

IAN RITCHIE

TRACING GLASS STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

AND A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE OF GLASS





Fluy House (inc solar power) France 1976

Pilkington Patch Fitting 1970













1989 DG Planar Stockley Park



Ian Ritchie Phantom Fixing 1987



1987 Dubai Pearl 1989 Ecology









Ian Ritchie UV Bonded Fixing 1989



Pilkington glued bonding Research 2013-









Ian Ritchie – structural point fixed glazing evolution 1970-2010











La Villette Science City, Paris, France 1981-86





1981-85 Rice Francis Ritchie (RFR) The French Government contract with RFR asked us to innovate.

La Villette City of Science, Paris RFR world patent: structural glazing that changed glass architecture

RFR 'bearing' Structural Glazing at La Villette Science City, Paris, France 1981-86





1984 Ian Ritchie Architects & RFR Lintas Bridge, Paris

world's first all-glass bridge incorporating a clear glass floor

Ian Ritchie Architects + RFR All Glass Bridge, Paris, France 1984





Louvre Pyramid full Mock-Up 1984







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I M Pei with Rice Francis Ritchie Louvre Pyramids Paris (RFR) 1984-93







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I M Pei with Arup, Ian Ritchie Architects + RFR Louvre Sculpture Courts 1984-90





1987 Ian Ritchie Architects Dubai Pearl Monument Iaureate (unbuilt)

'The Phantom Fixing' published in the AJ 1987

world's first structural glass fixing through one leaf only of a doubly curved twolayer toughened laminated glass panel





1989 Ian Ritchie Architects Stockley Park, R&D Offices, London

Double glazed Planar[™] developed with Pilkington, with the 'Stockley Pin'.

Stockley Park Research Offices Ian Ritchie Architects + Pilkington 1989

1992 Ian Ritchie Architects Terrasson, France – laureate

'The Phantom Fixing' developed for the Pearl of Dubai applied to fix the glass roof 'lake' on the Terrasson Cultural Greenhouse

Terrasson Cultural Greenhouse France, Ian Ritchie Architects + Kathryn Gustafson 1992

1989 Ian Ritchie Architects Natural History Museum Ecology Gallery, London

first application of structurally glued glass to glass fixing in a public building

first use of 6mm thick low-iron glass in architecture – from Pilkington

1991 Ian Ritchie Architects + Arup + Pilkington Reina Sofia Museum of Modern Art, Madrid

world's first glass installation which transfers wind load at the corner of the building through the glass edges

Reina Sofia Museum of Modern Art, Madrid, Ian Ritchie Architects + Pilkington 1991

Bermondsey Underground Station, London. CT Glass curved laminated seats, 1991-99

Light Memory Coating on Glass, Ingolstadt, Germany, Ian Ritchie Architects + Pilkington, 1992

Research: molecular doping of Na glass to limit crack propagation:

Glass breakage research Neville Greaves (physicist) + Ian Ritchie, 1993-99

1994 Leipzig Glass Hall, Germany Ian Ritchie Architects + gmp + IPP + mero + seele

The world's largest glass hall covering 2.5 hectares using low-iron laminated glass The first single side application of extruded silicone/liquid silicone glass to glass joints Externally cleaned by robots

Leipzig Glass Hall, Germany, Ian Ritchie Architects + gmp 1993-99

modularised, insulated, low-iron, toughened structural cast glass (Lamberts), contractor Frener & Reifer

Sainsbury Wellcome Centre @ UCL London, Ian Ritchie Architects 2015

Plan of cast glass assembly

- 1 Lamberts Linit 404mm wide 8mm thick low-iron toughened heat-soak cast glass with enamelled fit to inside face. 'Cord' profile to outside face, and selected to reduce maintenance - cleaning requirements; 'Solar' profile to inside face to permit scientists to use any part of the cast glass façade as a whiteboard (invisible to outside).
- Polyamide thermal extrusion. Cast glass flange is bonded into place with Dow Corning
 933 white structural silicone.
- **3** Wacotech TIMax GL translucent glass fibre insulation.
- 4 Nominal 9mm (variable geometry) weather silicone joints between cast glass assemblies.

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Why are toughened (tempered) glass tables still marketed?

Why do designers not understand human perception and binocular vision ?

reversing a venetian blind

Why do designers not understand solar geometry and consider their neighbours ?

3.51m x 20m from 2018

Scale of glass

Since 1981 Ian Ritchie and his practices Ian Ritchie Architects Ltd and Rice Francis Ritchie have collaborated with many industries worldwide and confidentially on R&D projects

and those associated with glass and glass structures:

Primary manufacturers Boussois / PPG now owned by Mexico-based Vitro. Pilkington St Gobain Lamberts Schott British Steel High Duty Alloys (absorbed by Alcan) now Rio Tinto Alcan EdF Brochier Aerospatiale Solvay <u>Processors, Finishers and Installers</u> Seele Mero Bischoff Glastochnik AG

Seele Mero Bischoff Glastechnik AG CT Glass Frener & Reifer Mero-Schmidlin Novum

Aesthetics :Transparency, Translucency, Colour, Media-informationEnvironmental:Thermal insulation, Energy, RecyclingTechnical:Nanotech coatings, 3D manufacture, Scale and Economy

the future is biological

we will live in an all - electric photon-powered future

Sea – sea butterfly (arctic snail) - zooplankton

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Kingdom: Animalia Phylum: Porifera Class: Hexactenellida Order: Hexasterophora Family: Euplectellidae Genus: Euplectella Species: E. aspergillum Sea – glass sponge Euplectella aspergillum

Porous glass microspheres carrying medicines, hydrogen, etc. and can prevent glass breakage – because length less than 1 micrometer (0.001 mm)

microencapsulation – thermal, safety, info

learning from Greta Glass Futures

human perception

communications

Microscopic negative 3D printing – moving components. Lightfab.

The ASB LumiFlex acts as a plug-and-play flooring screen

is this the past or the future of glass and architecture?

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is the future for glass and architecture warped?

Glass Futures

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a final thought for the future

people's behaviour makes the biggest difference to sustainability

the new challenge is to deliver environments and buildings that exhibit intelligence:

by really meeting human needs, measured by how the people's brains and bodies actually respond.

our cities and architecture may then be defined as a positive neuro-design learning loop.

Future research

we should make glass warm and haptically friendly

