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## Glass Retailers Get a Look Ahead at the Americas Glass Showcase®

**G**lass retailers looking to expand their offerings—and other glass-related companies looking to see what's out there—are invited to the Americas Glass Association's annual Americas Glass Showcase® (AGS). AGS, to be held May 2-3 at the Cashman Center in Las Vegas, is scheduled to host a variety of companies providing products from glass to equipment to window film to software.

Take a look at these previewed products for a glimpse of what's to come, but be sure to check out the show for additional product offerings. For a full list of exhibitors, visit [www.americasglassassn.org](http://www.americasglassassn.org).

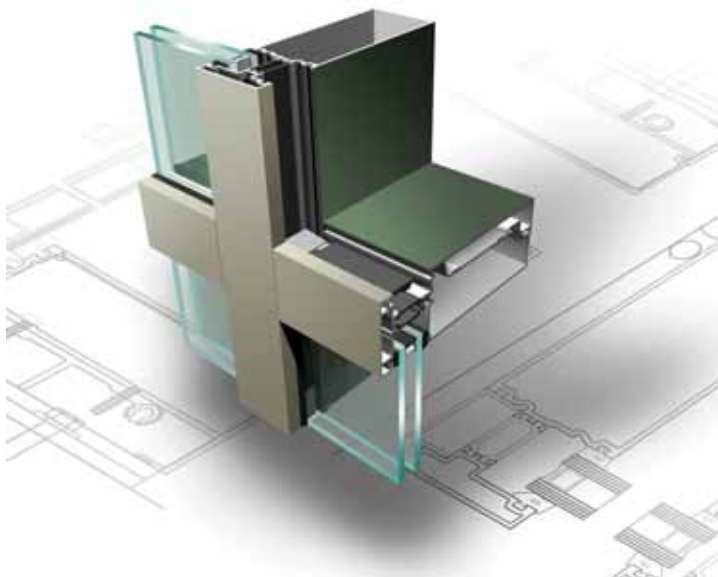
### Booth #407: Vistawall Provides Reliance (Curtainwall)

The Reliance™ thermal composite inside glazed (TC IG) curtainwall from Vistawall Architectural Products, part of The Vistawall Group, an Oldcastle Glass® Engineered Products Company, adds thermal performance to its Reliance line of products.

Increased thermal performance is achieved through the use of glass-reinforced polyamide strips in the construction of all horizontal and vertical members. The new vertical is available in both 7 ¼- and 6-inch depths, with either captured or structural silicone glazed verticals. Two-color capability is still available on both vertical and horizontal sections. As with Reliance curtainwall, Reliance-TC IG offers optional system depths and profiles with the ability to adapt entrance doors and operable windows.

With this latest addition to the Reliance line of products, the company now offers three tiers of thermal and installation options: a traditional exterior-glazed pressure wall, an exterior-glazed pressure wall with thermally enhanced composite verticals and a fully inside-glazed composite system.

► [www.vistawall.com](http://www.vistawall.com)



### Booth: #441: Wood's Powr-Grip Lends a Hand

From factory floor to final installation, Wood's Powr-Grip Co. Inc. in Laurel, Mont., offers a full line of handheld vacuum cups, below-the-hook vacuum lifters for multipurpose and production line use and other products designed specifically for glass handling.

On display at Americas Glass Showcase® 2008 will be its full line of handheld vacuum cups, which feature the company's patented, red-line vacuum indicator. The company's broad range of hand cups includes diameters from 3 to 10 inches, in styles for handling either flat or curved glass.

► [www.powrgrip.com](http://www.powrgrip.com)



## Booth #217: Unruh Weathers It All

Unruh Fab Inc. in Sedgwick, Kan., will be spotlighting its “Weathers by Unruh” product line at the Americas Glass Showcase®. The line is made up of various racks, carts and accessories designed to assist in transporting and handling glass.

