

# Test Report

Report No. 262/4944838

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Client Greaney Glass Products Ltd  
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Authority & date Quotation Acceptance Form reference No. BSI 0000058301, dated 3 July 2006. Equipment Record No. 10080539.

Items tested 6 off Insulating glass units  
Cavity gas - Argon  
Desiccant - Molecular seive - Grace Phonosorb 551  
Primary sealant - PIB - Kommerling GD115  
Secondary sealant - Polysulphide - Fenzi Thiover  
Spacer bar - Aluminium bendable - Alu.Pro.  
System description - GGP325  
Date of manufacture - Before 15 February 2007

Specification BS EN 1279-3:2002  
Direct commission testing

Results **See summary of results on page 2**

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## TEST AND EXAMINATION OF INSULATING GLASS UNITS TO BS EN 1279-3:2002

### INTRODUCTION

At the request of Greaney Glass Products Ltd the insulating glass units (IGU's) detailed below were tested and assessed to the applicable requirements of BS EN 1279-3:2002, as indicated on the following pages of this report.

This request was authorised by Quotation Acceptance Form reference no. BSI 0000058301, dated 3 July 2006.

The test items were received on 15 February 2007 and identified under Equipment Record No. 10080539. The relevant units were subjected to the climatic test commencing on 16 March 2007.

### TEST ITEMS

6 off insulating glass units each nominally 502mm x 352mm with a 13mm cavity between the two panes of 4mm glass. The components used in the construction were declared by the manufacturer as follows: -

Cavity gas -	Argon
Declared concentration -	90%
Temperature and pressure at which the IGU's were sealed -	11°C and 987mbar
Primary sealant -	PIB - Kommerling GD115
Secondary sealant -	Polysulphide - Fenzi Thiover
Desiccant -	Molecular seive - Grace Phonosorb 551
Spacer bar -	Aluminium bendable - Alu.Pro.
Corner keys -	Not applicable connector - Eduard Kronenberg
System description -	GGP325
Date of manufacture -	Before 15 February 2007

### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The insulating glass units subject to test exhibited the following characteristics:

Characteristic	IGU reference		Specified
	A	B	
Declared concentration $c_{i,o}$ (%):	90.00	90.00	-
Measured concentration $c_i$ (%):	93.80	94.80	-5%, +10% of $c_{i,o}$
Gas leakage rate $L_i$ (%a <sup>-1</sup> ):	0.41	0.56	1.00 Max

## TEST PROCEDURE

### Conditioning and dimensional measurement

The IGU's were received at BSI and stored in standard laboratory conditions of  $(23 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$  and  $(50 \pm 5)\%$  relative humidity for a period of not less than 14 days. The variation in temperature and relative humidity did not fall outside these parameters for the 14 day conditioning period. During this period the IGU's were randomly identified as A through F, and the length and width of each unit was then measured. The results are shown below: -

IGU	Length (mm)	Width (mm)
A	501	352
B	502	352
C	501	351
D	502	352
E	501	352
F	502	352
<b>Specified</b>	$(502 \pm 2)\text{mm}$	$(352 \pm 2)\text{mm}$

### Construction and appearance

Upon completion of the conditioning period two IGU's were visually examined for the following criteria and/or defects: -

Observation	IGU A	IGU B
General construction	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Edge damage and cracks	None	None
Fractures	None	None
Specking in the cavity	None	None
Congruence of panes	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Other visible defects	None	None

### Determination of the internal cavity volume

The two IGU's intended for test were measured to establish the internal volume. The clear distance between opposite spacers and the clear distance between the inner surfaces of the panes were measured and recorded.

Dimensions (mm)	IGU A	IGU B
Internal cavity length	480	479
Internal cavity width	331	329
Internal cavity thickness (1)	12.7	12.6
Internal cavity thickness (2)	12.6	12.6
Internal cavity thickness (3)	12.9	12.8
Internal cavity thickness (4)	12.6	12.8
Average internal cavity thickness	12.70	12.70
Calculated internal cavity volume ( $\text{cm}^3$ )	2018	2001

