
**Glass in building — Laminated glass
and laminated safety glass —**

**Part 1:
Vocabulary and description of
component parts**

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- definitions in [Clause 3](#) has been modified.

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Part 1: Vocabulary and description of component parts

1 Scope

This document defines terms and describes component parts for laminated glass and laminated safety glass for use in building.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 12543-2, *Glass in building — Laminated glass and laminated safety glass — Part 2: Laminated safety glass*

ISO 12543-3, *Glass in building — Laminated glass and laminated safety glass — Part 3: Laminated glass*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 General

3.1.1

laminated glass

assembly consisting of one sheet of glass with one or more sheets of glass and/or plastic glazing sheet material joined together with one or more *interlayers* (3.2.7)

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 12543-3.

3.1.2

laminated safety glass

laminated glass (3.1.1) classified in accordance with a soft body impact standard where in the case of breakage the *interlayer* (3.2.7) serves to retain the glass fragments, limits the size of opening, offers residual resistance and reduces the risk of cutting or piercing injuries

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 12543-2.

3.2 Laminated glass and laminated safety glass

3.2.1

fire-resistant laminated glass

fire-resistant laminated glass with a fire-resistant interlayer

laminated glass (3.1.1) where at least one *interlayer* (3.2.7) reacts to the high temperature to give the product its fire resistance

Note 1 to entry: A glass product can only have its fire performance determined and classified when used in a fire-resistant glazed assembly.

Note 2 to entry: Laminated glass may achieve fire resistance by means of the performance of one or more of its glass components which are kept after lamination. This laminated glass has to be distinguished from the fire-resistant laminated glass with the fire resistant interlayer as defined above.

3.2.2

laminated glass with acoustic properties

laminated glass (3.1.1) where at least one *interlayer* (3.2.7) increases the sound transmission loss of the product

Note 1 to entry: The interlayer can be evaluated in accordance with ISO 16940, which measures the mechanical impedance of laminated glass.

3.2.3

symmetrical laminated glass

laminated glass (3.1.1) in which, from both outer surfaces, the sequence of glass panes, plastic glazing sheet material and *interlayer(s)* (3.2.7) by type, thickness, finish and general characteristics are the same

3.2.4

asymmetrical laminated glass

laminated glass (3.1.1) in which, from both outer surfaces, the sequence of glass panes, plastic glazing sheet material and *interlayer(s)* (3.2.7) by type, thickness, finish and/or general characteristics is different

3.2.5

flat laminated glass

laminated glass (3.1.1) in which the constituent glass panes and plastic glazing sheet material have not been formed or bent in the course of manufacture

3.2.6

curved laminated glass

laminated glass (3.1.1) in which the constituent glass panes and plastic glazing sheet material have been deliberately shaped by bending prior to lamination

3.2.7

interlayer

one or more layers of material acting as an adhesive between plies of glass and/or plastic glazing sheet material

Note 1 to entry: The interlayer can also give additional performance attributes to the finished product, such as impact resistance, resistance to fire, solar control and acoustic insulation.

Note 2 to entry: The interlayer itself can also encapsulate, for example, non-adhesive films and *plates* (3.2.10), wires, *grids* (3.2.11).

3.2.8

encapsulated material

non-adhesive material that is encapsulated by an *interlayer* (3.2.7) between the glass and/or plastic glazing material

Note 1 to entry: The non-adhesive material can be, for example, a film, *plate* (3.2.10), wire, *grid* (3.2.11).

3.2.9**folio**

thin planar product of arbitrarily limited maximum thickness in which the thickness is very small in proportion to length and width

Note 1 to entry: Folio is generally supplied in roll form.

Note 2 to entry: In some countries, "film" is used instead of "folio".

3.2.10**plate**

smooth, flat piece of material of uniform limited thickness that can be perforated

3.2.11**grid**

regular arrangement of wires

3.2.12**folio lamination process**

lamination process where the *interlayer* (3.2.7) is a solid film which is placed between the plies of glass or plastic glazing sheet material and is then subjected to heat and pressure to produce the final product

3.2.13**cast-in-place lamination process**

lamination process where the *interlayer* (3.2.7) is obtained by pouring a liquid between the plies of glass or plastic glazing sheet material and is then chemically or ultraviolet cured to produce the final product

Note 1 to entry: Lamination processes other than those defined in 3.2.12 and 3.2.13 are available, but they do not necessarily fit into either of the two methods defined in 3.2.12 and 3.2.13.

3.2.14**stock size**

size which is intended to be recut or processed for final use

3.2.15**finished size**

size which is either manufactured to size or cut from stock sizes and can be further processed

EXAMPLE Examples of further processing include edge-worked, drilled or face-decorated.

3.2.16**delamination**

two-dimensional visual effect which is caused by local loss of adhesion between the glass or plastic glazing material and the *interlayer* (3.2.7)

3.2.17**bubble**

three-dimensional visual effect which is caused by gaseous inclusions in the *interlayer* (3.2.7) or at the interface between glass and interlayer

3.2.18**haze**

scattering of incident light by a specimen resulting in a reduction of direct light transmittance and the contrast of objects viewed through the glass

3.2.19**cloudiness**

local variation in the scattering of incident light by a specimen resulting in a reduction of direct light transmittance and the contrast of objects viewed through the glass

**3.2.20
discoloration**

significant change of colour of a *laminated glass* (3.1.1), caused by oxidization processes in the *interlayer* (3.2.7)

Note 1 to entry: In clear interlayers, discoloration is usually perceived as yellowing.

4 Description of component parts

4.1 General

Laminated glass and laminated safety glass shall be manufactured from the combinations of glass, plastic glazing sheet material and interlayers described in 4.2 to 4.5, as specified in ISO 12543-2 or ISO 12543-3.

NOTE The description of component parts in [Clause 4](#) is not exhaustive.

Some plastic glazing materials, interlayers, films, plates, wires and grids are subject to standardization. If materials are not subject to standardization, they should be subject to the laminated glass manufacturer's specifications. These specifications are usually subject to the manufacturer's own quality procedures for factory production control or the quality assurance system.

4.2 Glass composition and type

4.2.1 General

Glass compositions and types are the subject of product standards (refer to the Bibliography for EN product standards or for ISO product standards).

4.2.2 Glass composition

Glass compositions of laminated glass and laminated safety glass may be one of the following:

- soda lime silicate glass;
- borosilicate glass;
- alkaline earth silicate glass;
- alumino silicate glass;
- glass ceramics.

4.2.3 Glass type

The type of glass used in laminated glass and laminated safety glass may be:

- float glass;
- drawn sheet glass;
- patterned glass;
- polished wired glass;
- wired patterned glass.

4.2.4 Other characteristics of glass

The glass may also be:

- clear or tinted;
- transparent, translucent or opaque;
- annealed, heat strengthened, thermally toughened (tempered), heat soaked thermally toughened (tempered) or chemically strengthened;
- surface treated (e.g. by sandblast or acid etched);
- coated, painted, enamelled, or silvered.

4.3 Plastic glazing sheet material

Plastic glazing sheet material may be manufactured from:

- a) polycarbonate;
- b) acrylic.

The plastic glazing sheet materials may be:

- clear, tinted or coated;
- transparent or translucent.

4.4 Interlayers

Interlayers when they are components of the completed laminate can differ by:

- a) material type and composition;
- b) mechanical characteristics;
- c) optical characteristics.

Interlayers may be:

- clear or tinted;
- transparent, translucent or opaque;
- coated or printed.

4.5 Films, plates, wires and grids

Films, plates, wires and grids can differ by:

- material type and composition;
- mechanical characteristics;
- optical characteristics.