

## Aspect Windows Pty Ltd

### Do *your* windows perform?

Windows and doors form a major part of your home and should be seen as an investment in your property. With this in mind, you should always ensure that you purchase accredited and tested windows that are warranted and compliant with AS2047 and AS1288 – the Australian standards relevant to windows and glazing.

Aspect Windows is proud to say that our products are compliant with these standards and our products have undergone strict testing in an independent NATA test laboratory to ensure we meet standards required. Our products are audited by the Australian Window Association to ensure that we comply with criteria applicable for labeling and certifying our product.

Basically, these tests cover wind and water ingress and structural strength and Aspect windows scored very highly in all of these areas and our windows generally meet an N4 rating. Our EcoAdvantage series of frames can meet an N5 rating.

The location of your house has a bearing on what the strength and ingress requirements of the windows need to be. The table below shows the criteria under which a site is generally determined – you should inform your sales executive of where your site is at the time of quoting, to ensure your windows are fit for purpose.

<b>Terrain Category</b>	<b>Pressure Rating (Pa)</b>	<b>Description</b>
N2	700Pa	Sheltered Suburban
N3	1000 Pa	Exposed Suburban
N4	1500 Pa	Open Rural

\*\*Please note that coastal, elevated or exposed areas can sometimes rate higher than expected. You should check with your architect or building designer prior to having your windows quoted to ensure that you are able to give us the correct terrain category.

Further information about testing and certification can be found at [www.awa.org.au](http://www.awa.org.au)

## Energy Efficiency:

Our windows have also been tested to determine their energy efficiency. An accredited NATA laboratory again undertook these tests. We are proud to announce that our products fall within the top 1% of all rated windows; the benefits for the purchaser are many, including:

- Assistance in complying with your Five Star energy rating report (where applicable)
- Increased summer and winter comfort
- Reduced noise
- Savings on heating and cooling bills
- Reduced condensation
- Increased re-sale value in the home

The window energy-rating scheme is a scheme where members of the window industry agree to a formal code of conduct and participate in an annual audit. WERS results can only be claimed and used by WERS members.

The test results for Aspect Windows products may be viewed by clicking on this [www.wers.net](http://www.wers.net) or the link on our website.

Points to note regarding window energy rating:

1. The **lower** the U-value shown, the **better** the window performance.
2. Percentage improvements are comparable to the base case window. The base-case frame is an aluminium sliding window, single glazed 3mm clear float.
3. Glass types are further explained by clicking on each type.

This ratings table is easily printed off for future reference. If you have any queries about how to read these test results, please contact our sales staff.

## Care and Maintenance:

Timber windows are manufactured from a natural product that will give years of pleasure and service with the correct care. The following points should be observed to ensure the longevity of your windows:

- Ensure frames are correctly painted/sealed prior to installation – please note that this is a condition of warranty
- Periodically ensure frames are cleaned and remove built up deposits of dirt, salt etc with a damp cloth
- Frames should be painted or stained on a regular basis to ensure they remain sealed. A quality paint or stain should be used to ensure proper sealing. The type of paint/stain that you use, or the frequency of how often you'll need to paint or stain will vary depending on where you live. Advice should be sought from a professional within the painting industry in relation to these matters.
- Hardware and moving parts should be kept clean and lubricated (if required) in accordance with manufacturers instructions.
- Drainage channels and tracking should be kept clean and free from grit or any other substance, which may impede performance.
- The use of harsh solvents or cleaning products should be avoided when cleaning your windows.
- Glass should be cleaned carefully in order to avoid scratching.