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# H11 Curtain Walling

CI/SfB (21.4) Curtain Walls

# LSBU Tech 2 Lecture

- Domestic, Small & Medium size buildings
- Construction methods, materials, services and systems
- External walls: H11 Curtain Walling

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- Unique in its approach to detail design
- Invaluable for both students and practising architects, builders and surveyors
- Completely updated in a convenient reference sheet format

The construction of buildings is learnt through experience and the inheritance of a tradition in forming buildings over several thousand years. Successful construction learns from this experience which becomes embodied in principles of application. Though materials and techniques change, various elements have to perform the same function. **Principles of Element Design** identifies all the relevant elements and then breaks these elements down into all their basic constituents, making it possible for students to fully understand the given theory and principles behind each part. As all building projects are subject to guidance through the Building Regulations and British Standards, this book gives an immediate reference back to relevant information to help practitioners and contractors identify key documents needed.

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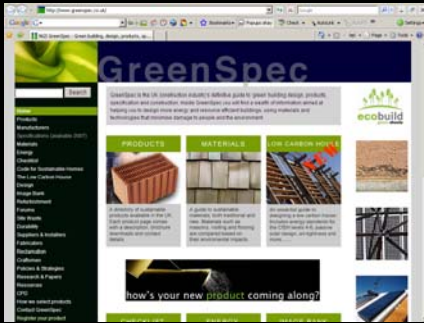
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# Performance Requirements

## Principles of Element Design

# Windows Actions

- **Gravity: downward pull**
- **Wind: Motive, Destructive, Penetrative**
- **Rain: Moisture deposition, penetration**
- **Snow: Moisture deposition, loading**
- **Sun: Temp variation, thermal movement, heat gains, Chemical decomposition**
- **Dirt and Dust: infiltration, deposition, surface pollution**
- **Chemicals: corrosion, disintegration, decomposition**
- **Sound: Noise nuisance, from within and from without**
- **Attack: Manual, Ballistics, Bomb Blast**

# Windows Reactions

- **Gravity: Support & restraint**
- **Wind: rigidity, resilience, sealing**
- **Rain: deflection, impervious skin, absorption and drainage, sealing**
- **Snow: deflection, impervious skin, absorption and drainage, sealing**
- **Sun: movement joints, insulation, shielding, invulnerable materials**
- **Dirt and Dust: repulsion, exclusion, sheilding, cleaning**
- **Chemicals: invulnerable materials, exclusion,**
- **Sound: Insulation**
- **Attack: toughness, lamination, edge restraint, edge protection**

# Windows Outside

- **Daylight, Sunlight, Glare, Solar Heat gains,**
- **Sound Insulation**
- **Fresh air, ventilation and Smoke control**
- **Wind driven rain and snow**
- **Privacy from overlooking**
- **Cleaning**
- **Security**
- **Insect exclusion**

# Windows Inside

- Statutory Ventilation, trickle ventilation
- Thermal insulation, heat losses
- Emissivity,
- Comfort conditions
- Views out and eye level
- Safety, Containment, Impact, Balustrade
- Fire
- Statutory Window Area