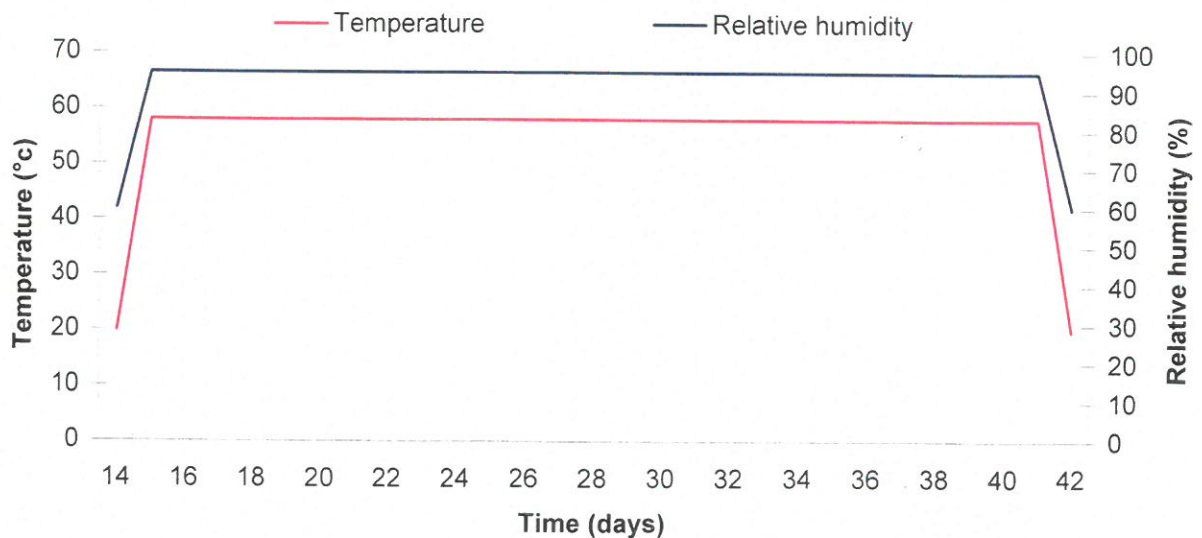
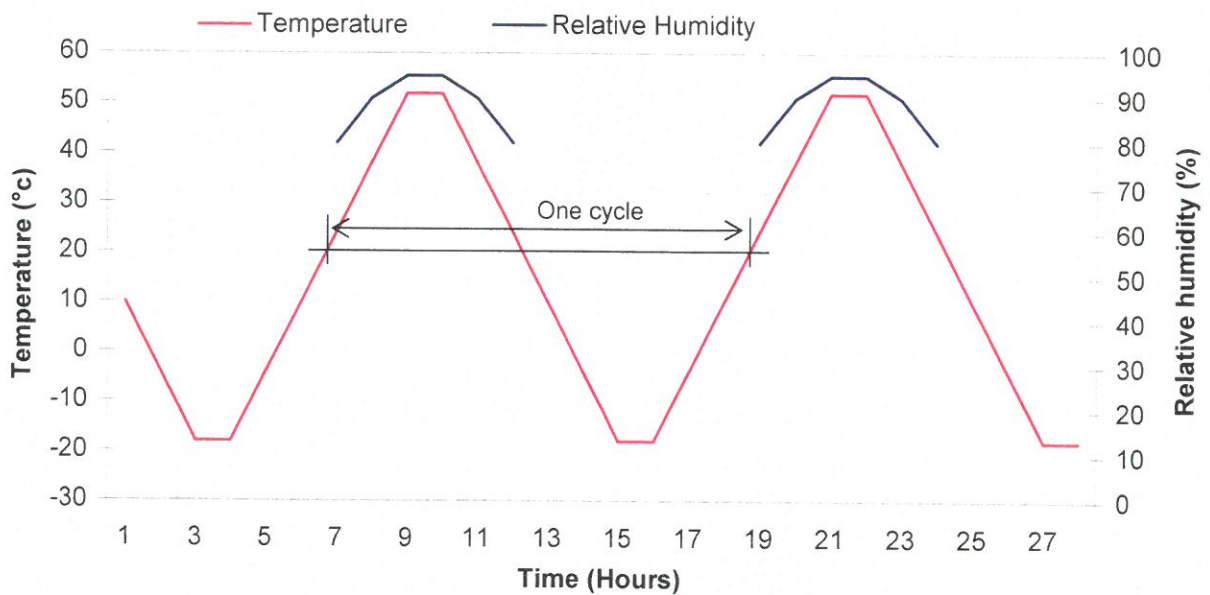
**TEST PROCEDURE (continued)**

