

SUNMAX PREMIUM RANGE

Arsenic- and antimony-free ultra low-iron float glass for solar applications



Glass made for the sun

SunMax Premium is a low-iron float glass specially optimised for solar applications. AGC's industrial float glass process complies with the most stringent production tolerances, ensuring the lowest possible defect density. This is a critical technical advantage for downstream processing such as toughening. The heat strengthened only 2 mm thick float glass has been awarded general approval (DIBT) No. Z-70.4-194 by the German building supervisory authority (DIBt) in Berlin.

Combined with our easy-to-process and **ultra-durable antireflective coating**, SunMax Premium HT is the product of choice for the latest generation of glass-glass photovoltaic modules and large solar thermal collectors. We guarantee that our low-iron float glass is **arsenic- and antimony-free**, consists primarily of natural raw materials, and does not release any harmful substances during disposal. It is the ideal choice for **trouble-free recycling**.



The SunMax range is Cradle to Cradle Certified™ Bronze.

SunMax Premium range

Wide range of applications

- Anti-reflective front glass and low-iron back glass for glass-glass PV modules
- Double-sided anti-reflective cover glass for large solar thermal collectors
- Low-iron substrate for high-end solar mirrors

Our product range at a glance

Brands	Main applications	Main characteristics
SunMax Premium	Substrates for solar mirrors	• Processed low-iron float glass • Available thickness: 2 mm to 4 mm 1 mm upon request
SunMax Premium T	Back glass for bi-facial glass-glass PV modules	• Processed extra-clear (low-iron) float glass • Thermally toughened or heat strengthened • Available with predrilled holes for electrical connections • Available thickness: 2 mm to 4 mm
SunMax Premium HT	Anti-reflective front glass for PV modules and solar thermal collectors	• Processed extra clear (low-iron) float glass • Thermally toughened or heat strengthened • Coated with a single-sided or double-sided ultra-durable anti-reflective coating • Available thickness: 2 mm to 4 mm

In addition to its SunMax Premium range, AGC offers a large range of glass solutions for solar applications. E.g. the low-iron float glass Planibel Clearvision (thickness of ≥ 5 mm) is perfectly suitable for BIPV applications while Planibel Clearlite, clear float glass (2 to 4 mm thickness) is a good choice for back glass for glass-glass PV modules.

Performance

Photometric and solar radiation characteristics*

Light transmission (%)	91.8 % $\pm$ 0.5 % at 2 mm thickness	Illuminant D65 at 2° (acc. $\pm$ 0.2 %)
	91.7 % $\pm$ 0.5 % at 3 mm thickness	Illuminant D65 at 2° (acc. $\pm$ 0.2 %)
	91.6 % $\pm$ 0.5 % at 4 mm thickness	
Energy transmission TE _{PV}	91.6 % $\pm$ 0.5 % at 2 mm thickness	With reference to ISO 9050, table 2 AM 1.5 restricted to wavelength range 300 to 1200 nm
	91.3 % $\pm$ 0.5 % at 3 mm thickness	
	91.1 % $\pm$ 0.5 % at 4 mm thickness	
Substrate-related comparative Hub TE _{PV} ri (%)	2.5 % $\pm$ 0.5 %	Single-sided anti-reflective coating, measured after a purification and tempering process (TE _{PV} test - TE _{PV} substrate) / (TE _{PV} substrate)

AGC can help evaluate these values to ensure they comply with other standards and/or with the specific requirements of the final application.

Mechanical Characteristics*

Mechanical strength (MPa)	45	Annealed
	70	Heat strengthened, EN 1863
	120	Thermally toughened, EN 12150
Young's modulus (GPa)	70	EN572
Poisson's ratio	0.2	EN572
Mohs hardness (scratch resistance)	6	
Knoop hardness (indentation)	470	Indenter load 500 g
Density (kg/m ³)	2500	EN 572, at 18°C

Thermal characteristics*

Hemispherical emissivity (corrected)	0.84	Between -18°C and 66°C
Expansion coefficient (10 ⁻⁶ 1 / K)	9	EN 572, between 20 °C and 300°C
Specific heat (J/kg/K)	720	EN572
Thermal conductivity (W/m/K)	1	EN572
Softening point (°C)	722	
Annealing point (°C)	552	
Strain point (°C)	500	

Chemical composition*

Silicon dioxide (SiO ₂ , %)	69 to 74	EN572
Sodium oxide (NaO, %)	12 to 16	EN572
Calcium oxide (CaO, %)	5 to 12	EN572
Magnesium oxide (MgO, %)	0 to 6	EN572
Aluminium oxide (Al ₂ O ₃ , %)	0 to 3	EN572
Trace elements (FeO, etc., %)	<1	

Conformity

The products described comply with the most recent version of DIN EN 572-2 - Glass in building - Basic soda lime silicate glass products - Part 2: Float glass.

The thermally toughened products described comply with the most recent version of DIN EN 12150 - Glass in building - Thermally toughened soda lime silicate safety glass.

The heat strengthened products described comply with the most recent version of DIN EN 1863 - Glass in building – Heat strengthened soda lime silicate glass.

The coated products described comply with the most recent version of DIN EN 1096 - Glass in building - Coated glass.

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