CRL-U.S. ALUMINUM
UNIT-GLAZED SYSTEMS
BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN UNITIZED CURTAIN WALLS
AND TRADITIONAL WINDOW WALLS.
ADVANCING THE ENVELOPE
As the design and construction industry continues to innovate and find ways to increase efficiency while streamlining labor and fabrication costs, CRL-U.S. Aluminum has emerged with an innovative solution for installing commercial storefronts and window walls. Our Unit-Glazed Systems allow glaziers to fabricate in their own shop environments, reducing field labor by as much as 50% and accelerate the installation process. This translates into substantial time and cost savings, more competitive quotes, and higher profit margins.

COMPLETE SUPPORT
We take pride in providing customers with outstanding technical support from start to finish. Our highly trained, CSI CDT Certified technical support team has experience with both small and large-scale project applications, and understands the importance of providing reliable information and estimates early on to more effectively collaborate with project stakeholders. Our commitment to architects, contractors, and installers is evident in our strong attention to meeting and exceeding expectations, because when you thrive so do we.

MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION
CRL-U.S. Aluminum's ISO9001: 2008 certified manufacturing and testing facilities provide the highest quality systems with short lead times to comply with strict project deadlines. Our products are tested and proven to perform at the highest industry standards in compliance with AAMA, ASTM, and NFRC criteria.

We apply more than 50 years of experience to the design and manufacturing of our products, and that translates into exceptional quality and proven performance. Couple that with a distribution network 43 locations strong and a global footprint which exceeds 3 million sq ft., you’ve got a single source manufacturer delivering a level of quality and lead times that others simply cannot compete with.
**PRE-GLAZE ATTRIBUTES AND ADVANTAGES:**

**REDUCED FIELD LABOR**

Generally, glazing contractors utilize 25% of their time in a shop environment and 75% out in the field. Adopting a pre-glaze fabrication method over a traditional approach will decrease the amount of time spent at the project site to 40% and allow for 60% of production to take place in the shop, saving a minimum of 20% - 25% of labor expense.

**VASTLY INCREASED FIELD PRODUCTION**

With more pre-glaze and unitized system fabrication done in the shop and transported to the field, glaziers have the ability to work faster and get more done at the project site.

**INCREASED QUALITY CONTROL AND EFFICIENCY**

Assembling units in the shop allows glazing contractors to work in a controlled environment and efficiently monitor attendance, work assignments, along with the quantity and quality of production.

This setting allows for improved fabrication and installation of all required setting blocks, water deflectors, end dams, and gasketing elements. Each of these components are readily available in glass shops, allowing glaziers improved supervision and control with less disruption than may be encountered at the job site.

**INCREASED FACTORY PRODUCTION THROUGH ASSEMBLY LINE TECHNIQUES**

In the way that Henry Ford introduced and perfected manufacturing through an assembly line, glazing contractors can teach less qualified individuals specific tasks and fabrication methods that will perfect and increase production.

**INCREASED COMPETITIVENESS ON BOTH SMALLER AND LARGER JOBS**

Before targeting more large-scale projects, it is important to first widen your technical scope. This will sharpen your ability to accommodate higher degrees of difficulty and ensure that you remain competitive.

With pre-glaze and unitized systems your ability to compete for jobs is reliant on your efficiency in the factory and the field. These fabrication methods significantly lower your exposure to job site risks where your labor dollars can be mismanaged through loss of production control.

**CURTAIN WALL AESTHE TICS WITH WINDOW WALL LOGISTICS**

Our innovative Slab Edge Covers will give your project a striking façade with a seamless curtain wall aesthetic, minus all of the structural and performance obstacles that come with it.

See Page 6 for Typical Slab Edge Cover details.
KEY CONSIDERATIONS
IMPORTANT FACTORS TO ADDRESS BEFORE TAKING ON UNIT-GLAZED PROJECTS

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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER, ALKEK TOWER
Location: Houston, TX
Architect: HKS Architects
PROJECT CASE STUDY

CHALLENGE:
Renovating an active medical center occupied by patients with compromised immune systems along with numerous disruptions due to construction was already a challenge. However, finding a glass window wall solution with a rapid installation process that wouldn’t disrupt patients, staff, visitors, or operations was a major goal for the project.

SOLUTION:
CRL-U.S. Aluminum’s Unit-Glazed Systems assisted with the quick and easy installation of a new window wall for the sky-high project. The Unit Glazing Systems significantly improved the look and quality of the window wall without being disruptive or harmful to patients and staff during (and after) construction.

CRL-U.S. Aluminum’s Unit-Glazed TT601 Top Notch Window Wall System played an integral role in accelerating the installation of the building’s new glass façade. Once the units were delivered to the project site, each section was installed in a matter of minutes thanks to U.S. Aluminum’s Unit Split Mullions and Gravity Loaded Sill Flashing. These tools aided the installer with snapping each Unit-Glazed section together in just three simple steps. “The system was well designed and functioned perfectly,” says Robert Malone, President of Ranger Specialized Glass, Inc., glazing contractor for the project. “The system did not leak and installed very quickly. It turned into a very profitable job for Ranger.”

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How do you keep the glass from “walking” in the glass pocket when shipping to the job site?
A: CRL-U.S. Aluminum ships a low durometer block (shore 40 to 45 hardness) to allow for wedging the glass below the horizontals and to wedge the glass in the glass pockets. This block stabilizes the glass and prevents shifting within the pockets.

Q: Will the contractor need to get on the outside of the building to seal the system?
A: The contractor will typically need to get on the outside of the building to seal their perimeter joint. When using a head can, the contractor may reduce the requirement for exterior sealing of the system to just the jamb condition.

