



Curtain Walling

The first phase of a new Energy Centre incorporated a Boiler House with space for up to 5 high pressure hot water boilers was completed in 2004. One design concept was the incorporation of a 7.2m glazed curtain wall to the principle elevation and full height glazing to the staircase in to maximise light and views into/ out of the building.

In a number of cases the glazing was installed and the stickers on the glass and protective wrapping to the adjacent framework left in place. This was obviously problematic at high level and in a few cases the tape and stickers remain as they could not be safely removed.

One key learning point from the project was that in future Curtain Walling suppliers/ installers, and Glaziers should be requested that all installation and supplier stickers, and protective tape is removed from the glass and framework at installation stage.



Key Points:-

- Architects/ Designers/ Specifiers should clearly state in specifications/ drawings that stickers and protective tape should be totally removed at installation stage to prevent requirements for high level access after removal of installation scaffolding.
- Glazing Manufacturers should be encouraged to look at this issue and if possible provide glues or stickers that are easily removable from the glass and frameworks.