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Preserve[®] Protective Film

A Cleaner Finish. Better Protection. Fewer Headaches.

Minnkota Windows now offers **Preserve[®] Protective Film** on select insulating glass units—an added layer of factory-applied protection designed to keep window glass clean, clear, and undamaged from manufacturing through installation.

Preserve[®] is designed to protect what matters most—the **glass, the jobsite workflow, and the homeowner's first impression.**

What Is Preserve[®]?

Preserve[®] is a **clear, factory-applied protective film** installed directly onto Cardinal insulating glass (IG) units before they ever reach the jobsite. It protects both interior and exterior glass surfaces during shipping, handling, installation, and construction activities, then **peels away cleanly** when the job is complete.

Because the film is transparent, it allows natural light into the home during construction—unlike cardboard, paper, or taped coverings.

Key Benefits for Builders, Dealers & Homeowners

Protects glass from common jobsite damage

Helps shield the glass from paint splatter, stucco, drywall dust, mud, scratches, and handling marks that commonly occur during construction.

Factory-applied for consistent coverage

Preserve[®] is applied at the glass factory, ensuring full surface protection without relying on jobsite crews to tape, mask, or improvise coverings.

Fast, simple cleanup

At the end of construction, the film peels off easily—taking accumulated dirt, debris, and labels with it—revealing clean, clear glass underneath.

Reduces rework and glass replacement risk

By minimizing scratches and damage during handling and installation, Preserve[®] helps reduce the need for costly glass replacement late in the project.

Improves the homeowner handoff

Clean, undamaged windows help shorten punch lists and create a stronger final impression at customer walk-through.

Facts About Preserve® Protective Film

- Preserve® is **pre-applied on Cardinal insulating glass units** before shipment to the window manufacturer.
- The film protects glass **from delivery through installation and job completion**.
- It is applied to **both interior and exterior glass surfaces**, providing full-coverage protection.
- Preserve® is **clear**, allowing daylight into the building during construction.
- Labels and stickers can be applied to the film—**not the glass**—helping prevent label residue or “ghosting.”

Recommended Use & Care Guidelines

To ensure optimal performance and easy removal, Minnkota Windows recommends the following best practices when Preserve® Protective Film is present:

1. **Material & Adhesive** – Preserve® incorporates a **water-based adhesive** and is manufactured from **low-density polyethylene (LDPE)**.
2. **Removal Timing** – Preserve® should be **removed within six (6) months of installation**.
3. **Cleaning Methods** – Preserve® **should not be pressure washed**.
4. **Disposal** – Preserve® contains **no harmful chemicals or byproducts** and may be disposed of with normal construction site debris.
5. **Attachments** – Do **not** affix permanent grilles or external fixtures directly to Preserve®. Consult Cardinal Glass Industries or your Minnkota Windows representative for proper application techniques.
6. **Chemical Exposure** – **Acid-based cleaners should not be used** on Preserve®.
7. **Removal Tools** – Do **not** use razor blades or sharp tools to remove Preserve®, as this may scratch or score the glass surface.

Why Minnkota Windows Chose Preserve®

Minnkota Windows is committed to delivering high-quality, professionally finished windows that reflect the craftsmanship behind every unit we build. Adding Preserve® Protective Film helps:

- Maintain glass quality from our facility to the jobsite
- Support builders and installers with easier cleanup
- Improve consistency in final appearance
- Protect the homeowner experience at project completion

This is one more way Minnkota Windows partners with trusted suppliers like Cardinal Glass Industries to deliver dependable, job-ready products.

*Preserve® Protective Film is removed after installation and prior to final homeowner use.
Availability may vary by product.*

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