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## High Transparency RETRO-fitted New Lobby Glass Enclosures beyond the Cutting Edge

# Performance Days 2023

Roschmanngroup



## **The Roschmann Group** Days 20 performance building envelopes, we are 350+ dedicated professionals at 5 locations, implementing individual wishes of architects, engineers and clients since 1952.

### **THESIS:**

## **Use Glass in Architecture**

To emphasize on Value, Comfort and Inhabitant Quality combined with Basics of Design and Function, a transparent Storefront attracts and enhances in several ways ...

- Visual Appeal
- Window Display
- Natural Light
- Transparency
- Branding





### **RETRO CASE:** The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME)

Class-A office complex made up of two 40-story towers connected by a 10-story center structure occupying a full city block in Chicago. Designed by Fujikawa Johnson and completed in 1987, being the 87<sup>th</sup> tallest building in Chicago, but one of its most prestigious office buildings.





## **Owner's** ... SOLD!

In 2016, Tishman Speyer appointed Krueck Sexton Partners to develop an architectural concept to redevelope the buildings lobby space tranforming the buildings podium into a warm and welcoming envinronment attractive to the surrounding public – a space to be reimagined!



### **Architectural Intention**



TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

### **Architectural Design Criteria**



## **Design Assist**

A Design Assist was awarded to turn the architectural vision into constructable reality considering aesthetics, budget, schedule, technical feasibility, quality and material selection ...

- Material Selection
- Design & Modeling
- Fabrication Techniques/Equipment
- Quality Control Strategy
- Process Optimization



## **Bending of Glass**

Bending glass has a long tradition in architecture. Glass can be bent, curved & warped by use of different technologies such as ...

- Cold Bending by Force
- Warm bending by Lamination Glass
- Hot Bending by gravity Slumping
- Temper Bending by online Tempering 3





### **Engineering follows ... Fabrication ... follows Engineering**

To achieve a perfect surface finish, glass wants to be annealed, not tempered or heatstrengthened. Curved shapes help to overcome the lesser strength of annealed glass, but complex features such as doors & openings become a significant driver of wall engineering.



## **Selection of Glass**

Based upon structural engineering the glass and under consideration of the owners wish for an absolute transparency and ...

- 48.04mm LG Glass Fin
  - 3 x 15mm FT-HST, low-iron
  - 2 x 1.52mm clear SentryGlas
  - 21.52mm LG Vision Glass
    - 2 x 10mm HS, low-iron
    - 1 x 1.52mm clear SentryGlas
    - Flat & curved (≤ 60ft / 18m)
      (≥ 15ft / 4.5m)

## **Temper Bending**

Temper-(online) bending uses online furnaces to heat the glass up to its softening point (580-620 °C), curving the glass with a mechanical operable mold to obtain the required shape and then quickly cool down the glass allowing its surface to trap a high compressive strength at the curved surface.

- Advantages: high strength of tempered glass, economical fabrication, broad variety of low-e possible
- Disadvantages: limited shapes and minimal radii, tempered glass surface imperfections



### **Quality Control Process**

Curved furnace and quench rollers leave waves & local bows on the glass surface, running by parallel to units' short edge (latitudinal) as well as along the units' long edge (longitudinal). Waves typically appear on the convex side of the panel.

#### Roller Waves by parallel to short panel edge



## Performance Roller Waves by parallel to long panel edge





### **Quality Control Process**

The lack of applicable code standards typically identifying acceptable quality base lines resulted in fabricating a fullsize "Benchmark Glass" unit to be utilized as <u>worst case</u> for ...

- Local and overall bows
- Latitudinal and longitudinal roller waves
- Curvature & radius tolerance
- Laminated edge offsets
- Uneven Anisotropy clouds



## **Visual Mock-Up**

Full-size Glass & Installation VMU's in China and in Germany to verify Design

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### **Construction Process**

Upon fabrication 24 ft (7.30m) tall x 10 ft (3.00m) wide, curved laminated glass units, shipping becomes an extra complex process considering fragility & value of the load:

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- Packaging and Crating
- Freight Carrier selection
- Documentation & Labeling
- Handling and off-Loading
- Tracking & Monitoring

### **Installation & Logistics**





1- Install by *Mobile Crane* Off-hours Operation Lane closure Costly equipment



Installing 24ft glass units in built environments adds more complication. Options are to be compared and designed:

#### 2- Install with **BIMS**

- Time independent
- Engineering required

BuildingIntegratedMonorail Systems (BIMS)maybereusedforreplacement & cleaning.

### Owner's ... SOLD!

## **Owner's** ... **DELIVERED!**

In 2019, Roschmann completed the RETRO-fitting of the lobby wall at the CME Center in Chicago. The result reflects the process of design, engineering, fabrication, execution and close collaboration between all parties on purpose driven material selection and process optimization incl. glass fabricator as being key to success.



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