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## Introduction

The design and construction of curtain wall systems is complex. This standard specifies a procedure for calculating the thermal transmittance of curtain wall structures.

Curtain walls often contain different kinds of materials, joined in different ways, and can exhibit numerous variations of geometrical shape. With such a complex structure, the likelihood of producing thermal bridges across the curtain wall envelope is quite high.

The results of calculations, carried out following the procedures specified in this standard, can be used for comparison of the thermal transmittance of different types of curtain wall or as part of the input data for calculating the heat used in a building. This standard is not suitable for determining whether or not condensation will occur on the structure surfaces nor within the structure itself.

Two methods are given in this standard:

- single assessment method (see 6.2);
- component assessment method (see 6.3).

Guidance on the use of these two methods is given in Annex A. Calculation examples for these two methods are given in Annex E and Annex F.

Testing according to ISO 12567-1 is an alternative to this calculation method.

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The thermal effects of connections to the main building structure as well as fixing lugs can be calculated according to ISO 10211.

The thermal transmittance of the frame,  $U_f$ , is defined according to ISO 10077-2 or EN 12412-2 together with Annex A. The thermal transmittance of glazing units,  $U_g$ , is defined according to EN 673, EN 674 or EN 675 which do not include the edge effects. The thermal interaction of the frame and the filling element is included in the linear thermal transmittance  $\Psi$  which is derived using the procedures specified in ISO 10077-2.

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## 1 Scope

This standard specifies a method for calculating the thermal transmittance of curtain walls consisting of glazed and/or opaque panels fitted in, or connected to, frames.

The calculation includes:

- different types of glazing, e.g. glass or plastic; single or multiple glazing; with or without low emissivity coating; with cavities filled with air or other gases;
- frames (of any material) with or without thermal breaks;
- different types of opaque panels clad with metal, glass, ceramics or any other material.

Thermal bridge effects at the rebate or connection between the glazed area, the frame area and the panel area are included in the calculation.

The calculation does not include:

- effects of solar radiation;
- heat transfer caused by air leakage;
- calculation of condensation;
- effect of shutters;
- additional heat transfer at the corners and edges of the curtain walling;
- connections to the main building structure nor through fixing lugs;
- curtain wall systems with integrated heating.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

EN 673:1997, *Glass in building — Determination of thermal transmittance (U value) — Calculation method*

EN 674, *Glass in building — Determination of thermal transmittance (U value) — Guarded hot plate method*

EN 675, *Glass in building — Determination of thermal transmittance (U value) — Heat flow meter method*

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EN 12412-2, *Thermal performance of windows, doors and shutters — Determination of thermal transmittance by hot box method — Part 2: Frames*

ISO 6946:2007, *Building components and building elements — Thermal resistance and thermal transmittance — Calculation method*

ISO 7345:1995, *Thermal insulation — Physical quantities and definitions*

ISO 10077-1:2006, *Thermal performance of windows, doors and shutters — Calculation of thermal transmittance — Part 1: General*

DIS 10077-2:2009, *Thermal performance of windows, doors and shutters — Calculation of thermal transmittance — Part 2: Numerical method for frames*

ISO 10211:2007, *Thermal bridges in building construction — Heat flows and surface temperatures — Detailed calculations*

ISO 12567-1:2000, *Thermal performance of windows and doors — Determination of thermal transmittance by hot box method — Part 1: Complete windows and doors*

## 3 Terms and definitions, symbols and units

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 673:1997, ISO 7345:1995, ISO 6946:2007 and the following apply.

NOTE Clause 4 includes descriptions of a number of geometrical characteristics of glazing units, frame sections and panels.

### 3.2 Symbols and units

Table 1 — Symbols and units

Symbol	Quantity	Unit
$A$	area	$\text{m}^2$
$T$	thermodynamic temperature	K
$U$	thermal transmittance	$\text{W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$
$l$	length	m
$d$	depth	m
$\Phi$	heat flow rate	W
$\Psi$	linear thermal transmittance	$\text{W}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{K})$
$\Delta$	difference	
$\Sigma$	summation	
$\varepsilon$	emissivity	

### 3.3 Subscripts

cw curtain walling  
 d developed  
 e external

eq	equivalent
f	frame
f,g	frame/glazing
FE	filling element
g	glazing
i	internal
j	joint
m	mullion
m,f	mullion/frame
m,g	mullion/glazing
n	normal
p	panel (opaque)
s	screw
t	transom
t,f	transom/frame
t,g	transom/glazing
tot	total
TJ	thermal joint at a connection between two filling elements
W	window

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- \* definition of areas for length-related treatment of thermal joints (see 6.2.2.3) [492-bda6-aba7cbf97ab8/sist-en-iso-12631-2013](https://standards.iteh.ai/SIST/EN/ISO/12631/2013)

## 4 Geometrical characteristics

### 4.1 Main principles

The main principles of curtain walling are shown in Figures 1 and 2.