> (%)		Solar Energy <sup>2</sup> (%)		U-Factor <sup>5</sup>		Solar Heat Gain Coefficient <sup>7</sup>
		Transmittance <sup>3</sup>	Reflectance <sup>4</sup>	Transmittance <sup>3</sup>	Reflectance <sup>4</sup>	Europe (Wm <sup>2</sup> /K)	U.S. Winter (Btu/hr ft <sup>2</sup> °F)	
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™	6.2	76	16	61	15	1.4	0.25	0.66
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ Cool	6.2	70	23	46	36	1.0	0.18	0.49
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ Shizuka	9.2	73	15	56	13	1.4	0.25	0.61
Pilkington <b>Spacia</b> ™ Cool Shizuka	9.2	68	22	42	29	1.0	0.18	0.46
Pilkington <b>Super Spacia</b> ™	10.2	68	16	—	—	0.65	0.12	0.49

U.S. U-Factor (Btu/hr ft<sup>2</sup> °F) is based on NFRC/ASTM standards. All performance values are center-of-glass values calculated by the LBNL Window 6.3 program.

See Pilkington Architectural Product Guide for explanation of superscript references <sup>2-7</sup>.

All products are available in thicker forms if additional glass strength is required.

## 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



## Noise Control

In addition to thermal efficiency, the Pilkington **Spacia™** products provide sound insulation to block out noises generated inside and outside a room, enhancing acoustic performance and creating the ultimate quiet environment.

While 6 mm monolithic glazing provides an STC of 31, Pilkington **Spacia™** provides improved acoustic performance within the same profile thickness. Pilkington **Spacia™** provides acoustic performance comparable to that of modern double glazed unit comprised of two 6mm plies of glass separated by a 12 mm air space with an STC of 34.

### Pilkington **Spacia™**

Unit	STC
Pilkington <b>Spacia™</b> 6.2 mm (unit constructed of two 3 mm lites)	34
Pilkington <b>Spacia™</b> 8.2 mm (unit constructed of 5 mm & 3 mm lites)	33
Pilkington <b>Super Spacia™</b> 10.2 mm (unit constructed of 5 mm & 5 mm lites)	36

Frequency range: 100 - 5000 Hz

### Pilkington **Spacia™** Shizuka

Unit	STC
Pilkington <b>Spacia™</b> Shizuka 9.2 mm (unit constructed of 2.5 mm/3 mm & 3 mm lites)	36
Pilkington <b>Spacia™</b> Shizuka 9.7 mm (unit constructed of 3 mm / 3 mm & 3 mm lites)	37
Pilkington <b>Spacia™</b> Shizuka 10.7 mm (unit constructed of 4 mm / 3 mm & 3 mm lites)	37
Pilkington <b>Spacia™</b> Shizuka 11.7 mm (unit constructed of 5 mm / 3 mm & 3 mm glass)	38

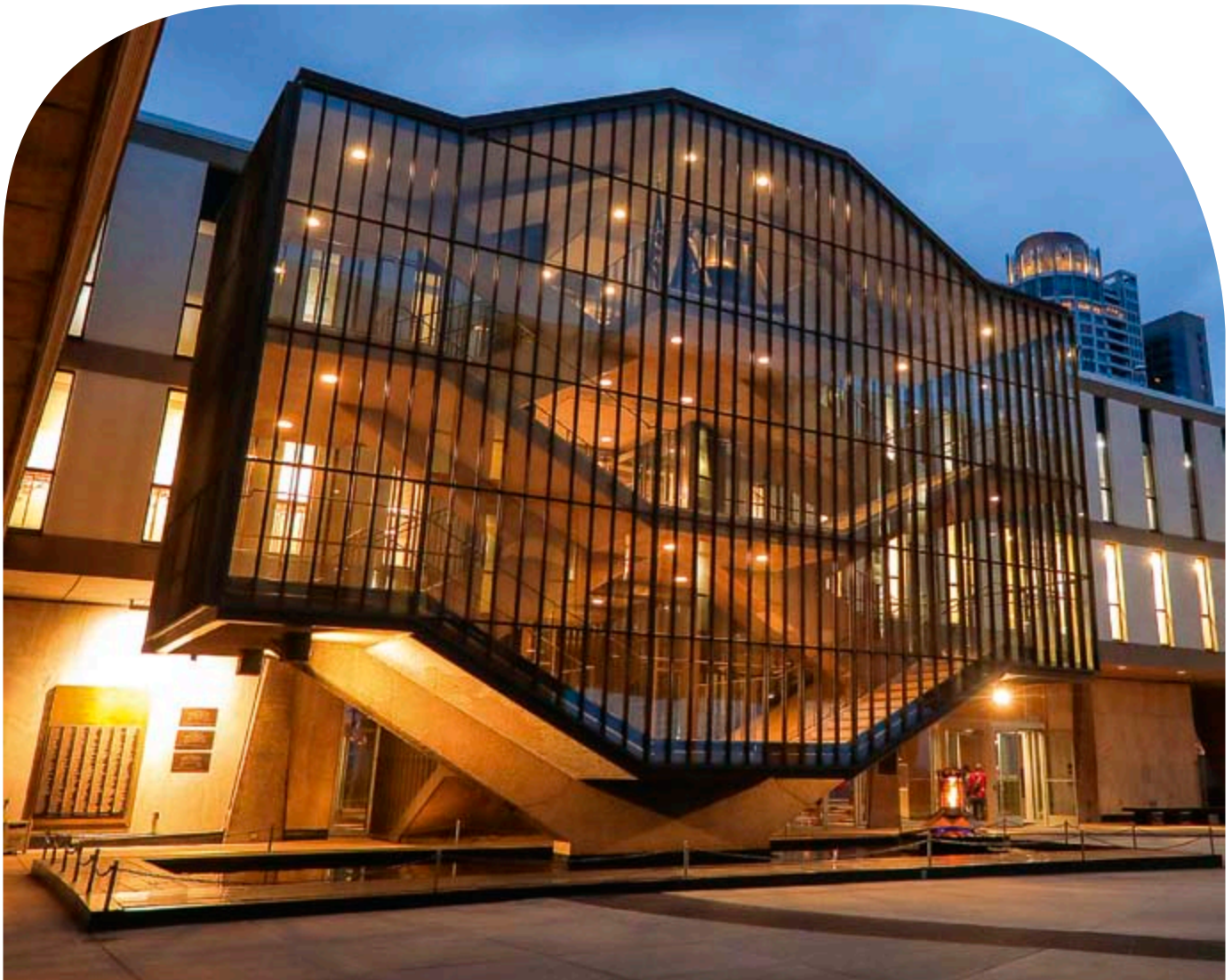
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## Applications

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



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