▶ [www.unruhfab.com](http://www.unruhfab.com)

## Booth #227: PPG is on the Edge



Pittsburgh-based PPG Industries has published a new edge-color guide for Starphire glass that highlights the unique blue edge appearance of Starphire ultra-clear glass.

Traditional clear glass displays a light green cast that gets darker as the glass gets thicker and longer. When Starphire glass is manufactured and cut in longer lengths, its clarity produces an aesthetic blue color, according to information from the company. The new brochure demonstrates the differences between Starphire glass and other clear glass products. A chart illustrates the different glasses' edge-color appearances in thicknesses of 6, 12 and 19 millimeters and in lengths up to 130 feet.

▶ [www.ppgstarphire.com](http://www.ppgstarphire.com)

## Booths #237: Glass Doctor® Partners to Fix Panes

Glass Doctor®, Western Reflections and PPG AutoGlass have teamed up to offer customers high-quality replacement residential door glass service. Glass Doctor franchisees now can order Western Reflections door glass insert products and parts from PPG AutoGlass, which will ship the orders through its established auto glass distribution network.

“We appreciate the willingness of Western Reflections and PPG AutoGlass to step out of the box to help us deliver a superior product and service to our customers,” says Glass Doctor president Mark Dawson.

▶ [www.glassdoctor.com/Glass\\_Doors.htm](http://www.glassdoctor.com/Glass_Doors.htm)

## Booth #302: Get USGlass Delivered Digitally



Now USGlass subscribers have a choice as to how they receive their magazine—in their inbox or in their e-mail inbox.

The new digital issue of USGlass features all of the same content that can be found in print, in much the same format, but with bonus material such as videos, immediate access to special online departments and features, and clickable links that deliver readers directly to information from featured companies.

The March 2008 issue marks the start of regular digital offerings following a successful pilot program last fall. The digital edition brings the latest issue of USGlass straight to readers' mailboxes, making it perfect for subscribers who are always on the road, as well as international readers.

Sign up for a free subscription by visiting [www.glass.com/subcenter.php](http://www.glass.com/subcenter.php) or booth 302 at the Americas Glass Showcase®.

▶ [www.usglass-digital.com](http://www.usglass-digital.com)

## Booth #304: CRL Puts Door Products in One Location, DC07

If you're looking for information on all of the door closers, locks, handles, panic exit devices, door pulls and other accessories available from Los Angeles-based C.R. Laurence Co. Inc. (CRL), then you're looking for the company's new CRL DC07 Door Controls Catalog. The full color, 230-page catalog is available in print and online in pdf format.

The DC07 catalog, which will be one among many products the company will have on display at the upcoming trade show, also includes glass door locks, center locks and keepers, electronic locks, many kinds of center-hung and offset pivots, and a full selection of door hinges.

▶ [www.crlaurence.com](http://www.crlaurence.com)



### Booth #431: Access These New Hardware Supplies

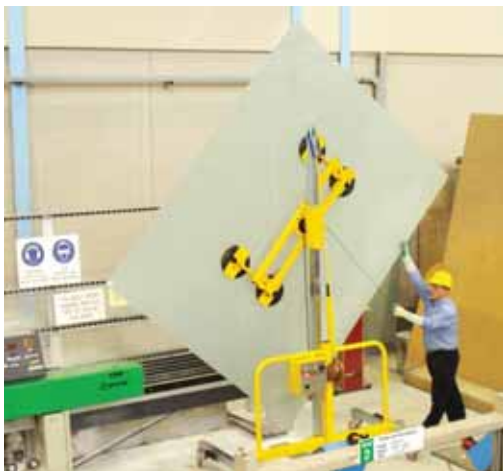
Among other hardware products, Access Hardware Supply in San Leandro, Calif., is supplying the new World Strike, a fire-rated electric strike with a new patented design. With no need for cutouts, installations are fast and cost-efficient. Installers simply replace the standard mechanical plate with the World Strike—no filing or sawing is necessary.

