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Test report

Client:
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Order No.:

Subject of testing:
3 panels
- A: PMMA glass without coating
- B: PMMA glass with „Liquisol 4ever“ single layer coating
- B: PMMA glass with „Liquisol 4ever“ double layer coating

We received the samples on Monday, 8th January 2010

Objective of testing:
Measurement of transmission and reflection
Calculation of TSR, TSA, TST and VLT using solar irradiance data according ASTM G173-03 “Reference Spectra Derived from SMARTS v. 2.9.2”

Start of tests:
11.02.2010

End of tests:
03.03.2010

Prüfmethode
UV-VIS-NIR- Spectrometer Lambda 900 (Perkin Elmer)
Spectral range: 250 to 2200 nm
Data interval: 1 nm
Slit 3 nm
Calibration (base line): 0% and 100% reflection (white standard)

Samples

The received samples are coated quite inhomogenously. Fig. 1 shows a photograph of the samples placed on black paper.

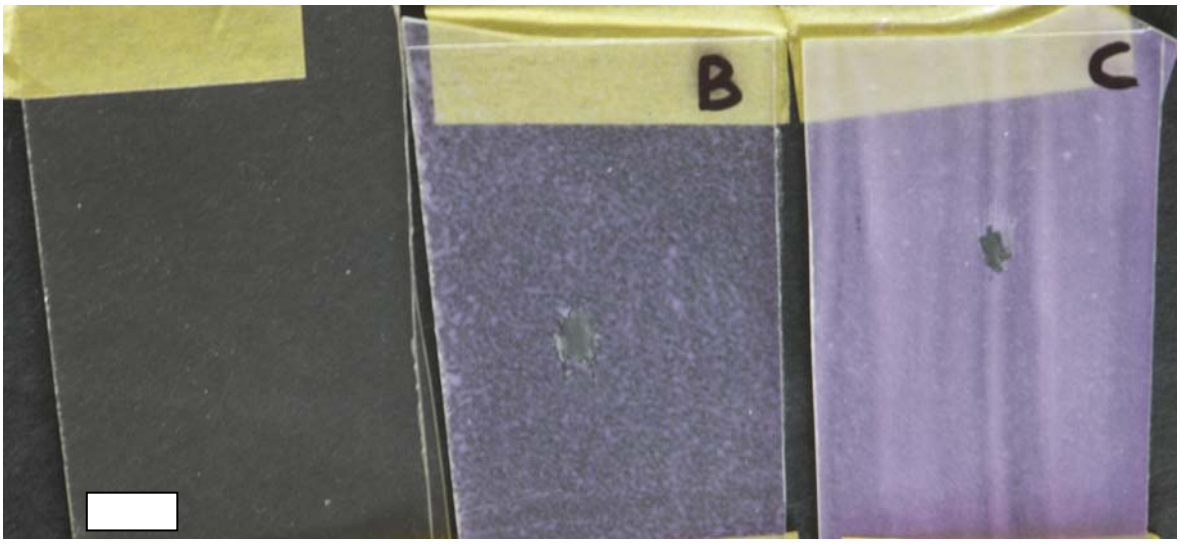

Fig. 1: Photograph of the samples placed on a black paper
white area: measurement area in reflection
scratched area used for thickness measurement

The area covered by the measurement is about 4 x 11 mm² in transmission and 5 x 12 mm² in reflection, therefore a statistically relevant area is covered by the measurements.

Sample thickness was measured by scratching away the coating and measuring the step height with a profilometer.

Sample B (1 layer) was 14 ± 1 µm thick, sample C (2 layer) 23 ± 2 µm.

Reflectance and Transmittance Spectra

Reflectance and Transmittance Spectra are shown in Fig. 2 and 3. The coated side was directed towards the incident beam.

