

News Release

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Egress Window Options **Available from Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows**

PENSACOLA, FLA. – Privacy windows *or* opening windows to allow in ventilation and offer an emergency exit from the home? With egress window options on operable acrylic block windows from Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows, homeowners and building industry professionals no longer need to make a choice --- they can have it all!

“According to The International Residential Code, egress windows need to open to at least 5.7 square feet,” says Roger Murphy, president of U S Block Windows, Inc. “Our company has a wide variety of window options that meet this requirement while also providing a decorative look to the home. In many cases, egress windows are required in areas like the bathroom, bedroom and basement.

“Homeowners are eager to have both privacy and natural light in these areas of the home, so operable acrylic block windows are the perfect solution. And, in many cases where windows are in basement settings they open out into egress wells. With the privacy features of acrylic block windows you obscure the unsightly view of an egress well cylinder and help improve the overall aesthetics of the basement environment.”

The patented line hinge design on the Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows acrylic block casement window can meet the egress requirements with a smaller window than most other casement designs. “Our casement windows open to a greater angle, so we are able to include a wider variety of sizes in this egress line offering,” says Murphy.

Selling Operable Windows

At Builders Supply Co. in Omaha, Neb., window department manager Tom Hinsley believes ventilation is a key selling feature of Hy-Lite/U S Block operable windows. “This is the only brand we sell,” says Hinsley. “The master bath is a primary area of the home for operable acrylic block windows, especially in new construction applications. They add style, privacy and ventilation to an important room in the home.”

Further north in Bloomington, Minn., Ryan Menard agrees. “Operable acrylic block units give homeowners and builders another option to a standard obscure window in a bathroom setting,” says Menard, the inside sales representative with Alside Supply Center. “Our area has thousands of homes with double hung windows above bathroom tubs. This is a viable option that also allows ventilation but enhances the privacy in the home.”

Largest Selection of Operable Specialty Windows

In addition to egress windows, Hy-Lite/U S Block windows offer operable decorative glass windows and unique styles of acrylic block windows to meet the needs of homeowners and contractors nationwide.

“We have the largest selection of operable single hung, slider, awning, hopper and casement windows available in acrylic block and decorative glass in the industry,” says Murphy. “This makes it exceptionally easy for people to add in ventilating and egress windows when either building a new home or remodeling a cherished older home. There are so many advantages to these windows over stationary, non-operable glass block windows. The energy efficiency features, styles, durability and privacy features are just a few of the aspects that builders repeatedly cite as reasons for selecting these windows.”

U S Block Windows is the only source for durable, lightweight acrylic block windows in single hung or slider form. The innovative windows come in several sizes. Operable decorative radius topped windows are also available. (see <http://www.usblockwindows.com/USBlock07acrylicsinglehangs.cfm>) The company offers unique double casement, radius top casement, hexagon awning and eyebrow casement windows (see <http://www.usblockwindows.com/USBlock07acryllicasement.cfm>) in a variety of block patterns and colors with low-maintenance vinyl frames.

Homeowners may also select from stunning operable casement or awning windows in the company’s line of Decorative Glass Windows, including American, Craftsman, Euro, Euro Blue, Brilliance Wrought Iron and Spring Flower styles. (see http://www.hy-lite.com/homeowners/products/decorative_glass_windows/operable.asp.)

Headquartered in Pensacola, Fla., U S Block Windows offers the widest selection of prefabricated privacy products in the industry. Product lines are offered under both the U S Block Windows and Hy-Lite Products brand names and include a variety of operable and fixed acrylic block and decorative glass windows. Additional product offerings include glass block windows along with an assortment of acrylic block shutters, accent panels, radius walls, partition walls, door inserts and shower kits. For more information visit www.hy-lite.com and www.usblockwindows.com or call 888-256-2599.

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