# Weather Envelope



**Absorbent – Repellent – Open Joint Panelled  
Masonry – Curtain Wall – Rainscreen**

# Structural Design of glass

Partition

Safety Glass:  
No shards

Class A  
Impact  
Performance



Manifestation



Cleaning loading

Wind pressure  
buffeting

Floor

Building  
Regulations:  
BRAD K  
Containment

Class A  
Impact  
Performance



Manifestation



Balustrade  
Loading

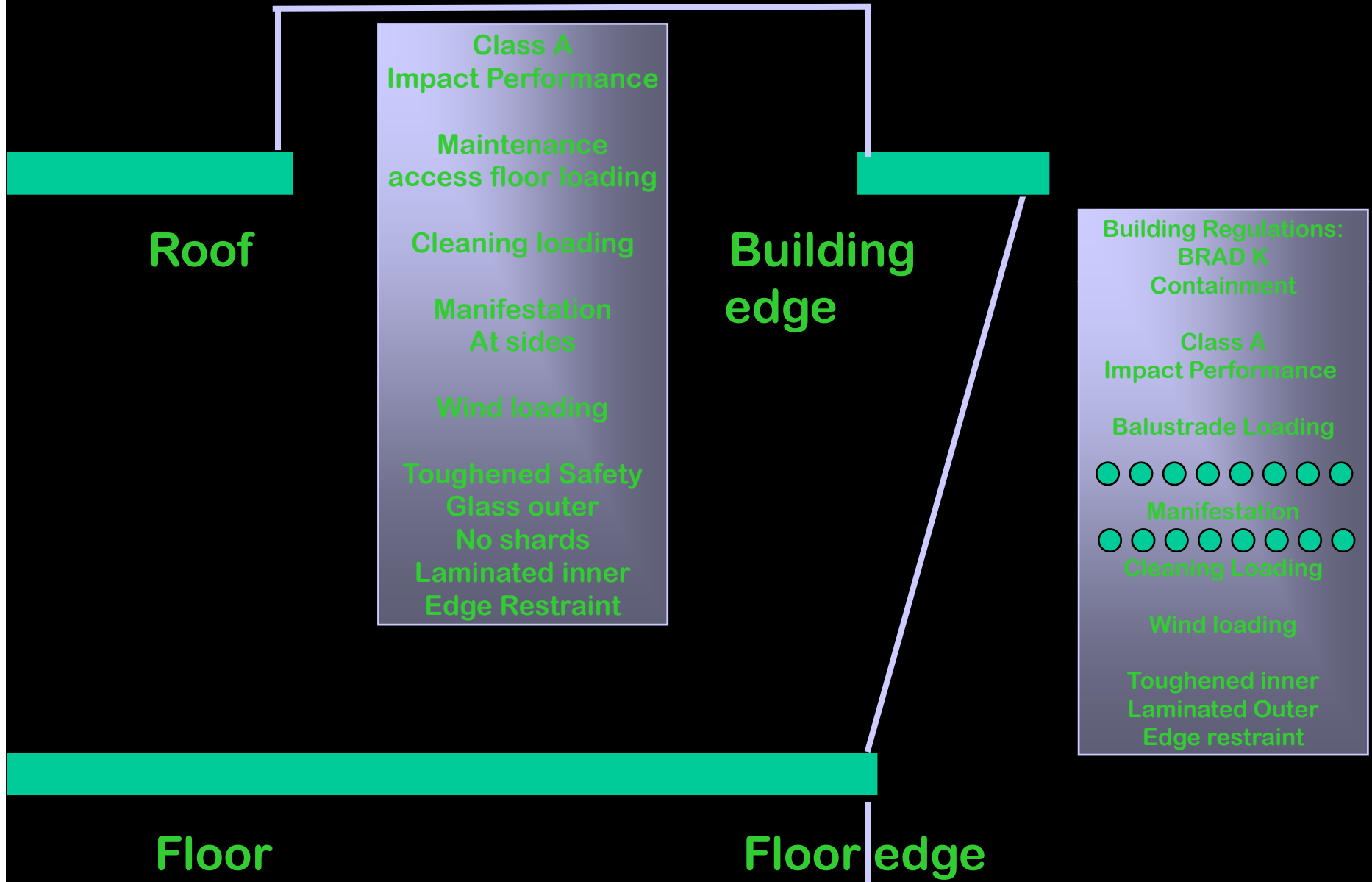
Cleaning Loading

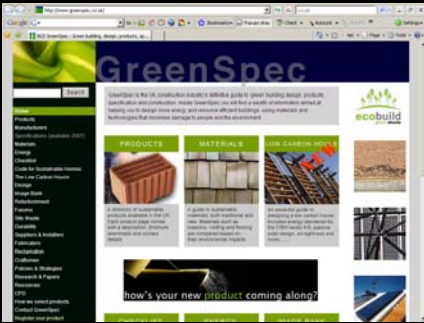
Wind loading

External  
Wall

Floor edge

# Structural Design of glass



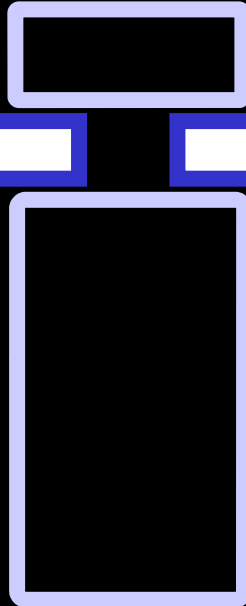


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# Systems & Assemblies

# Curtain Walling

Plan View



**Recycled Aluminium Mullions and Transoms**  
**Single, Double and Treble Glazing**  
**Recycled Aluminium outer capping**  
**Aluminium Finish: Anodic Oxide Coating**  
**or Polyester Powder Coating**

- H11
- Curtain Walling
- Recycled Aluminium extrusions
- Powder coatings
- Glazing
- Opaque infill panels at floor edge level & modesty at floor levels



- E10 Concrete
- G10 Steel Frame
- Framed structure
- H51 Stone Cladding

# Cassette panels

Plan View



**Recycled Aluminium Mullions and Transoms**  
**Single, Double and Treble Glazing**  
**Recycled Aluminium skin insulated cassette panels**  
**Recycled Aluminium outer capping**  
**Aluminium Finish: Anodic Oxide Coating**  
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# Solar Wall Cassette panels into glazing systems



