



CENSOLUTIONS

Taping of Sealed Units .

Insulating glass sealant manufacturers do not generally recommend the taping of Sealed Units. The following gives a list of reasons given by customers for taping and also a list of the perceived disadvantages: -

The Reasons given for Taping.

Customer demand.

Aesthetic. I.e. Looks nice.

Aids handling of partially cured, emergency, units.

Protection from cuts.

Protects the units from damage such as scratching or shelling.

The Reasons against Taping.

Covers faulty and poor quality unit manufacture.

Does not contribute to the units' performance or life expectancy.

Can trap moisture against the sealant rather than allowing drainage and evaporation.

Aluminium tapes may mark other sealed units if rubbed against.

Synthetic cloth tape may shrink when exposed to heat ; causing low depth of seal on the corners of Hot Melt units.

The adhesives on some tapes are incompatible with certain types of perimeter sealant. It is essential that the tape or sealant manufacturer should give assurance as to the compatibility of the two products.

Cost.