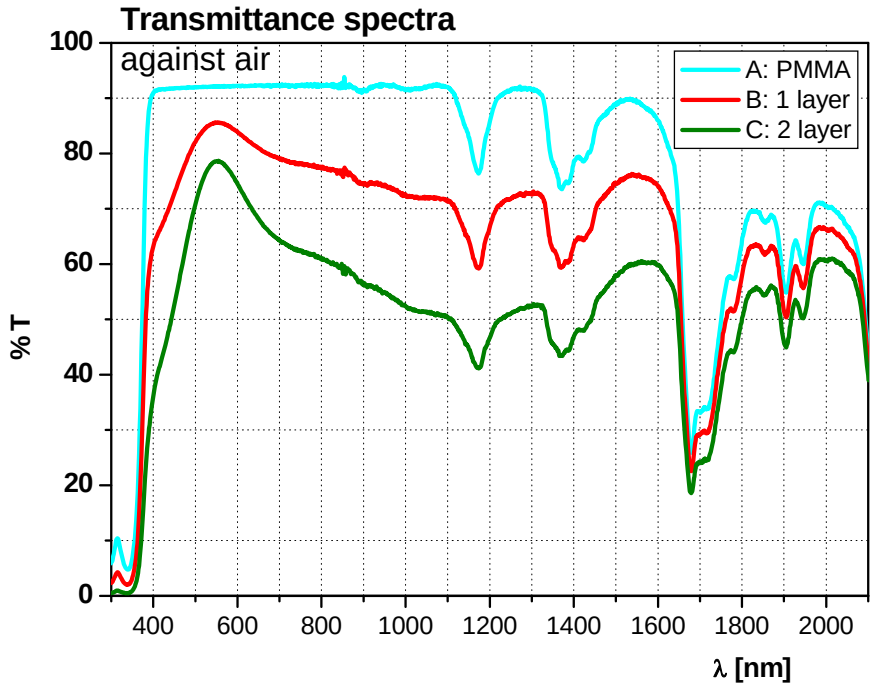

Fig. 2: Transmittance spectra against air

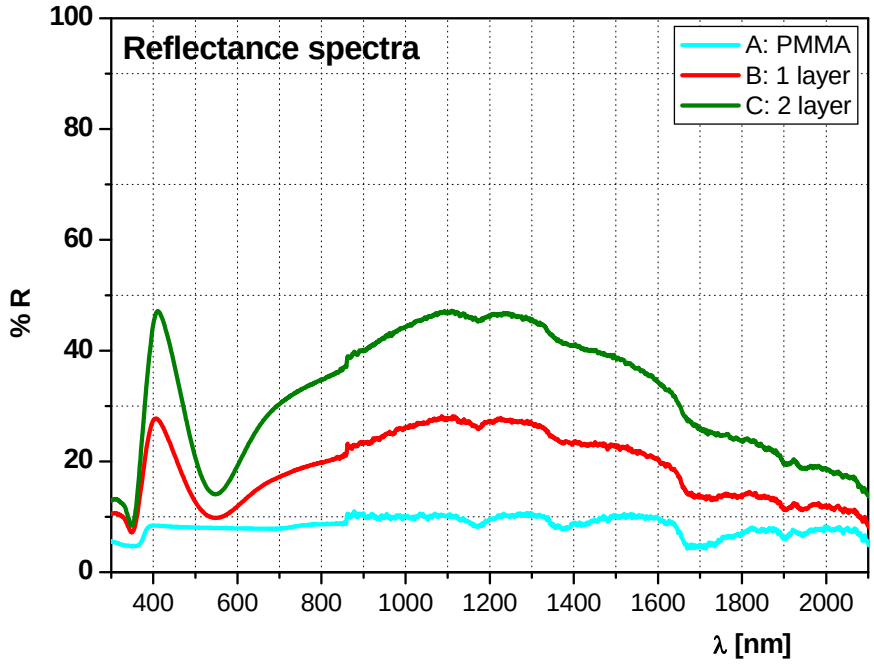

Fig. 3: Reflectance spectra

Calculations

Multiplying the solar irradiance data from “ASTM G173-03 Reference Spectra Derived from SMARTS v. 2.9.2” (Direct+circumsolar) with the measured transmittance (against air) and reflectance spectra, power spectra of the reflected and transmitted radiation can be calculated (Fig. 4 and 5). These spectra were integrated in the full range (300 to 2100 nm) and in the visible light region (380 to 780 nm, shown by the blue dashed lines). Results are listed in table 1 and plotted in Fig. 6.