# Fire Resistant Curtain Walling

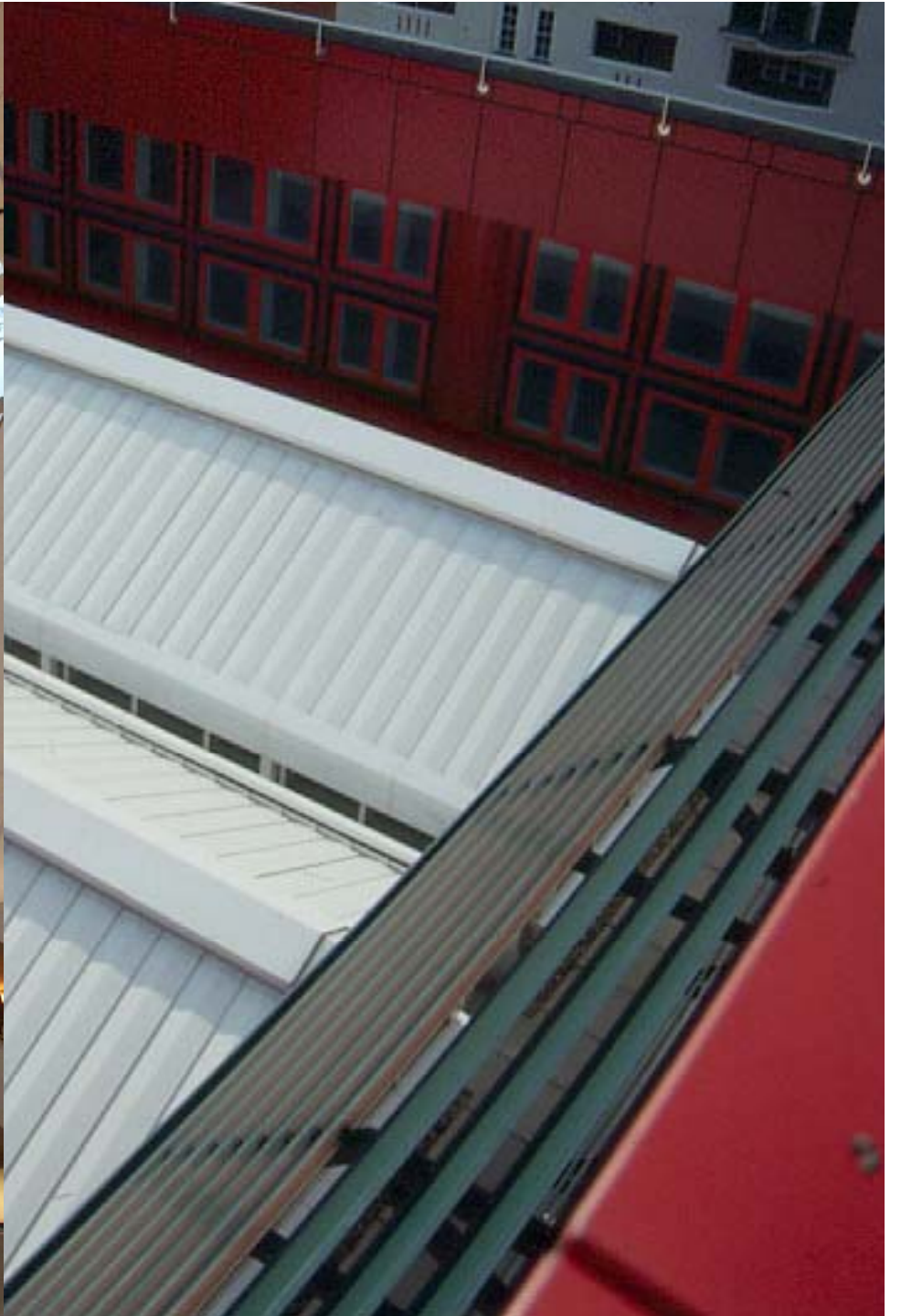
Plan View



**Recycled Steel Mullions and Transoms**  
**Single, Double and Treble Glazing**  
**Recycled Aluminium outer capping**  
**Aluminium Finish: Anodic Oxide Coating**  
**or Polyester Powder Coating**

# Fire Resistant Curtain Walling

- **Used at British Library:**
  - **rooflight construction spanning over tall spaces**
  - **Kings library collection**
    - **7 storey single compartment book stack**
    - **FR and thermal shock resistant**
      - **Sprinkler water on hot glass**



