



## Window Company Comparison Form

Sources: National Fenestration Rating Council (nffc.org), Efficient Windows Collaborative (efficientwindows.org) and American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (aceee.org), ENERGY STAR® (energystar.gov)

**Company 1**

**Company 2**

**Company 3**

<b>Window Companies</b>			
Installs ENERGY STAR windows with a U-Factor of 0.35 or lower for Colorado's climate.			
Windows have National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) labels.			
Windows are custom-sized for your home.			
The Solar Heat Gain Co-efficient is for the windows you are considering is between 0.3 and 0.4 (generally speaking).			
The thickness of the dead air space is 1/4" – 1/2" or more).			
Material edge spacers are made from low-conductivity material or use a thermal break (avoid aluminum spacers with no thermal break).			
If you are considering gas fill, it is filled within 1,000 feet of the elevation level of your home.			
Look for good warranties against the loss of the air seal. If the glazing seal is lost, fogging will occur, and any low-conductivity gas will be lost.			
Installers are certified by American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) or another reputable organization.			
Length of time in business. This is critical for long-term warranties.			
Check the length of warranty, which is only as good as the company who provides it.			

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Determine if the company uses subcontractors. If so, who do you call if you have a problem with the window installation, performance or operation?			
Be wary of guaranteed energy savings claims. Actual energy savings are unique to every home.			
Better Business Bureau status			
Licensing, Permits & Insurance			
Customer References			

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