

Glass and Glazing Federation Guidelines for the Visual Quality for Glass



A totally flawless piece of glass is extremely rare. If you look close enough at any piece of glass you will almost certainly find a minor blemish.

The question that has to be answered is, is the flaw or mark of such a nature that it spoils the appearance of the window.



In an attempt to help resolve what can be a contentious issue the GGF has devised the following test to enable both customer and glazing companies to examine glass against an objective standard.

TEST: Inside the house stand around 3 metres back from the glass and for no more than 20 seconds. You must ensure the test is carried out in daylight but **not in direct sunlight**. The area which you are checking is the whole window with the exception of a 50mm (approx. 2") wide band around the edge.

The glass is considered to be acceptable if the following are not obvious nor bunched together:

Totally enclosed seeds, blisters, hairlines or blobs, fine scratches not more than 25mm (approx. 1") long and minute embedded particles.

NB Patterned glass, due to the way it is made, is not governed by the above guidelines.



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