Solar Control Window Films: Success Stories

Private Residence, Chicago, Illinois



Installation Summary

Problem:

Strong glare
Excessive solar heat gain
Need for view preservation

Solution:

Solar Gard Stainless Steel 30

Amount of film:

500 sq. ft. (46 sq. meters)

Benefits:

Maintained scenic views
Eliminated glare
Helps keep even climate
Lowered energy costs
Protection against fade damage

"We used to have such problems with intense heat and glare, but not anymore. The view of the lake is still great and our furnishings and carpets haven't experienced any fade damage since we had the film installed. Solar Gard has made all the difference in our home!" Karen Pasdach, homeowner

Solar Gard® blows away glare in the windy city

Karen and Peter Pasdach's 4,300-square foot suburban Chicago residence is a stunning display of architecture, with high-vaulted ceilings and large windows making beautiful use of space and light. The award winning home also has the advantage of a handsome lakeside location, providing picturesque views of the water from nearly every room. Of course, while the broad windows provide a warm,

open atmosphere, they also let in glaring sunlight, damaging ultraviolet light and sometimes caused uncomfortable changes in climate. The Pasdachs wanted to eliminate these problems, but were worried about impairing the view and altering the feel of the home with dark blinds, drapes or shutters.

Independent Solar Gard window film dealer Jeff Cipolla met with the Pasdachs to discuss window film as an alternate solution. They were initially hesitant, having the common misconception of window film as being only beneficial in southern climates and having a dark, bubbled, purplish appearance. Jeff recommended installing nearly 500 square feet (46 square meters) of Solar Gard Stainless Steel 30 and the Pasdachs were immediately delighted with the appearance, performance and benefits of the film.

The soft, neutral film perfectly preserved the panoramic lakeside views while blocking over half of the sun's total solar energy and almost all ultraviolet light. The Pasdachs' furniture and artwork now has an excellent measure of protection against fading and sun-related damage, yet there is still ample natural sunlight to maintain the bright, airy atmosphere of their home. The climate inside the residence is also much more comfortable and consistent, with the energy bills notably reduced.