# Timber Curtain Walling



Plan View

**FSC Timber Mullions and Transoms**  
**Single, Double and Treble Glazing**  
**Recycled Aluminium outer capping**  
**Aluminium Finish: Anodic Oxide Coating**  
**or Polyester Powder Coating**



**Timber Structure,  
Curtain Walling,  
Doors and Boarding,  
Minimise cold bridges  
Less condensation  
Natural sustainable  
material  
Mostly recycled  
timber**

**Visitors Centre, Café, Retail: Earth Centre Doncaster Architect: Dr Bill Dunster**

# Timber Curtain Walling



Plan View

Seufert-Niklaus GMBH

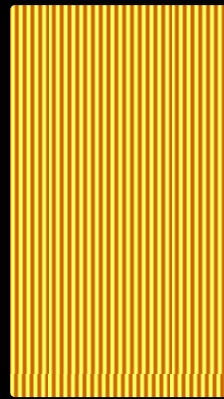
Laminated Lumber Mullions and Transoms  
Single, Double and Treble Glazing  
Recycled Aluminium outer capping  
Aluminium Finish: Anodic Oxide Coating  
or Polyester Powder Coating

# Timber Curtain Walling



Plan View

Seufert-Niklaus GMBH

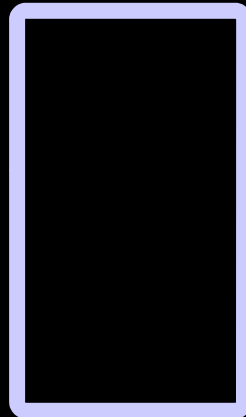


Laminated Lumber Mullions and Transoms  
Single, Double and Treble Glazing  
Recycled Aluminium outer capping  
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# Timber/Aluminium Curtain Walling

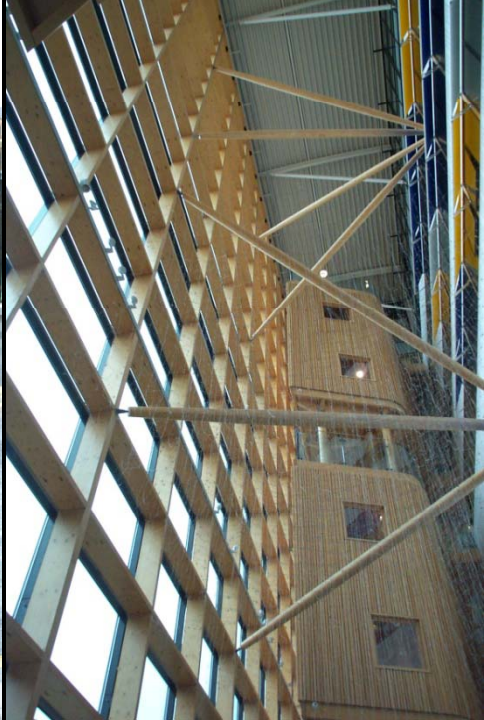


# Curtain Walling: Keyworth



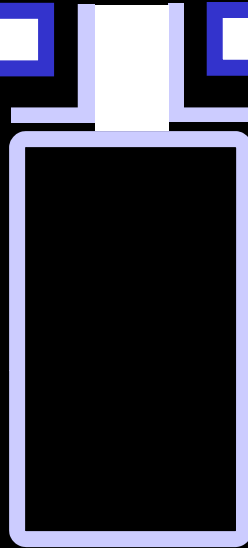
Timber Column  
Double Glazing  
Recycled Aluminium  
outer capping, inner  
mullions and transoms  
Finish: Anodic Oxide  
Coating or Polyester  
Powder Coating  
Timber Column

Plan View



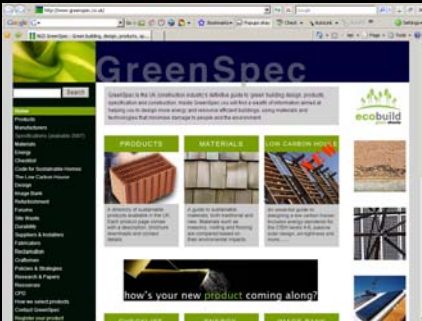
# Structural Silicon Curtain Walling

Plan View



**Recycled Aluminium Mullions and Transoms**  
**Single, Double or Treble Glazing**  
**Recycled Aluminium outer frame angles**  
**Aluminium Finish: Anodic Oxide Coating**  
**or Polyester Powder Coating**  
**Structural Silicon**





# Glass retention

- When introduced in USA SSG had some failures
- UK BCO Building Control Officers reluctant to accept without:
  - 4 sides edge retention with metal clamp
  - 2 sided edge retention with metal clamp
  - 4 corner retention with metal clamps
- Today structural silicone is enough

