



NFRC's Guide to IG Certification

On July 1, 2010, the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) will require Insulating Glass (IG) certification by a listed, third party certification program for all IGU used in products that are certified in accordance with the NFRC Product Certification Program (PCP), including those products already participating in the PCP.

NFRC will maintain a directory of participating insulating glass certification programs that represent to NFRC that they comply with program requirements established by NFRC 706, "Requirements for participating Insulating Glass Certification Programs." The initial listing of the IG Programs will be posted to the NFRC website on March 20, 2009 at <http://www.nfrc.org/IGCertification.aspx>

What are the Requirements?

NFRC recommends that NFRC participating manufacturers contact one of the listed IG Certification programs to obtain a copy of the IG Certification program requirements and discuss their options, ensuring that their insulating glass units are certified by the deadline date of July 1, 2010.

Manufacturers who purchase their insulating glass units are encouraged to contact their insulating glass manufacturer supplier to determine if their IGU's are presently certified to one of the listed IG Certification Programs or advise them of the new requirements to ensure compliance with the NFRC PCP.

When Should I get Started?

The 2010 mandate could place heavy demands on the certification program testing laboratories in North America. Based on the inspecting, curing, testing, reporting, and certification processes, the minimum estimated time period to complete the IGU testing and certification process is approximately 21 to 26 weeks.

As each IG Certification Program has proprietary requirements, manufacturers are encouraged to contact the program of their choice to get answers to their questions regarding the process, procedures and program.

Questions?

NFRC is here to support you.
Please contact us for additional information.

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