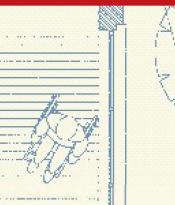




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Casement Windows

Casement windows are operated by crank handles mounted on the sills. These narrow casement sashes are secured by two catches located near the top and bottom. A single lever mechanism installed near the sill operates both catches. The upper awning windows are essentially fixed transom lights that are too high to open and close.

WINDOWS ARE A VERY IMPORTANT

component of every home, major elements in image and appearance, and providers of light and fresh air. Windows also contribute to each room's spatial qualities and influence furniture arrangements. Along with exterior doors, they establish the engaging interrelationship between the home's interior and the outside. When designing an accessible residence or addition, carefully select your windows after evaluating both practical and aesthetic considerations.

Windows originated from the need to provide light and ventilation for home interiors. Early casement windows were small and narrow, their size limited by the scarcity of glass and their width by structural spans. Until the last century, most windows were protected by operable wood shutters that were closed for security and during storms. Modern windows are larger and more energy efficient.