# GLA HQ SSG & Curtain Walling





# H13 Structural Glass Assemblies

CPD topic

Another GreenSpec CPD to download soon

# Resource Efficiency

Waste minimisation



# Design to Reduce Waste

Easy steps to reduce your share  
of the 106 m tonnes of construction and  
demolition and excavation waste each year

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Another GreenSpec CPD to download soon



**Glass Cutting: Almost Rectangular**



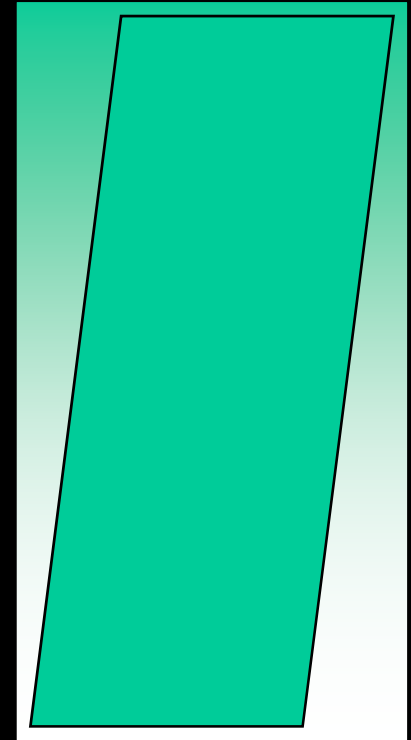
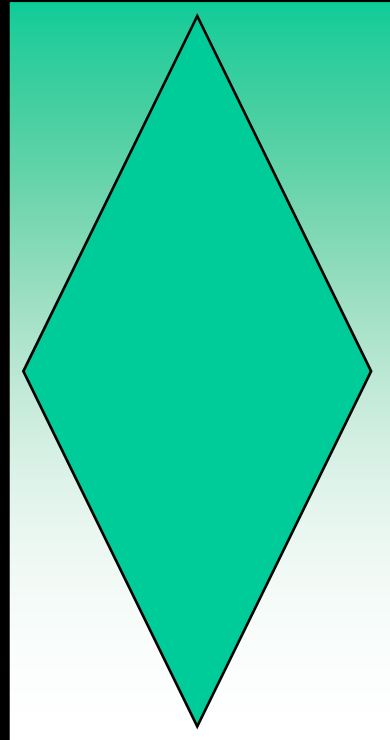
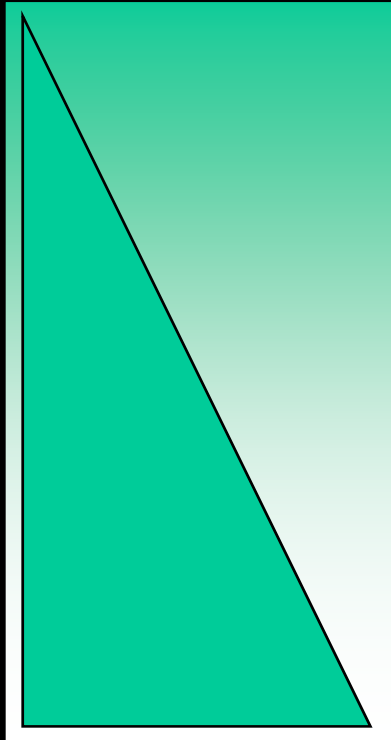
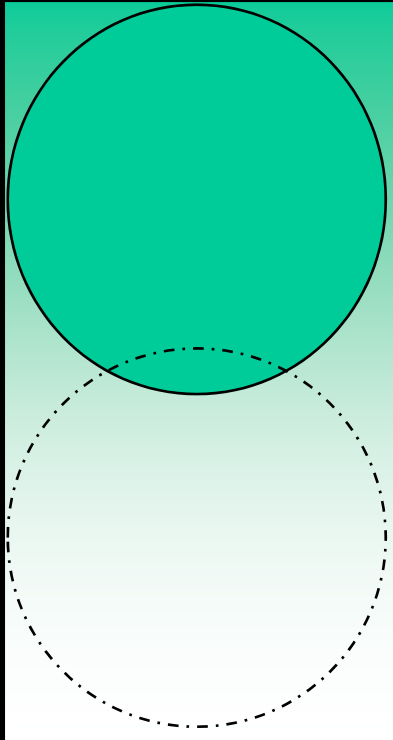
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# SMM7 Standard Method of Measurement

- All shapes cut for closest rectangle
- All off-cuts are waste
- Accuracy +/-10%
- No concern about waste or site ordering from quantities
- Contractor expected to re-measure

# Glass Cutting SMM



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**Consistent glass triangles within each level**

