

Insulating Glass U-values In Sloped Glazing Applications

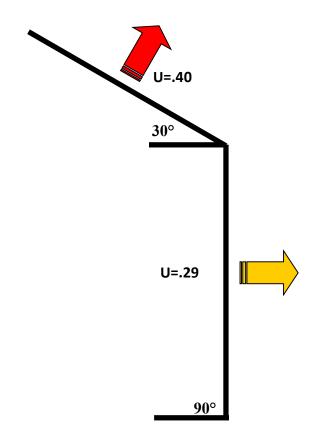
In most manufacturers' literature, Uvalues are listed for vertical installations only, where the glass is rotated up 90° from horizontal.

The LBNL WINDOW computer program allows you to change the angle of slope of the IG unit. As the angle of slope changes, so does the U-value of the IG unit. With Vitro's (formerly PPG) Solarban[®] 60 low-e glass, Solarban[®] 70 low-e glass and Solarban[®] 90 low-e glass, the winter nighttime U-values at different slope angles are as follows, according to the WINDOW 7.4 computer program.

	Winter Nighttime U-value		
Angle	SB60	SB70	SB90
Vertical 90 ⁰	0.29	0.29	0.29
75 ⁰	0.31	0.31	0.31
60 ⁰	0.33	0.33	0.33
45 ⁰	0.37	0.37	0.37
30 ⁰	0.40	0.40	0.40
15 ⁰	0.42	0.42	0.42
Horizontal 0 ⁰	0.44	0.43	0.43

Data is for 1" IG units, with a ½" airspace, coated on the #2 surface.

The data shows that heat transfer occurs more slowly in vertical glazing compared to sloped glazing. In skylights, as the slope becomes flatter or more horizontal, the rate of heat transfer through the glazing increases. In other words, the same glass used in a vertically glazed application will lose heat more slowly in winter than in a sloped glazed application.





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HISTORY TABLE				
ITEM	DATE	DESCRIPTION		
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Revision #2	1/25/2019	Updated the Vitro Logo and format		
Revision #3	8/14/2024	Update WINDOW version, change coatings to SB60, SB70, and SB90		

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