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architect’s first choice

IQ Glass

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When you place an order for your sliding doors with IQ you don’t just get a beautifully designed system with exceptional performance. You will also gain access to the vast experience of IQ and our extensive services, all designed to ensure that your architectural glazing project is a complete success.

**Design Detailing**
We have an in house team of detailed CAD engineers who detail each glazing installation to ensure a minimal finish and cohesive design. Each installation of minimal windows® is designed with your project requirements and building finishes in mind.

**Expert Contract Management**
Every architectural glazing project with IQ is overseen by a highly experienced Contracts Manager. They are your sole source of contact throughout the glazing installation. With many years experience they can help advise on site logistics, performance requirements and installation techniques.

**In House Installation Teams**
The installation of architectural glazing is arguably one of the most important steps in its completion. Our in house team of glass technicians install these high specification glazing products every day, all year around, meaning that they are the most experienced glass handlers in the UK.

**Built in Logistics**
Fully stocked vans, integrated factory services, on van glass lifting equipment, dedicated mastic and survey teams...

We have built a system that caters for every possible site scenario to ensure we are prepared and ready to overcome any site difficulty we face.
The beauty of the minimal windows® system is the slim profiles. Maintain this sightline even with bi-parting sliding doors.

The locking handle is integrated into the minimal vertical profile meaning there is no increase in frame size for locking. Various options are available.

No large framing profile above the finished floor level. Instead achieve a floor to ceiling glass finish that really connects internal and external spaces.

Thanks to the highly technical thermal break technology and high specification glass used these sliding doors achieve exceptional levels of performance.

Get a flush threshold from inside to out with all drainage hidden. Our exclusive base details ensure high levels of water resistance.
the base detail

When specifying a slim framed sliding door system, the base installation and design is one of the most important elements—even though it is hidden below the finished floor levels.

IQ have designed and engineered a series of exclusive base details for the minimal windows® designed to ensure a durable and stable base as well as facilitate for high levels of water drainage.

The Neoprene Drainage Base
This two part solid neoprene base creates a solid and continuous base for all the aluminium framing to sit onto. The resulting base does not dip or undulate over time creating a flat and even surface for a long-life expectancy. The two part structure ensures the EPDM’s are not penetrated.

Integrated Drainage
This thermally insulating material is also part of the base drainage of the system. Any water on the glass or in the frame drains through the base profile onto the block below which directs the water to the outside.

Drainage Options
We recommend our integrated drainage channel (right) however alternative drainage solutions are available to be specified. An alternative French Drain below the external floor finish is a popular alternative.
The minimal windows® sliding doors are fully tested and certified for security and are available with a range of locking options to suit your project.

**Lock Type 1**

Internal two point locking operated by a thrust lever handle. Handle is applied to the side of the 21mm profile so no change in sightline or design occurs.

**Lock Type 4**

Internal two point locking operated by a removable key. Key entrance is applied to the side of the 21mm profile so no change in sightline or design occurs.

**Additional Locking Options**

**Electromagnetic Locking**
For electronic locking. Always required for automated minimal window® installations. Controlled via any specified electrical means.

**External Key Locking**
For externally accessed door sets. Key lock is installed into the wall structure so is only suitable for certain sliding door configurations.
The minimal windows® sliding door is the first choice for architects and high specification designers looking for large glass elevations and minimal framing. The thermally broken aluminium frame ensures exceptional levels of performance with a vertical profile of only 21mm. The system is frameless to the head and base leaving you with a clear glass opening merging the barriers between inside and out.

Vertical Coupling Frame 21mm
Maximum Sliding Leaf Size 8.5m²
Maximum Fixed Leaf Size 18m²
Maximum Leaf Height 4m
Maximum Leaf Weight 500kg
Glass Thickness 26 to 34mm
Thermal Insulation Uw value 1.1-1.5 W/m²K
Barrier Free Accessibility DIN 18040-1, DIN 18040-2
Air Permeability Class 4 according to EN 12207
Driving Rain Tightness Class 7A according to EN 12208
Resistance to Wind Load Class C4/B5 according to EN 12210
Sound Insulation up to 39 dB achievable
Security up to RC2 according to EN 1627

For exceptional levels of thermal insulation, wind resistance and wind loading upgrade your system to the minimal windows® 4+. For only a marginally increase in framing you achieve Uw values of below 1.0 W/m²K as well as Hurricane levels of water and wind resistance. The sliding panes can also achieve much larger sizes to create even more impressive elevations of moving, sliding glass.

Vertical Coupling Frame 26mm
Maximum Sliding Leaf Size 12m²
Maximum Fixed Leaf Size 18m²
Maximum Leaf Height 4.5m
Maximum Leaf Weight 1000kg
Glass Thickness 50 to 56mm
Thermal Insulation Uw value from 0.7 W/m²K
Barrier Free Accessibility DIN 18040-1, DIN 18040-2
Air Permeability Class 4 according to EN 12207
Driving Rain Tightness Class E1050 according to EN 12208
Resistance to Wind Load Class C5 according to EN 12210
Sound Insulation Rw (C;Ctr) up to 43 dB(-1;-5)
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minimal Guillotine

For vertically sliding window solutions choose the minimal windows® sash solution. Engineered from exactly the same aluminium profiles as the standard slider, these vertically sliding windows can be designed as a counterweighted solution or fully automated as required. The result is a dramatic double height glass elevation with minimal aluminium framing.

Vertical Coupling Frame 21mm / 26mm
Maximum Sliding Leaf Size 8.5m² / 12m²
Maximum Fixed Leaf Size 18m²
Maximum Leaf Width 4m / 4.5m
Maximum Leaf Weight 500kg / 1000kg (automated)
Glass Thickness 26 to 34mm / 50 to 56mm
Thermal Insulation Uw value 0.7-1.5 W/m²K
Automation Counterweighted / Automated
Air Permeability Class 4 according to EN 12207
Driving Rain Tightness Class 7A according to EN 12208
Resistance to Wind Load Class C4/B5 according to EN 12210
Sound Insulation up to 39 dB achievable
Security up to RC2 according to EN 1627

minimal Pivot

Smaller doorways can still benefit from the simplicity of the minimal windows® range thanks to our pivoting solution. This pivoting window can be made to large sizes in a single unit, offering large glazed openings with minimal aluminium framing. The pivot system includes a self-closing and hold open mechanism in order to adhere to the very highest standards in safety and convenience.

Vent + Frame from 50mm
Maximum Leaf Width 2.4m
Maximum Leaf Height 3.7m
Glass Thickness 26 - 34mm
Thermal Insulation Uw value 1.1-1.5 W/m²K
Pivot Mechanism Self Closing
Handles D Handles, 320 - 1000mm tall
see them in person

The Courtyard Showroom in Amersham showcases the very best options in modern architectural glazing. The minimal windows® sliding door system takes pride of place in the spacious outdoor area. The system is shown at its best using large sliding panels, opening corners, flush thresholds and a single pocket door. Book an appointment to visit and experience the latest advances in architectural glazing design.