SEPTEMBER 2018 DUAL-ZONE INDOOR SHADES

OPPORTUNITY

How much energy can window technologies save in U.S. commercial buildings?



REDUCTION IN PRIMARY ENERGY USE WITH SOLAR CONTROL &

DAYLIGHTING TECHNOLOGIES¹

TECHNOLOGY

How do dualzone indoor shades work?

UPPER ZONE FOR DAYLIGHT

WITH AUTOMATICALLY- OR MANUALLY-CONTROLLED LOUVERS

LOWER ZONE CONTROLS GLARE & PRESERVES VIEWS



M&V

Where did Measurement and Verification occur?

LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY measured performance of a dual-zone indoor shade provided by LouverShade at the Advanced Windows Testbed in Berkeley, CA against roller shades and venetian blinds. LBNL assessed facility manager and occupant satisfaction at the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building in Oakland, CA, where the dual-zone shades replaced vertical blinds.

RESULTS

How did the dualzone indoor shades perform in M&V?

DECREASE **IN ENERGY USE**

Compared to fabric roller shades (25%) to 51% for lighting, -4% to 15% for cooling); *Increase* compared to venetian blinds (150% to 300% for lighting, 5% to 36% for cooling)²

ROI NEGATIVE

Compared to both fabric roller shades and venetian blinds³

80% **OCCUPANT** PREFERENCE

Over baseline vertical blinds⁴

Measured Energy Use at the Advanced Windows Testbed

Compared to venetian blinds; points above diagonal line indicate that energy use is greater than venetian blinds

Lighting Energy with Dimmable Fluorescent

Coo Daily (l ing Energy Cooling Load			
14				
12			•	
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DEPLOYMENT

Where does M&V recommend deploying dualzone indoor shades?

CONSIDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF ROLLERSHADES

Manual upper shades provided the best balance between financial performance and occupant response. Not broadly recommended to replace venetian blinds from a cost-savings standpoint.

¹Dual-Zone Solar Control Indoor Shade, Eleanor S. Lee, Christoph Gehbauer, Anothai Thanachareonkit, Luís L. Fernandes, Taoning Wang, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), January 2018, p.7 ²Ibid, p.30 ³Ibid, p.47 ⁴Ibid, p.44



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