**Different triangles at almost all levels**

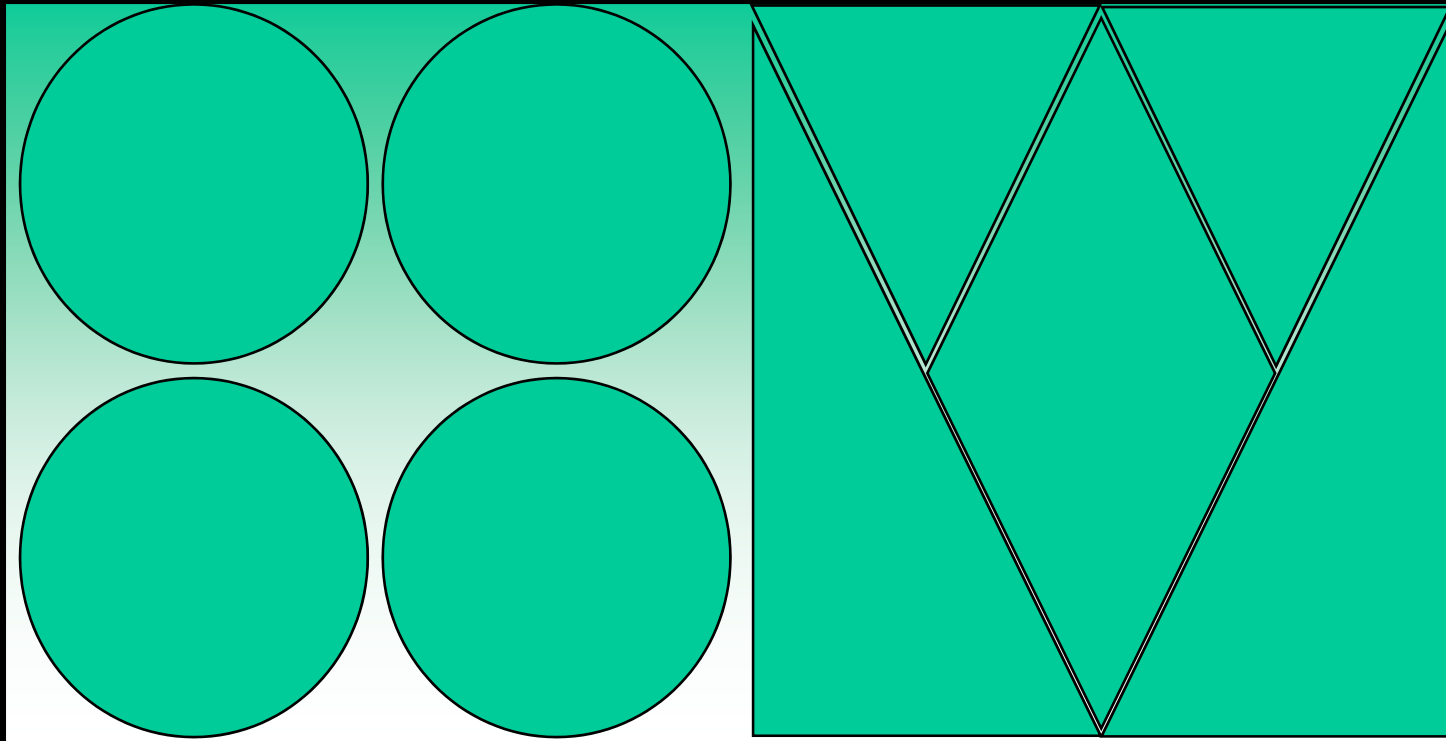
**No vertical columns**

**Vast amounts of off cuts on the factory floor**

**We hope its all recycled in manufacture**



# Glass Cutting CAD/CAM tailoring



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**I Can CAD, CAD can, So I Do**

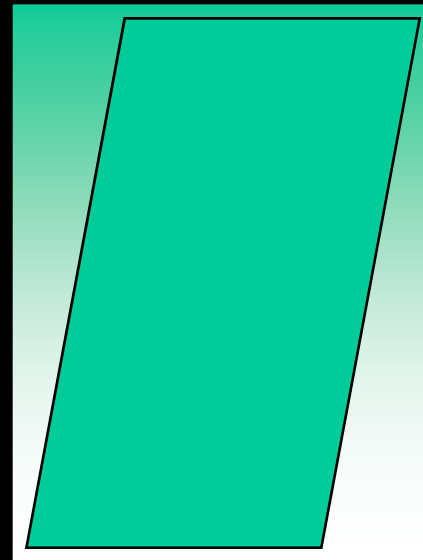
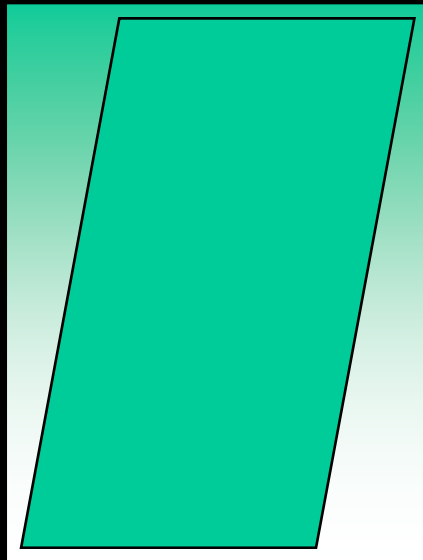




