



Pilkington **Spacia**[™] – revolutionary vacuum glazing

The width of single glazing

The warmth of double glazing



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Advanced Pilkington **Spacia**™ technology is the World's first commercially available 'Vacuum Glazing'. It provides a similar level of energy efficiency as modern double glazing, but in a unit that is typically only a quarter of the thickness. This brings a new degree of thermal performance to older buildings, and opportunities for thin glazing in new buildings. Pilkington **Spacia**™ offers a real solution to the problem of balancing historical preservation with modern comfort and environmental requirements. It may even allow the use of the original frames as well as authentic copies and in most cases, can be used in secondary glazing applications.

The importance of energy-efficient glazing

Advances in technology have made windows a significant contributor to the energy efficiency of new homes. Current restrictions, which were put in place to preserve the character of the nation's buildings, in some circumstances prevent the improvement of thermal efficiency by not permitting upgrading from single glazing. So, whilst these properties look appealing, they carry a heavy price in terms of reduced internal comfort levels, high heating costs and carbon footprint. Pilkington **Spacia**™ vacuum glazing can provide a huge step change



in window energy efficiency in older properties without sacrificing the style and appearance of the window frames.

Protection cap

The vacuum creation process in Pilkington **Spacia**™ results in an extraction point located 50 mm from the glass edge. This point is covered by a small permanent cap (typically 12 mm diameter), which must remain on the glass surface and should be glazed towards the inside of the building. You can choose to have the cap positioned in any corner of the pane providing it is not a shaped unit. This should be made clear prior to the order being placed.

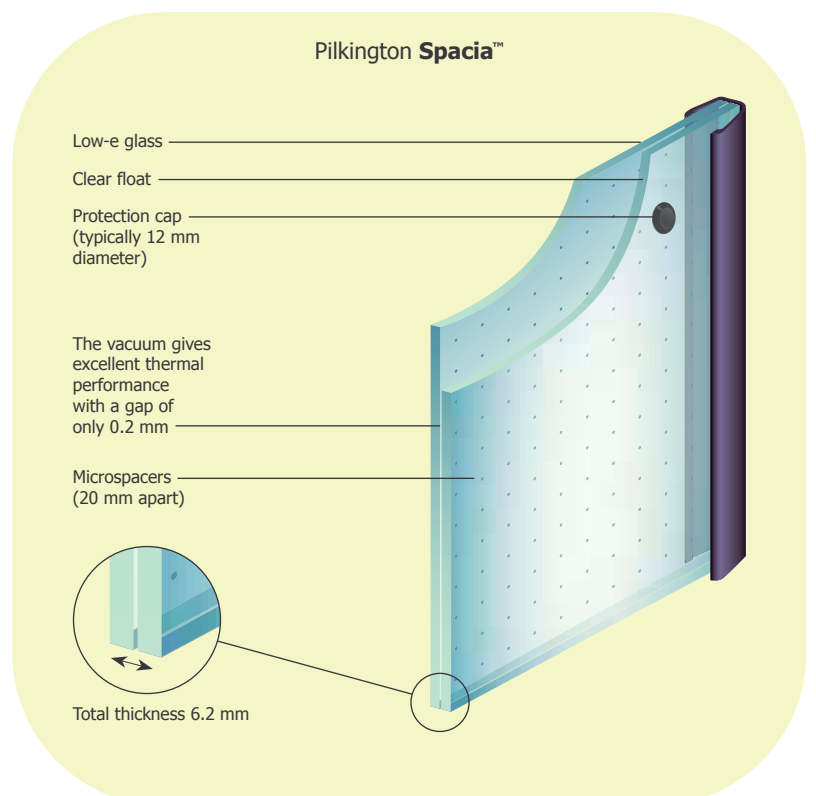
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How it works

Pilkington **Spacia™** vacuum glazing consists of an outer pane of low-emissivity glass and an inner pane of clear float glass, separated by a micro spacer grid of small pillars each measuring just 0.5 mm diameter, set 20 mm apart, which are robotically positioned, with 'intelligent' camera checking. This grid ensures that the two glass panes are kept a fixed distance apart. The edges are welded to achieve a hermetic seal. Air is extracted to create a vacuum via the extraction point, rather than being air or gas filled. The result is an excellent thermal performance from a unit that is only slightly thicker than single glass.



A new level of performance for older buildings

Pilkington **Spacia**™ provides similar energy efficiency performance as a high performance standard double glazed unit containing a low-emissivity glass, such as product from the Pilkington **K Glass**™ range, but in a much thinner profile. It is therefore perfectly suited for use in original, refurbishment or new thin profile frames, allowing the property to maintain its original appearance.

Pilkington **Spacia**™ provides a cost-effective method of improving the energy efficiency of older properties where glazing choice is restricted, or where the original frames are a desirable feature.

- Pilkington **Spacia**™ has five times better thermal insulation than single glazing with a U_g -value of $1.1 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$, helping to reduce heat loss from the property
- Suitable as a replacement for single glazing in original frames, to retain the appearance of older traditional buildings
- Suitable for other applications where use of thinner, low-weight glazing is desirable, such as sliding box sashes
- 10 year warranty with an even longer life expectancy
- Can be used in secondary glazing applications for enhanced thermal performance
- Where there is a risk of overheating in the summer, there is also a solar control version, Pilkington **Spacia**™ Cool. Providing medium performance solar control, and a U_g -value of $0.9 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$
- Reduced interior noise levels of $R_w (C; C_{tr})$ 35 (-1;-3) dB when compared to 29 (-2;-3) dB for 4 mm single glazing
- Greater internal comfort, as cold spots close to the window are reduced
- Internal condensation risk levels are significantly reduced when compared to single glazing
- Compatible with most silicone sealants and a broad range of putties for a traditional finish
- Can be leaded to match traditional designs
- Face applied bead can be used to mimic existing Georgian designs if one large pane is preferred to using several small panes
- A range of non-rectangular shapes, for flexibility with original frames (upon request)
- Pilkington **Spacia**™ Opaque version is available where privacy is required
- Proven solution; successfully used in Japan for almost 20 years
- Large maximum sizes to accommodate most glazing areas
- Minimum size – 350 mm × 200 mm
- Improves energy efficiency, reduces carbon emissions and your heating bills

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Pilkington **Spacia**™ – technical data

Product	Nominal thickness [mm]	Light Transmittance	Light Reflectance	Centre Pane U _g -value [W/m²K]	Solar		Total Solar Heat Transmittance (g value)
					Direct Transmittance	Reflectance	
Single Glazing							
6 mm Pilkington Spacia ™	6.2	0.78	0.13	1.1	0.62	0.17	0.67
6 mm Pilkington Spacia ™ Cool	6.2	0.70	0.23	0.9	0.48	0.34	0.53
Traditional Glazing options							
4 mm Pilkington Optifloat ™ Clear	4	0.90	0.08	5.8	0.85	0.08	0.87
4 mm Pilkington Optifloat ™ Clear / 16 mm air / 4 mm Pilkington K Glass ™	24	0.75	0.18	1.7	0.62	0.16	0.73

Max size: 2400 mm × 1500 mm. Min size: 335 mm × 120 mm. Pilkington **Spacia**™ Opaque max size: 1800 mm × 1200 mm.

The above table is determined in general accordance with EN 410 and EN 673 with the exception of the U value for Pilkington **Spacia**™ which has been measured in accordance with EN 674.



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