

Comparison Solar control (CoolLite Xtreme 60/28) and MicroShade®

A good indoor climate is important for people to thrive. Employees who thrive are more productive, engaged, happy, loyal and satisfied. In order to obtain a good indoor climate the facades are critical as they will determine the indoor temperature, daylight and view out.

Below the two facade solutions MicroShade® and solar control are compared on the most important parameters for the experienced indoor climate; g-value, beam shading, daylight through the façade, colour rendering and view out. Furthermore the predictability of the solutions is compared.



Solar control

MicroShade®

Thermal indoor climate	g-value*	√	Х
	Beam Shading	√	Х
Daylight and view out	Daylight*	√	Х
	Colour Rendering	95	91
	View out*	100%	100%
Predictability	Wind Stability	√	
	Control	No control	No control
	Overall Predictability	100%	100%
*See graph on next page		√: Very good (√): Good	(X): Poor X: Very poor

The thermal performance of the solar control glazing is not as good as the MicroShade glazing, as seen on the graph on the next page. The solar control allows more daylight to pass through than the MicroShade, but since it cannot shade for the direct light and the colour rendering is not as good, the overall daylight performance is not as good as the MicroShade. The view out is the same for both solutions when glare is not considered. None of the solutions are sensitive to wind and the overall predictability is 100 % for both solutions since they are fixed.

Below is shown graphs for the two solutions of the monthly effective g-value, average monthly amount of daylight, amount of daylight on a summer day and the number of hours with a view out.

Assumptions

Types of glazing

3-layer low energy glazing both for MicroShade® and CoolLite Xtreme 60/28 Solar control CoolLite Xtreme 60/28 Orientation South façade

Weatherdata

Copenhagen, Meteonorm ver. 7.1.1.122



Effevtive g-value

The effective g-value is more or less constant over the year for the solar control, which results in an inadequate shading during the summer.

For MicroShade the g-value is lowest during summer and hence keeping the heat out when most needed. During the winter, where the solar irradiation can be used as "free" heating the g-value is higher and hence letting in more solar irradiation.



Daylight trough facade

The amount of daylight through the façade is measured in lumens/m2. As seen on the graph the solar control allows much more daylight to pass through the façade than MicroShade. It is desired to have levels between 8000-4000 lumens/m2 as lower levels become too dark and higher levels causes glare problems.



View out

The view out is measured by the number of work hours, where it is possible to have a view out. Both with MicroShade® and the solar control glazing it is possible to have a view out at all times.



Daylight through facade, summer day

On a sunny summer day the daylight levels gets up to app. 33.000 lumens/m2 for the solar control as it is not able to shade the direct sun, while MicroShade® provides levels below 10.000 lumens/m2 because it shades the direct sun.



Solar control is a family of products and this comparison is based on assumptions. Hence, the values are indicative and can vary for specific products.