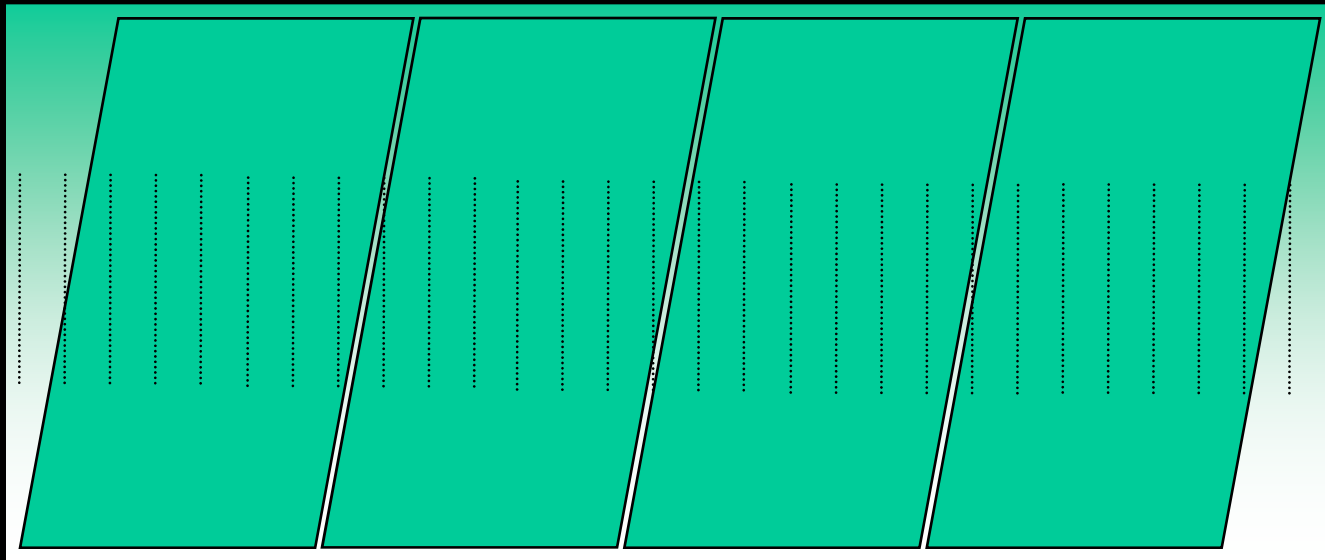
# CADCAM Tailoring = Iteration

- Maximising the yield from sheets of glass
- Many pieces arranged to get more pieces from smallest glass pane
- Pieces cut from sheet
- Just like a tailor and fabric directionality is important
- Potential conflict with 'Roller Wave Pattern'
- RWP occurs as glass is rolled off zinc float and 'slumps' over supporting rollers