**Climatic test**

The two IGU's intended for test and two others were placed in a climatic test chamber. The remaining IGU's were stored in standard laboratory conditions as spare samples. The climatic test consisted of two parts. The first consisted of 28 temperature cycles each of 12 hours with the temperature ranging from -18°C to +53°C and a temperature gradient of 14°C per hour. This was followed by a period of four weeks at constant temperature of +58°C. The relative humidity was maintained at 95% or greater for the whole of the second part and for the upper temperatures of the first part.

During this test the conditions within the chamber did not fall outside the parameters detailed in the standard.

The graphs shown below detail the two parts of this climatic test.



**TEST PROCEDURE (continued)**

Upon completion of the climatic test the 4 IGU's were again conditioned at standard laboratory conditions of  $(23 \pm 2)^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $(50 \pm 5)\%$  relative humidity for a minimum of 28 days and a maximum of 49 days before commencing the gas leakage test.

**Gas Leakage test**

IGU A and B were subjected to the gas leakage test in accordance with the requirements of the standard using a full container.

The principal of the test is that the container creates a chamber around the edge of the IGU in which the air can be replaced with Helium. A steady flow of Helium is passed through the container, for several days, until all the air has been purged. The container is then isolated from the Helium supply. Throughout this test the container (and thus the IGU) are maintained at a temperature of  $(20 \pm 1)^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

After an isolation period of at least 20 hours, Helium is again purged through the container and any gasses that have escaped from within the IGU cavity are collected and measured using a gas chromatograph. The isolation and measurement processes are repeated until the standard deviation of at least four successive measurements is less than 0.25 micrograms/hour and at least one result is higher than the result immediately preceding it.

**Gas concentration test**

Following the gas leakage test a sample of gas was taken directly from the cavity of each IGU and the level of Argon was establish as a percentage of the total gas sampled.

To collect the cavity gas the IGU was held in a special test rig that allowed a drill bit and pipe assembly to be sealed to the IGU's outer edge. A hole was made in the edge of the IGU with a drill bit and a sample of the cavity gas extracted from the IGU via the flutes of the drill. The gas sample was then analysed using the gas chromatograph.

**TEST RESULTS****Gas leakage Unit A**

Measurement	Isolation period (hours:minutes)	Measured argon ( $\mu$ l)	Calculated argon ( $\mu$ g/h)	Standard deviation
1	22:37	41.10	2.91	-
2	117:00	143.00	2.00	-
3	23:06	26.80	1.90	-
4	23:05	22.40	1.58	0.50
5	22:52	21.10	1.50	0.21
6	23:20	20.20	1.41	0.18
7	21:05	18.50	1.43	0.07
8	-	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	-

	Actual	Specified
<b>Declared concentration (%):</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Measured gas concentration (%):</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>- 5%, +10% of Declared</b>
<b>Calculated gas leakage rate (% per annum):</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>1.00 % per annum</b>

**Gas leakage Unit B**

Measurement	Isolation period (hours:minutes)	Measured argon ( $\mu$ l)	Calculated argon ( $\mu$ g/h)	Standard deviation
1	23:15	42.50	2.93	-
2	117:07	154.30	2.15	-
3	23:07	31.70	2.24	-
4	23:01	26.90	1.90	0.38
5	22:53	25.30	1.80	0.18
6	-	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	-

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Note: For each sample, the calculated gas leakage is based on the mean of the last four results.

## Appendix A

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**Summary of Report No. 262/4944838****Date: 20 June 2007**

Insulating glass units  
Measurement of gas leakage and gas concentration  
according to BS EN 1279-3:2002  
For details, see the test report

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System description reference: GGP325  
Product Name: Argon filled units  
Test report for moisture penetration index : 262/4777061

Applied gas :	<b>Argon</b>	
Unit number :	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Measured concentration $c_i$ (%) :	<b>93.8</b>	<b>94.8</b>
Declared concentration $c_{i,0}$ (%) :	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>
Gas leakage rate $L_i$ (%a <sup>-1</sup> ) :	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.56</b>

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