Q: What if the General Contractor will not “Guarantee” the opening?
A: The general contractor should guarantee the opening dimensions as the contractor must order glass and have it available to close up the building. The contractor should impress upon the contractor the speed in closing up the building this installation method offers and the benefit to the contractor. The contractor will be able to start the interior finishes much earlier on the schedule than they would otherwise be able to start. This will improve the general conditions and reduce cost. Everyone on the construction team saves money when the building is closed up quickly.

TRANSPORTING GLAZED UNITS
Most glazing contractors will utilize steel “A” frame racks from the local glass supplier to transport and lift the units onto the floors. Another typical method is to place the units in crates and lift them onto each floor. Crates can be made to be reusable allowing them to be broken down, transported back to the fabrication facility, and used again.

EQUIPMENT
Special equipment will help the contractor install the units in the fastest way possible. Typically a contractor should install from the outside on jobs of six stories or less. The contractor should install from the inside on buildings taller than six stories. When installing from the outside a hoisting device (such as a Beta Max or Vella lift) should be used. The units would be picked directly from the delivery trailer. When installing from the inside, a modified electric pallet jack is usually the best option. CRL-U.S. Aluminum can help in providing or sourcing the equipment required for the contractor to obtain maximum efficiency.

WHEN TO ORDER MATERIALS
The earlier the glazing contractor starts the process of fabrication and glazing, the smoother the entire process will be. They will be better able to build in the desired level of quality rather than be rushed for time by a tight schedule. The contractor should look at being several floors ahead of the job in their fabrication and glazing process.

FIND YOUR APPLICATION SOLUTION. Find out how CRL-U.S. Aluminum can help with your project by contacting Technical Sales at usalum@crlaurence.com or (800) 262-5151 Ext. 5305
The key to CRL-U.S. Aluminum Unit-Glazed Systems is our new Unit Split Mullions and Gravity Loaded Sill Flashing. These features enable installers to easily snap each Unit-Glazed section together in the field. All Unit-Glazed Systems have been fully tested and approved for structural integrity, air and water infiltration.

IT GOES TOGETHER IN 3 EASY STEPS

UNIT-GLAZED TECHNOLOGY

UNIT-GLAZED SYSTEMS

08 44 13
SERIES IT451 CENTER GLAZED THERMAL STOREFRONT SYSTEM
• 2" x 4-1/2" Frame
• 1" Glazing Infill
• Thermally Broken

Series IT451 Thermal Center Glazed Systems offer an outstanding value by combining increased thermal performance with low-cost conventional flush glazing. These systems feature the Poly-Aluminizer™ and Lancer™ Thermal Break Technologies, providing exceptional thermal performance.

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SERIES TT601 TOP NOTCH WINDOW WALL SYSTEM
• 2-1/4" x 6" Frame
• 1" Glazing
• Glass Offset to Front
• Butt Glazed Vertical Option
• Optional Slab Edge Cover

The Top Notch System offers a shallow face reveal that creates a flush exterior appearance. This system utilizes wedge-type molded corner exterior sponge gaskets for superior air and water performance. Internal water deflectors at intermediate horizontal to vertical intersections allow infiltrated water to be drained into a continuous sill gutter and weeped to the exterior.

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SERIES 4500 SSG STRUCTURAL SILICONE GLAZED WINDOW WALL SYSTEM
• 2-1/4" x 6" or 2-1/4" x 7" Frame
• 1" Glazing
• Optional Slab Edge Cover (7" System Only)

Verticals for Structural Silicone Glazing create the look of a true glass wall with the same labor saving installation. Horizontal framing members run continuous between wall jambs to accomplish a horizontal band appearance.

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SERIES FT451 FLUSH FRONT™ OFFSET GLAZED THERMAL STOREFRONT SYSTEM
• 2" x 4-1/2" Frame
• 1" Glazing
• Flush In, Flush Out, or Combination Glazing
• Thermally Broken

Flush Front™ Systems feature injection molded water deflectors at intermediate horizontals, and a continuous sill gutter with factory pre-punched weep slots to ensure control of any infiltrated water. The plane of the glass may be reversed from exterior to interior or any combination to give these standard systems a custom look. Flush Front™ Series FT451 offers improved thermal performance using the Poly-Aluminizer™ Thermal Break.

All systems are available in an array of architectural coatings and anodized finishes.

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TYPICAL DETAILS
SERIES 4500 SSG STRUCTURAL SILICONE GLAZE WINDOW WALL SYSTEM

Panel "A" Panel "B" Panel "C"

A | HEAD

B | HORIZONTAL

C | SILL

D | JAMB

E | UNIT MULLION

F | JAMB

NOT TO SCALE  |  For Specifications, Details, and Testing visit usalum.com
TYPICAL DETAILS
SERIES TT61 TOP NOTCH WINDOW WALL SYSTEM

A | HEAD

B | HORIZONTAL

C | SILL

D | JAMB

E | UNIT MULLION

F | EXPANSION MULLION

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ENTRANCES • STOREFRONTS • CURTAIN WALLS • WINDOWS • WINDOW WALLS
HURRICANE RESISTANT SYSTEMS • BLAST MITIGATION SYSTEMS • SUN CONTROL SYSTEMS

As an industry leader for over 50 years, CRL-U.S. Aluminum has built a solid reputation based on innovative product design, installer-friendly systems, and excellent customer service. We collaborate with the commercial design and construction industry to produce monumental projects using our comprehensive offering of engineered products. Our wide range of architectural systems are carefully designed, engineered, and manufactured to satisfy the aesthetic value, structural integrity, performance requirements, and economic concerns of today’s most demanding projects. All glazing systems are tested to the highest industry standards by certified independent testing laboratories.

A half-century of ingenuity has produced an infrastructure with manufacturing and distribution capabilities strategically positioned throughout the North American market providing regional fabrication and technical support.