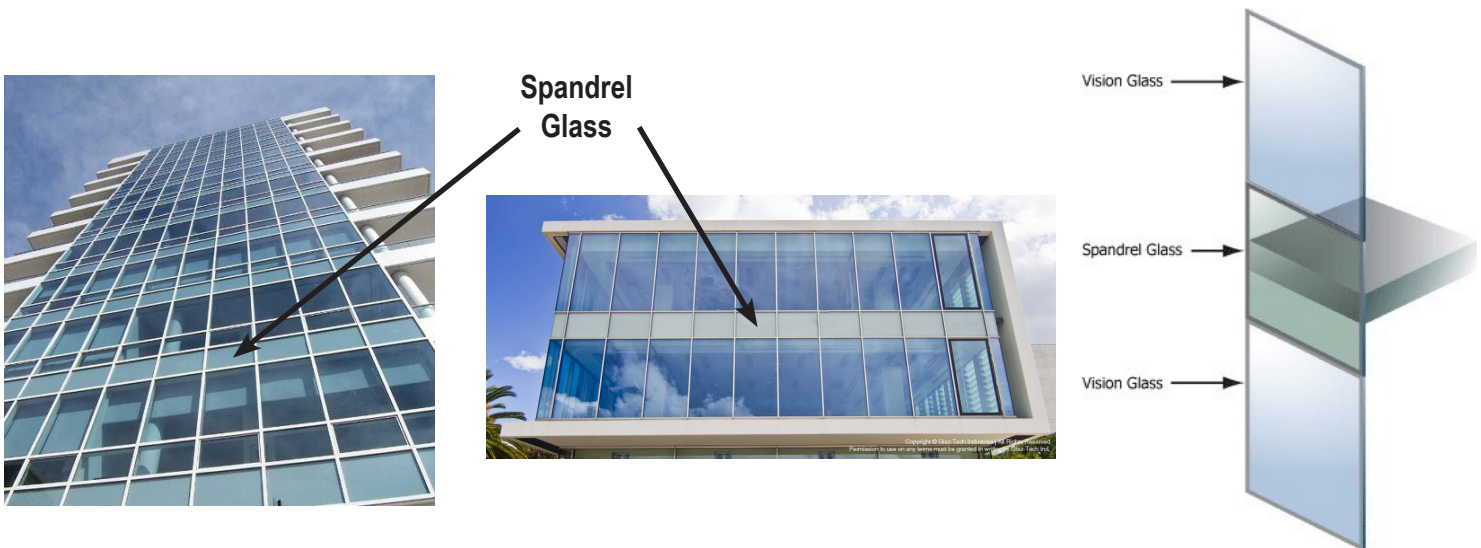


Spandrel Glass

Unlike vision glass, which is meant to be transparent or translucent and seen from both sides, spandrel glass is a non-vision application designed to be opaque in order to help obscure the spaces such as between the floors of a building or drop ceilings, insulation, vents, wires, slab ends and mechanical equipment.

In multi-story buildings the section between floors, where building components are held, is called spandrel. When a building has a full glass facade with a seamless appearance, the glass covering the spandrel areas is referred to as spandrel glass. Spandrel glass used on the exterior of a building, heat treated and can be insulated, to ensure it provides the properties similar to that which an actual wall would provide. Spandrel glass often is also reflective, which helps it to mask the space behind it.



When involved with projects that request the use of spandrel glass remember the following:

1. Spandrel Glass is designed to be used to block vision from the exterior to the interior when the interior is blocked off or inaccessible as described above.
2. Spandrel Glass is not recommended for use when it will be viewed from the interior. Surface coatings (frit or paint) are not consistent and thus not designed to be viewed when backlit with the exterior daylight.
3. For uses where the interior glass will be viewed but vision is to be blocked or obscured, it is recommend to use obscure or laminated glass with an opaque interlayer.