

# Internal transformation of high-end solar curtain wall



## Overview

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What is a curtain wall?

The architectural solution chosen for the curtain wall is based on a modular concept, achieving both aesthetic and functional integration with the main ventilation system of the building. The interstitial air cavity of a double-skin glazed façade is used for harvesting heat from solar energy and recovering transmission losses from the indoor space.

Why is a curtain wall dimensioned?

The curtain wall is dimensioned to provide the necessary air flow to satisfy the ventilation requirements of the building. Spanish legislation establishes a minimum renovation air flow of 12.5 dm<sup>3</sup>/s per person to satisfy indoor air quality requirements of office buildings.

Do curtain walls reduce energy consumption?

Despite recent efforts on heat loss mitigation (relying on additional glass panes, coatings or thermal breaks to framing elements) curtain walls remain a significant contributor to the energy consumption of such buildings.

How does a curtain wall work?

The base of the curtain wall accommodates a series of openings and filters for directing clean external air into the cavity. As the modules are vertically connected with each other, this air is heated as it rises, primarily by incident radiation from the sun, but also from heat transmitted through the inner glazing.

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For instance, in areas with abundant solar radiation, low-AVT and high-PCE photovoltaic curtain walls (like those with AVT of 0.4 and PCE of 12 %) can greatly cut cooling ...

Furthermore, when the working temperature of PV cells reaches to a certain level, it slightly deviates the electricity generation trend from the real-time solar radiation trend. Under ...

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