# SMM Glass Cutting simple parallelograms



# Glass Cutting CAD/CAM tailoring with simple parallelograms



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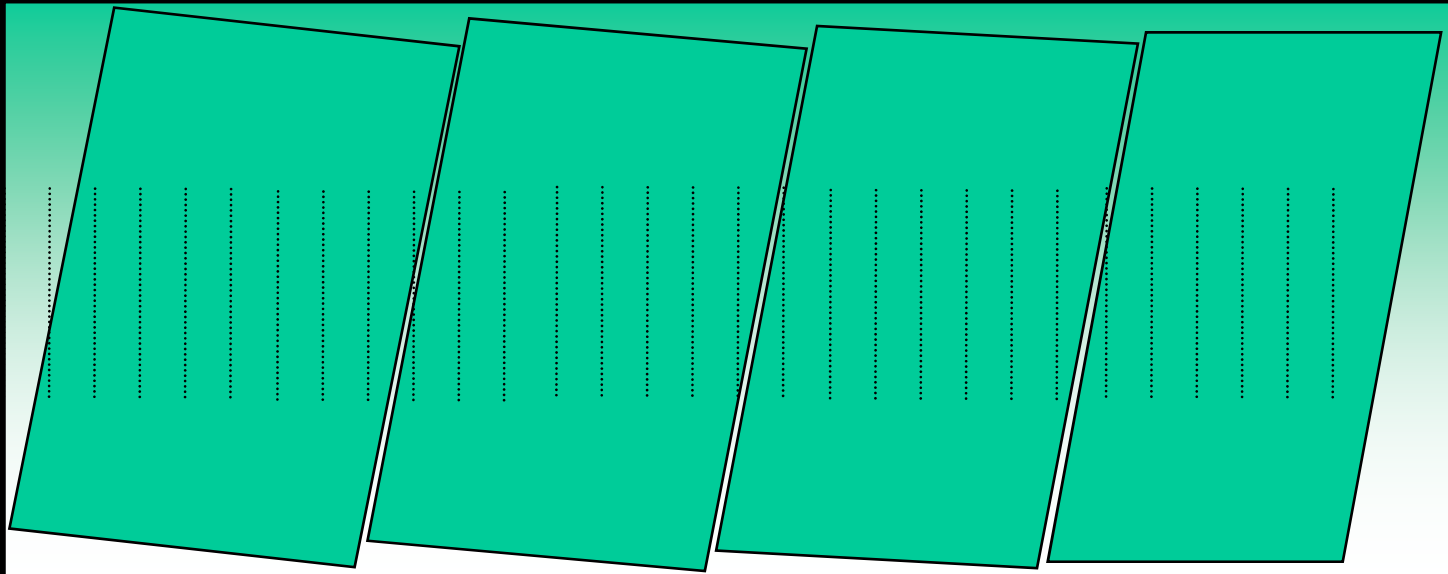
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**Facetted triangles  
consistent on any one level  
No standard parallelograms**

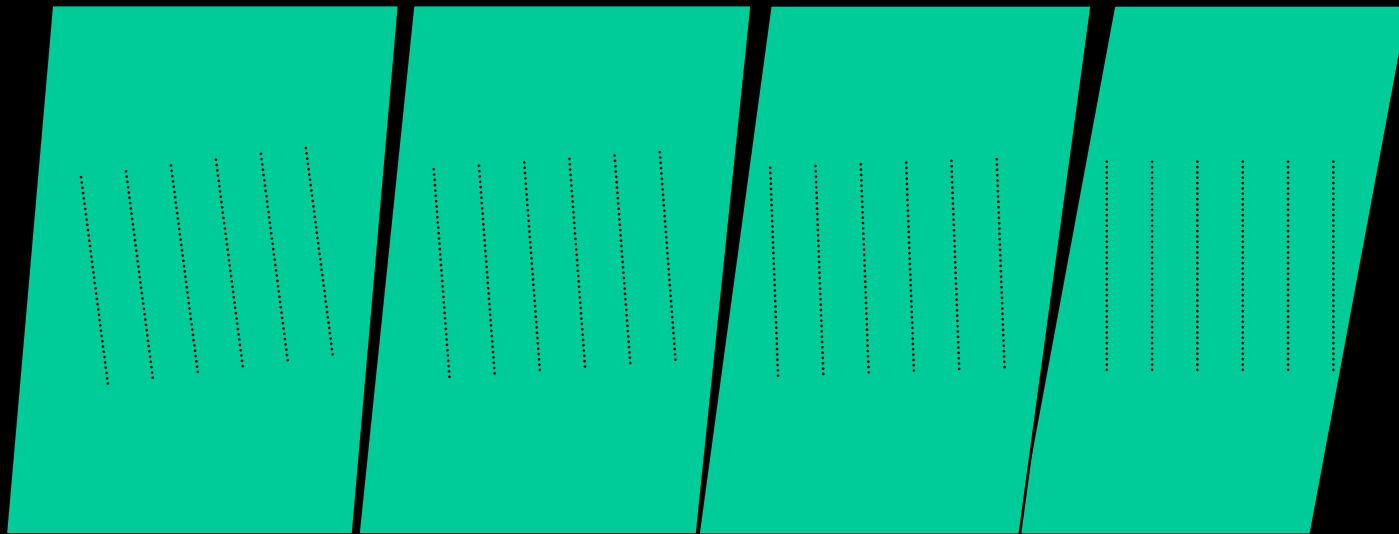


# Glass Cutting CAD/CAM

No pane is the same  
efficient tailoring or iteration &  
efficient resource use



**Could lead to  
irregular roller wave pattern  
when installed**



**Glass Cutting CAD/CAM**  
**less efficient tailoring/iteration**  
**regular installed roller wave pattern**  
**Less efficient resource use**

