

News Release

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Broadening Architectural Appeal of Home Designs

PENSACOLA, FLA. – Building industry professionals eager to incorporate unique design elements into their projects can find the best of all window options with Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows. Since the assets of Hy-Lite Products were taken over by U S Block Windows in early 2009, the new Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows now offers the greatest variety of specialty windows for retrofit and new construction projects.

Acrylic Block Products

Available nationwide, acrylic block windows from Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows are available in **fixed picture, custom radius, geometric, single hung, casement, awning and slider** styles. The company also offers **custom-made interior acrylic block shutters, radius walls, accent panels, walk-in shower kits and door inserts.**

“Designers and architects who may be used to specifying just one acrylic block window in a home are really missing out on the other privacy options available,” says Roger Murphy, president of Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows. “Today’s home can easily include a combination of operable block windows, radius block walls to add privacy to a home gym, interior door inserts for home offices and operable block interior shutters to control the flow of light into a room. It hardly seems fair to the homeowner to have just one acrylic block element in the home when there are so many complementary pieces that can create a personal retreat.”

Acrylic Block Enhancements

For the ultimate in selection options, **lightweight acrylic blocks** are offered in Clear Wave, Glacier Wave, Frosted Wave, Column, Clear Cross and Colonial/Heritage for varying degrees of privacy and decorative appeal. Clear, Green, SunBlock Wave (outside tint) and Solar Wave (outside tint) **colors** are available. To enhance the interiors of units, **perimeter trim and muntin coverings** are available in Solid Oak, Pine Wood, Mill Finish Aluminum ready for painting, Bright Gold, Bright Bronze, Chrome, Bright Copper and Polished Black; Vinyl Muntins include: White, Tan, Sandsun, Bronze and Brass.

For a unique way to light up a room, Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows offers the option of **tube lighting** inserted within fixed panel units of acrylic blocks. The specially designed lighting systems feature rigid polycarbonate tubes of miniature lights that can be installed either horizontally or vertically between three-inch thick blocks. Each string of tube lighting has a long life span (over 80,000 hours) so that replacement is not an issue.

“Tube lighting between acrylic blocks is an exceptionally unique way to add a dramatic design impact and more light to a room,” according to Murphy. “Just imagine, you can design an entire wall of acrylic block that gives the homeowner privacy and natural sunlight during daytime hours. Then, in the evening, with the flick of a switch, that same wall becomes illuminated with the sparkling tube lighting. This is a unique design element that can really transform a home or office setting.”

Glass Block Products

Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows also offers support to those remodelers, builders and designers who prefer to work with real glass. “While we know that acrylic block products are lighter in weight and more energy efficient than glass blocks, we do recognize that there are some individuals who truly want to use real glass block in a project,” says Murphy. “For them, we offer **glass block windows** made with two-inch thick glass. These windows come ready-to-install in frames for fast, easy installation. Ice or wave patterns of glass block are available.”

Decorative Glass Windows

For locations in a projects requiring “extra sparkle,” Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows offers the **DecoGlass™ Image Series Windows by GlassCraft**, with four unique motifs kiln-fired on clear glass to create a permanent, beautiful design on the interior, with an obscure glass texture on the outside. The windows create privacy but let in natural light, while adding style and ambience to the room. Amherst, Canterbury, Manchester and Renaissance style fixed picture windows sparkle before homeowner eyes.

Additional **clear decorative glass window options** include:

- **Victorian** - Decorative center design of swirls made out of Clear Asian Double Glue Chip glass surrounded by Clear Konfeta and Clear Frosted Delta glasses.
- **Spring Flower** - A floral center design of beveled Clear Chinchilla glass surrounded by geometric squares of Clear Asian Double Glue Chip and Spectrum Clear Granite glasses.
- **Radiance** - Clear Beveled glass combines with JJ Granite and Glue Chip.
- **Floral** - A floral center design of Clear Beveled glass highlighted by JJ Granite and Glue Chip glass.
- **Geometric** - A geometric pattern featuring Glue Chip Bevel and Glue Chip glasses makes the octagon window especially eye-catching.
- **Craftsman** - Clear Beveled glass in a regal design surrounded by Clear Taffeta and Clear Masterpoint glasses.

- **Brilliance Wrought Iron** – Black wrought iron swirls and delicate leaves set against a high opacity glass.

One-stop design selections continue at Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows with color glass accents in a variety of different glasses connected with black or patina coming for added elegance. In the company's **Euro Blue Decorative Glass Window**, clear beveled glass is combined with seaside blue diamonds of glass to create swirls of color in the home. The **American Decorative Glass Window** features honey yellow glass pieces connected with black patina coming to an array of decorative Clear and Glue Chip glass pieces.

Headquartered in Pensacola, Fla., Hy-Lite/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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