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YKK AP America Wins *USGlass* Green Design Awards

Chosen by readers from a selection of 15 nominees for its commitment to sustainability

AUSTELL, Ga. — November 9, 2009 — [YKK AP](#) America, the leader in manufacturing high quality [architectural products](#), was named the Green Design Award winner by *USGlass*® Magazine. This first annual award program was designed to acknowledge green companies for their energy-efficient products and environmentally friendly manufacturing processes. The September issue of *USGlass* included a list of 15 companies nominated by readers and selected by editors along with explanations as to what made those companies “green.” Readers of *USGlass* then voted in October for the greenest manufacturer, and based on those votes, YKK AP America was named the winner.

“Glass and metal products contribute to energy-efficient buildings in so many ways that we at *USGlass* wanted to recognize the companies that promote green through environmentally friendly manufacturing and distribution processes, as well as with high-performing products. That’s why we held our first Green Design Awards,” said Megan Headley, editor of *USGlass*. “After an extensive nomination and voting process, our readers overwhelmingly chose YKK AP America as this year’s winner.”

In the September issue of *USGlass*, readers were introduced to YKK AP America’s dedication to energy efficiency through its products, manufacturing processes, and corporate culture. YKK AP recently launched enerGfacade, its family of energy-efficient products, which includes [Luminance](#)™, a light-shelf system, [ThermaShade](#) sunshades and [YOW350T](#), an architectural grade window system. Additionally, YKK AP America’s manufacturing plant in Dublin, Georgia is ISO 14001 certified and recycles all of its aluminum waste onsite while capturing 93 percent of solvent emissions from its paint line. Moreover, YKK AP America incorporates LEED AP (Leadership in Energy Environmental Design Accredited Professional) into its ongoing employee development platform. The company offers continual training to achieve accreditation, such as study group assistance, and in order to reach the most senior level sales position, employees must become LEED AP or obtain the Construction Specifications Institute’s CCPR (Certified Construction Product Representative) accreditation.

“To receive this award from such an influential publication is an honor, and to be chosen by the readers is an even greater honor,” said Mike Turner, vice president of marketing



for YKK AP America. “We are dedicated to helping America become more energy-efficient and are extremely pleased to be recognized for our commitment. I want to thank *USGlass* for implementing this award program and recognizing all the nominees as green companies that are paving the way for a more sustainable future.”

YKK AP will showcase its enerGfacade product line at this week’s Greenbuild show, November 11 – 13 in Phoenix, Arizona.

About YKK AP America

YKK AP America Inc. manufactures entrances, storefronts, curtain walls, window walls, sunshades, windows and sliding doors for office buildings, residential high-rises, schools, stadiums, shopping centers and institutional structures. All building products are manufactured in ISO 14001 certified facilities in Dublin, Georgia – a standard for businesses that operate in a sustainable manner by reducing pollution and waste. The company has also been recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy for Exceptional Leadership in Industrial Energy Efficiency. YKK AP America is based in Austell, Ga. It is a subsidiary of YKK Corporation of America, whose parent company is global manufacturer YKK Corporation of Japan. For more information, visit www.ykkap.com.

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