

5.5.7 Typical Thermal Performance of Residential Windows, by Type (1)

	<u>U-Value (2)</u>	<u>Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (2)</u>
Single-Pane	0.93-1.23	0.69-0.84
Single-Pane, Tinted	0.90-1.21	0.50-0.61
Double-Pane	0.49-0.73	0.62-0.76
Double-Pane, Tinted	0.48-0.73	0.40-0.54
Double-Pane, Low-e, Gas-fill	0.34-0.42	0.48-0.58
Double-Pane, Spectrally Selective Low-e, Gas-fill	0.32	0.35
Triple Pane	0.38-0.60	0.54-0.68
Triple-Pane, 2 Low-e, Gas-fill	0.24	0.40

Note(s): 1) Residential windows available in 1999 had an average U-Value of 0.47 and a SHGC of 0.45. 2) U-Value and SHGC are whole-window values calculated using Window 4.0 and standard assumptions about frame and glazing dimensions. Ranges reflect differences in frame material and design; aluminum-frame windows are on the higher end of the ranges, while wood- and vinyl-framed windows have the lowest values.

Source(s): ACEEE, 1996 ACEEE Proceedings, The National Energy Requirements of Residential Windows in the U.S.: Today and Tomorrow, Summer 1996, p. 10.48-10.50; and NFRC, Directory of Certified Products, Dec. 1999, U-Factor Chart from www.nfrc.org for Note 1.