Designed for heavy-duty and standard applications, the all-in-one 77-54 offers dual voltage and field selectable fail secure/fail safe operation. A deep latch cavity accommodates cylindrical lockets with a  $\frac{5}{8}$ - to  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch throw in metal, wood or aluminum frames.

► [www.accesshardware.com](http://www.accesshardware.com)

### Booth #325: The Mule Flexes Its Muscles

The Mule from Quattrolifts in Henderson, Nev., was designed to help one man lift and rotate up to 660 pounds of glass or insulating glass units. The Mule can load and unload glass, mirrors and double glazed units onto cutting tables, edgework machines, trucks and dollies while reducing OSHA risks.



For glazing shops that don't have overhead cranes or cranes that don't reach some areas, the Mule can be used to move glass around from a rack to

a cutting table and rotate glass on an edgework machine. Glaziers can also use the Mule to load and unload trucks that are parked outside their shops.

► [www.quattrolifts.com](http://www.quattrolifts.com)

### Booth #332: See What You Want to See

Not every view is great from every angle, but there is a way to always show your good side. Madico's Lumisty view control film allows you to dictate what's seen, at what angle. The Woburn, Mass.-based manufacturer developed this product to change from transparent to translucent, depending on which angle viewers are positioned. In this way, it's possible to allow passersby a clear view from straight-on, while blocking unsightly views lurking at certain angles.

The same amount of light is transmitted in both forms, but its translucent form scatters light and offers invisibility. Lumisty is available in three styles and a number of viewing range angles.

► [www.madico.com](http://www.madico.com)

### Americas Glass Association Releases New Edition of *The Source*<sup>®</sup>

The Americas Glass Association (AGA) has released the latest edition of *the Source*<sup>®</sup>, a publication offering in-depth information about the 2006 International Building Code.

On January 1, 2008, California officially adopted the 2006 International Building Code, bringing more than 50 percent of the country under the 2006 code. In this publication, Donn Harter, AGA president and technical director, provides an interpretation of the code to assist glazing contractors in better understanding how to keep their projects within compliance of the code.

► [www.americasglassassn.org](http://www.americasglassassn.org)

### Booth #205: TGP Offers Pyrostop Product with Integrated Blinds

The latest fire-rated offering from Technical Glass Products (TGP) in Kirkland, Wash., is Pilkington Pyrostop<sup>™</sup>—with integrated Venetian blinds.

Pilkington Pyrostop products with 45- and 60-minute fire ratings can be combined with manually operable Venetian blinds included in an insulating glass unit to enhance privacy and reduce glare. The blinds are encased between multiple layers of glass, so never need to be cleaned. In addition, the blinds are available in a wide range of colors and are fabricated in the United States, allowing for short delivery lead times.

► [www.fireglass.com](http://www.fireglass.com)

### Booth #310: Vitro America to Decorate with DecoTherm<sup>®</sup>

The latest in the line of products from Vitro America in Memphis, Tenn., is decorative glass. Following a licensing agreement to manufacture DecoTherm<sup>®</sup> digital ceramic-frit glass decoration, Vitro has installed an image positioning system in its Greensboro, N.C.

DecoTherm decoration, a patented process for placing graphic designs permanently on glass without the need for sandblasting or screen printing, is expected to complement the company's existing lines, including all-glass entrances, vision systems, glass handrails and heavy glass shower enclosures.

► [www.vitro.com](http://www.vitro.com)

### Booth #234: Roland Says, Design Like A Pro

Roland Advanced Solutions Division (ASD) has introduced Film Designs Pro—a design software package that's compatible with all brands of window film. Film Designs Pro comes loaded with design features and makes it possible to add designs, logos and text to window film patterns. With several unique editing tools, this software can even create signs, banners and decals. It imports both AI and EPS files and can save changes directly to a local computer.

Film Designs Pro does not restrict customers to using certain film brands or types or limited design capabilities. The software provides unlimited use of more than 2,000 window film pattern kits. The patterns can be re-used over and over without a per-cut fee.

► [www.rolandasd.com](http://www.rolandasd.com) ■