

Award Windows Known for 'Extreme' Energy Efficiency

Alaskan home receives Extreme Makeover with help from the experts

>> When it comes to harsh climates, Award Windows is an expert. At the company's headquarters in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, temperatures can sink to an icy minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter months and rise to 85 degrees in the summer. Windows must be built to last – and save energy.

To achieve the quality, consistency and labor efficiency it needed, Award Windows turned to Edgetech's Super Spacer®.

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“We have always delivered quality products, but Edgetech has helped us succeed in producing one of Canada's highest rated ENERGY STAR® window systems,” said Don Welsh, president, Award Windows. “On our vertical William-Spadix production line, we run Super Spacer E-class and TriSeal™ on 100 percent of our I.G. units.”

Because of its superior energy ratings and expertise in harsh climates, Award Windows has gained considerable recognition in the window industry and has even participated in the popular television series “Extreme Makeover Home Edition.” In partnership with

the Cold Climate Housing Research Center and long-time dealer, Bucher Glass, both of Fairbanks, Alaska, Award Windows provided and installed its fully loaded, triple-glazed 700 series windows for the project.

“The project was a huge success for us,” explained Welsh. “While helping a very needy family in Fairbanks, Award and Bucher Glass really moved the benchmark for energy performance in that area.”

Welsh attributes some of the growth it has experienced to Super Spacer.

“Super Spacer has dramatically assisted us in our growth – and we are just getting started,” said Welsh. “The increased quality and energy efficiency have enabled us to really tap into the high-performance segment of the market. Plus, the semi-automated equipment has helped us enhance labor effectiveness, increase volume and reduce the human ‘goof factor.’”

Located in a newly renovated 71,000 square foot facility,



Award Windows produces up to 2,500 I.G. units per week and employs 125. The company sells mostly through high-value-oriented dealers, large renovation contractors and some select new construction customers, with sales and dealer representation in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Yukon, North West Territories, Alaska, Montana and Idaho.

In addition to the residential market, Award has also infiltrated structural and high-performance specified projects, such as window replacements for 30-story residential high rises, provincial senior homes and schools, HUD projects and U.S. and Canadian military bases.

product that is designed to perform at minimal levels, which allows them to be very price competitive. With the ever-increasing cost of energy and the recent awareness of global warming, our approach has been different. We strive to give sophisticated buyers the opportunity to install cost-competitive products capable of saving home operating costs, while contributing in a small way to long-term environmental change.”

So, will Award be making another run on television? Perhaps ...

Choosing his words carefully, Welsh said “We are considering another project with a partner in one of the lower states, which will also give us great visibility in an air conditioned marketplace.”

Guess we'll have to wait and see. For more information, go to www.edgetechig.com or www.awardwindows.com.



**Ty Pennington, Design Team Leader / Carpenter
Extreme Makeover Home Edition, ABC**

In terms of window and I.G. quality in the U.S. and Canada, Welsh said “Traditional fabricators along both sides of the border have produced