

# CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2004 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Let the Sunshine In

### **Abstract**

## **Objectives/Goals**

Many Houses in San Diego have old windows that are very inefficient. There is now other window options. I examined four different configurations of windows to see which one was the most efficient.

#### Methods/Materials

I used four boxes made from plywood, each with a different window configuration to test their efficiency. By putting the four boxes corner to corner with the window facing in. This creates a center area where the heat source, a 100-watt light bulb, generates heat. The light source was turned on and left for 22 minutes to heat up the center area to a stabile temperature. The temperatures inside the boxes were measured and recorded. There were 10 trials done.

#### **Results**

The Low emistivity double paned window was the most efficient followed by the Triple Pane. Next was the double pane window and finally the single pane was the least efficient.

## Conclusions/Discussion

My hypothesis was that the triple pane window would be the most efficient, but different results occurred. The Double Paned window with a Low Emistivity coating performed more efficiently than the Triple Pane. Though the Triple Pane had the most panes of glass the Low-E coating on the double pane reflected more of the light that would have other wise heated up the inside of the box.

## **Summary Statement**

The efficiency of different window constructions was examined in my experiment.

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