ESTIDAMA WITH SAGEGLASS®: FOR A SUSTAINABLE HABITAT

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Saint-Gobain’s electrochromic glazing SageGlass® can provide a very useful tool for achieving ESTIDAMA certification as it can influence 5 of the 7 credit section categories. For some, the impact is quite obvious, but for others using SageGlass® may not necessarily come first to mind! Let’s discover together just how great an asset our glazing can be for this certification.
When considering the life cycle costs of the building, not only SageGlass® does impact the construction costs, but it also impacts the operating and maintenance costs. Indeed, SageGlass® contributes to manage daylight and heat, without the need for additional blinds. It allows savings on the building’s energy needs, while no special cleaning and maintenance are needed. With SageGlass® daylight and views are continuously preserved, contributing to enhance people’s well-being and performance. This can translate into amazing economic benefits during the operating phase of the building.

If SageGlass® is in its tinted states (< 6% light transmittance) at night, light pollution/trespass is dramatically reduced, preserving the sky and all nocturnal animals and plants.

Users can easily control the level of tinting of entire sections of windows, not just specific windows, and even individual zones within a single pane of SageGlass®. This flexibility in the way to control SageGlass® is a key asset to support thermal zoning strategies within the building.

Since SageGlass® tinting can be controlled automatically or manually, people can control their thermal environment in a given space when and how they want.

By embracing sunlight when it’s cool outside and blocking it when it’s hot, SageGlass® contributes to maintain a thermally comfortable indoor climate in summer. SageGlass® can help to reduce thermal discomfort due to direct sunlight exposure. Note that SageGlass® should be mounted in a high performance airtight framing system with good insulation properties.

Traffic, work, loud music ... all these noises affect the daily quality of life, and even human health. SageGlass® can help reduce this exterior noise and increase acoustic comfort by combining two panes of glass of different thicknesses, or adding a special acoustic laminate specifically designed to enhance sound insulation. Note also that the glass should be mounted in a high performance airtight framing system with good acoustic properties.

Moreover, SageGlass® removes an additional source of noise and disturbance for the occupants, as it replaces blinds and mechanical shades which are usually noisy.
Minimum and Improved Energy Performance (RE-R1 & RE-1)

More than 30% of a building’s energy goes out through the windows, literally. But not with SageGlass®. By adapting its properties to the external climatic conditions and the occupant’s needs, SageGlass® helps minimizing energy use by reducing air conditioning needs and electrical lighting all year long.

Cool Building Strategies (RE-2) and Peak Loads Reduction (RE-5)

SageGlass® can be tinted on demand to reduce the external heat gains, thus the cooling needs and HVAC loads at peak times. In particular, SageGlass® can block up to 95% of the solar heat gain. A study by the independent engineering and sustainability consultancy firm Hilson Moran shows that SageGlass® reduces the cooling energy use by 22% in average and up to 49%, depending on the climate and reference façade system considered. Regarding peak loads, the same study showed an average reduction by 24%.

SageGlass® is an innovative design solution with significant environmental, social and economic impacts, which cover three of the four pillars of Estidama (environmental, social, economic and cultural). Indeed, through its amazing properties, SageGlass® is a key asset to achieve exemplary level of performance in terms of:

- Reduced environmental footprint, thanks to reduced energy needs, smaller HVAC systems and lower equipment power usage.
- Improved well-being and comfort for the building’s occupants, without energy penalty. SageGlass® system includes advanced tools to manage simultaneously daylight, glare, thermal comfort and energy use.
- Reduced damage to interior materials (carpets, wall coverings, valuable artwork etc.), due to the fact that SageGlass® blocks 98% of the solar radiation that causes fading.
- Reduced costs, thanks to:
  - Reduced building’s energy bill (heating, cooling, lighting)
  - Reduced cleaning and maintenance, due to the absence of shading system and moving part in the SageGlass® system.
  - Increased occupant’s productivity, due to enhanced indoor environment conditions
  - Lower interior materials replacement frequency

Non-polluting materials (SM-1)

Low toxicity material: SageGlass® is covered by a complete Health Product Declaration (HPD) which provides a transparency reporting of the material ingredients and potential health hazards contained. According to this HPD, SageGlass® does not contain any elements or compounds with over 1% of constituent materials with the designated R-phrases. Besides, To follow the stringent environment engangement of its holding company Saint-Gobain, SageGlass® has gone through a Life Cycle Assessment process, which results are available under an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) verified by an independent third party.

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This brochure is based on the “The Pearl Rating System for Estidama: Building Rating System, Design & Construction, Version 1.0” rating system.
Saint-Gobain, a key partner for sustainable construction

For many years, Saint-Gobain has been involved in local efforts to promote sustainable buildings by joining Green Building Councils (GBCs). Today we are actively involved, both locally and globally:
- Member of the Corporate Advisory Board of the World GBC,
- Partner of the European Regional Network,
- Platinum member of the US GBC,
- Member of more than 35 national GBCs worldwide.

Discover how SageGlass® can be an asset for other green building certifications:
- LEED V4
- BREEAM

Disclaimer
This brochure only provides an indication on the possible credits which SageGlass® could yield in relation to an Estidama rating system. It is intended as a guide in the choice of appropriate glazing in relation to the Estidama credit rating system and has no binding value. The Estidama credit rating of a project is influenced by a variety of factors, such as the type of building, configuration of all the other elements of the building in addition to the glass, final configuration of the glazing itself, etc. The final rating is subject to the performance of an Estidama assessment as per the Estidama methods and procedures available on their site. It is the user’s responsibility to choose the appropriate building environmental assessments methods destined to ensure that the building meets regulatory requirements at national, local or regional level.

Look Again at SageGlass®

SageGlass® is the pioneer of the world’s smartest dynamic glass and is transforming the indoor experience for people by connecting the built and natural environments. Electronically tintable SageGlass® tints or clears on demand to control sunlight and prevent heat and glare without the need for blinds or shades. SageGlass dramatically reduces energy demand and the need for HVAC by blocking up to 91 percent of solar heat. As part of Saint-Gobain, SageGlass® is backed by more than 350 years of building science expertise that only the world leader in sustainable environments can provide.

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