Eco-etch® Volume Program





What are the overall benefits of an etched glass solution?

- Aesthetics
- Privacy
- Permanence
- Value
- Panel-to-panel consistency
- Environmentally-sustainability; 100% recyclable at end-of-life

Why is glass a stronger environmental solution than vinyl?

- Glass is a naturally pure material made from sand and minerals; it is 100% recyclable
- No PVCs or resin-based materials are used in glass applications
- No off-gassing from resin-based materials occur with glass applications
- Vinyl film on applied glass will undoubtedly end up in a landfill at end-of-life
- All of Skyline's glass components and etching treatments originate 100% in the US

What interior applications does the Eco-etch Volume Program address?

- Glazed walls
- Demountable walls for offices and conference rooms
- Workstation screens
- Exterior decorative glass
- Any combination of the above equal to 5,000 square feet or more

Isn't etched glass far more expensive than vinyl application?

The national cost average for standard pattern vinyl film is between \$10 – 20 per square foot to buy and install. Skyline's pricing for Eco-etched glass is comparable at the right project scale, and, in fact, at times can price up to 20 percent less expensive than vinyl.

Does etched glass have an aesthetic advantage over vinyl film?

Yes. Because glass is cut and abraded during the etching process, after installation, natural light may pass through, causing refraction, ever-changing luminosity, and sparkle. These qualities are missing with vinyl applications, which often look flat by comparison.

How does etched glass compare to vinyl applications from a durability standpoint?

Durability for etched glass is far superior. Once Skyline glass is etched, it is permanent and there is no liability of applied material scratching, peeling, de-laminating, bubbling, or discoloring over time.

Is it true that vinyl is quicker to install and easier change than glass?

No. When etched glass is designed and budgeted into a project at the beginning of the concept stages, the lead time and order process are efficient. Vinyl film is only quicker to work with when adding a pattern in the field after glass has been installed, or when the project team wants to take a less sustainable, shortcut path to the end result.

What's more, all vinyl films permanently adhere to the glass over time. One type sets in the first two weeks, and a second type cures within 18 months. Rather than allowing change, vinyl bonds, making it difficult and expensive to remove.





Frequently Asked Questions

What type of buyer is going to be most inclined to show interest in the Eco-etch Volume Program?

- Environmentally-conscious buyers
- Price-driven buyers
- Buyers engaged with major design firms
- Facility members interested in long-term care and maintenance issues

Why has Skyline Design offered these specific 12 patterns in the program?

The 12 chosen patterns are best-selling classic designs that offer a variety of privacy levels. These patterns are also unlikely to have repeats or continuation issues to adjoining panels once installed. You may view the patterns online here.