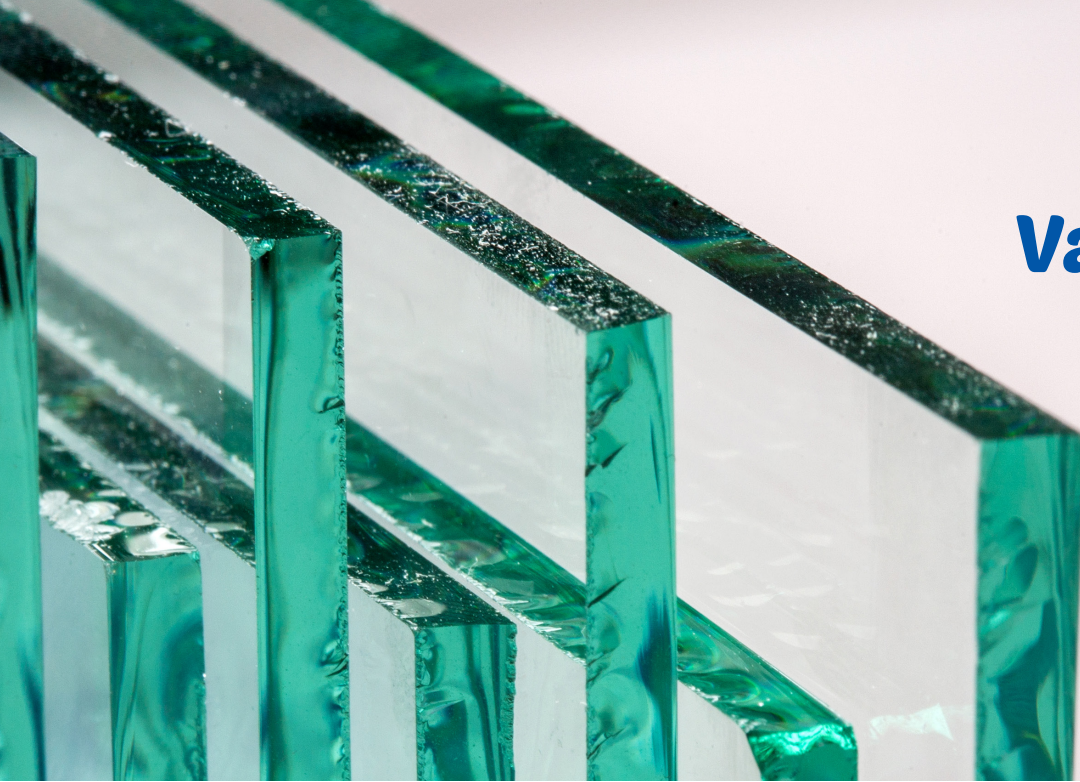


Colour Variations in Glass



It can be important to know that not all glass is created equal. The standard glass that is used for many applications is called flat or float glass which has a green tinge and is not as clear as low-iron glass.

Low-iron glass

Starfire glass is the brand name for a type of low-iron, high-clarity glass. Low-iron glass is made with silica that has a low iron content that eliminates the greenish-blue tint you see in regular glass applications.

This glass boasts superior clarity over standard float glass. It has been used in fish tanks and art-display cabinets for some time now but is finding favour in more domestic situations as customers and their architects look for better clarity in their glass product.

It is frequently used in combination with solar-tint glass in double glazed units to beneficial energy-saving effect.

Standard Clear Float Glass

This is the basic glass from which almost all the flat glass products are derived. It is produced in large sheets (6m x 3.21m) that are normally processed into secondary products.

It is made by melting sand, soda ash, dolomite and limestone together which is slowly cooled.

The term “float” refers to both a type of glass and to the process by which it is made – literally floating the molten glass on a bath of liquid tin to produce a perfectly flat surface on both sides.



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