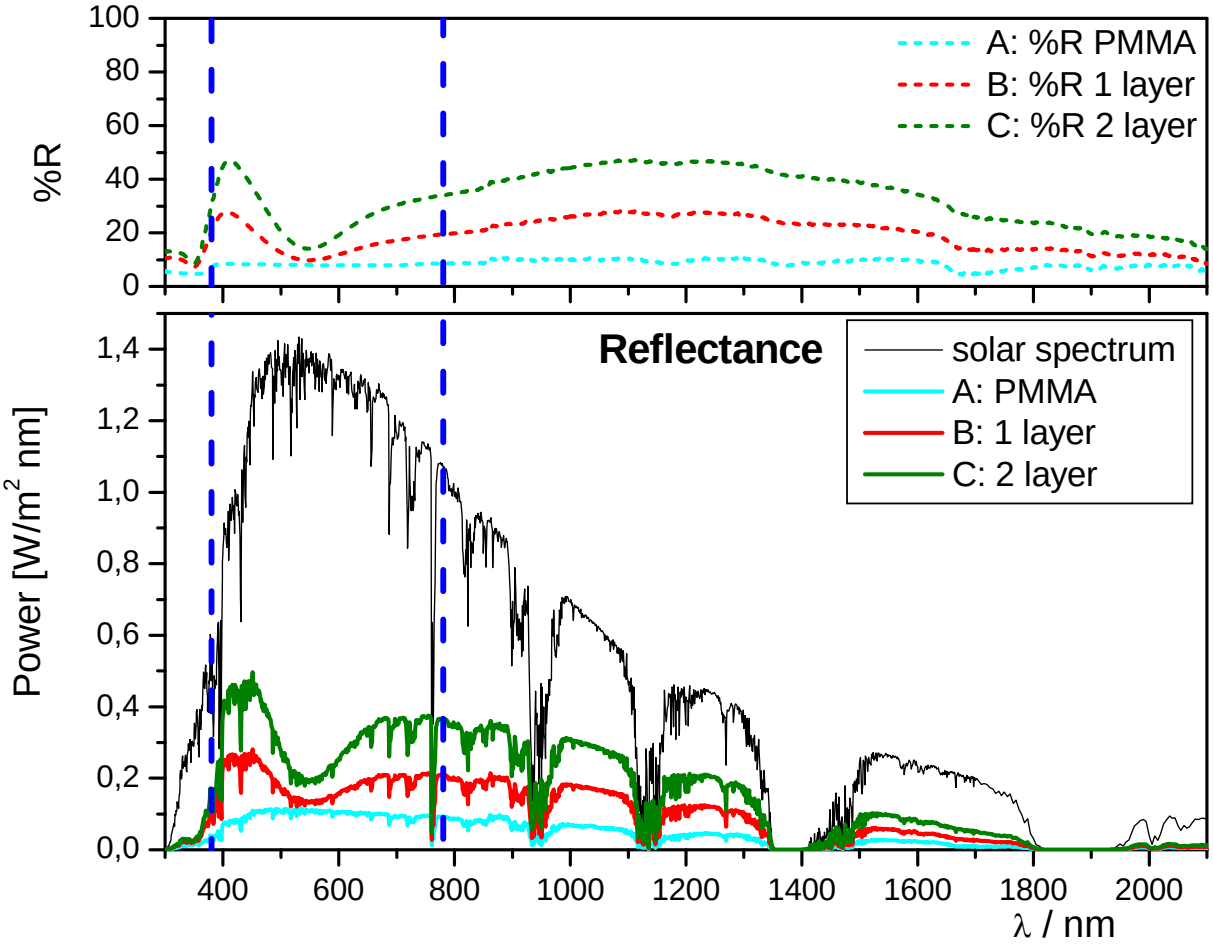

Fig. 4: Power spectrum of reflected radiation

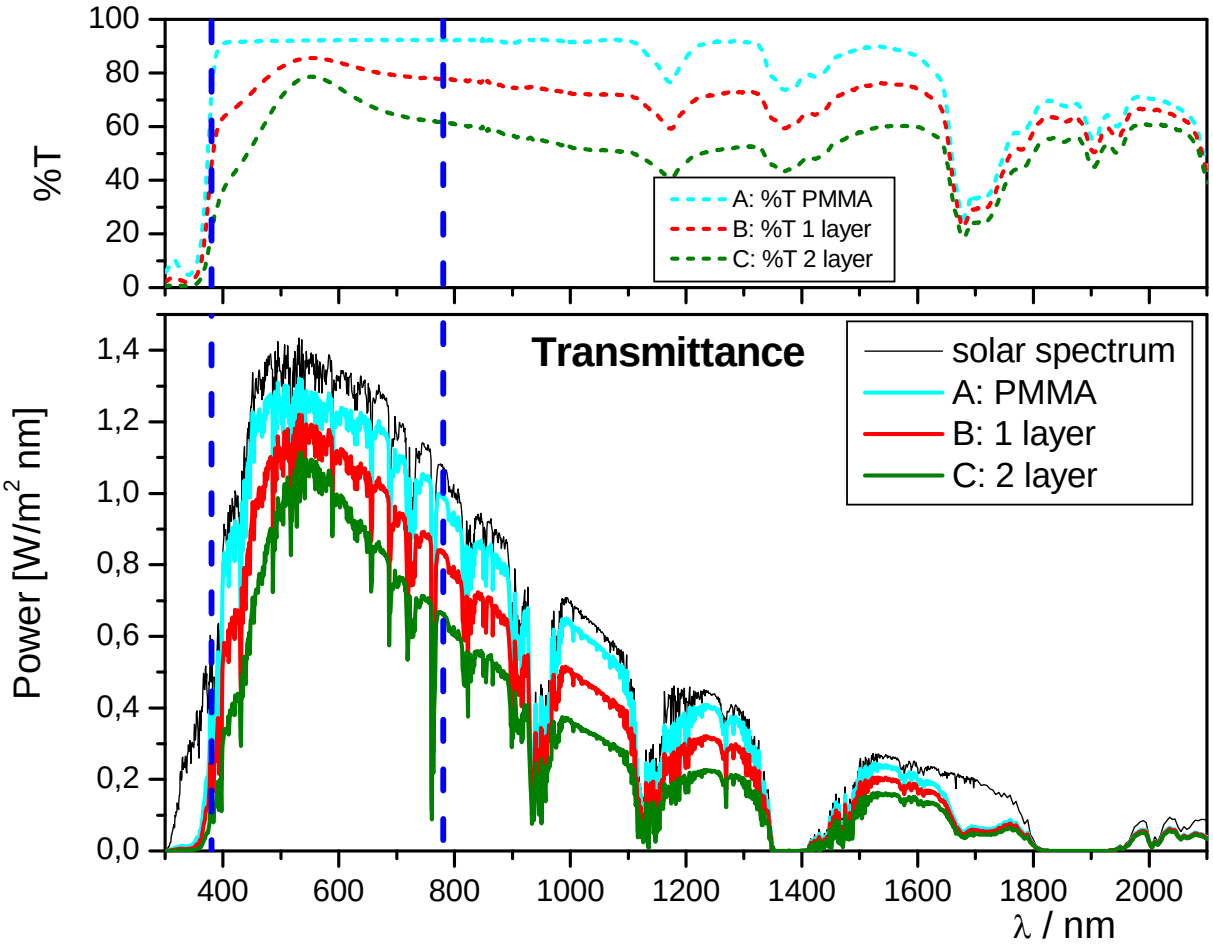

Fig. 5: Power spectrum of transmitted radiation

Table 1: TST, TSR, TSA and VLT

	Trans	Refl	Abs		Trans	Refl	Abs
	[W / m²]				[%]		
total spectrum (300 to 2100 nm)					respect. solar: 870 W/m²		
PMMA	765	75	30		88,0%	8,6%	3,4%
1 layer	643	165	62		73,9%	18,9%	7,2%
2 layer	511	279	79		58,8%	32,1%	9,1%
vis. spectrum (380 to 780 nm)					respect. solar: 467,8 W/m²		
PMMA	430,3	37,8	-0,2		92,0%	8,1%	0,0%
1 layer	371,2	74,0	22,6		79,3%	15,8%	4,8%
2 layer	307,1	124,8	36,0		65,6%	26,7%	7,7%

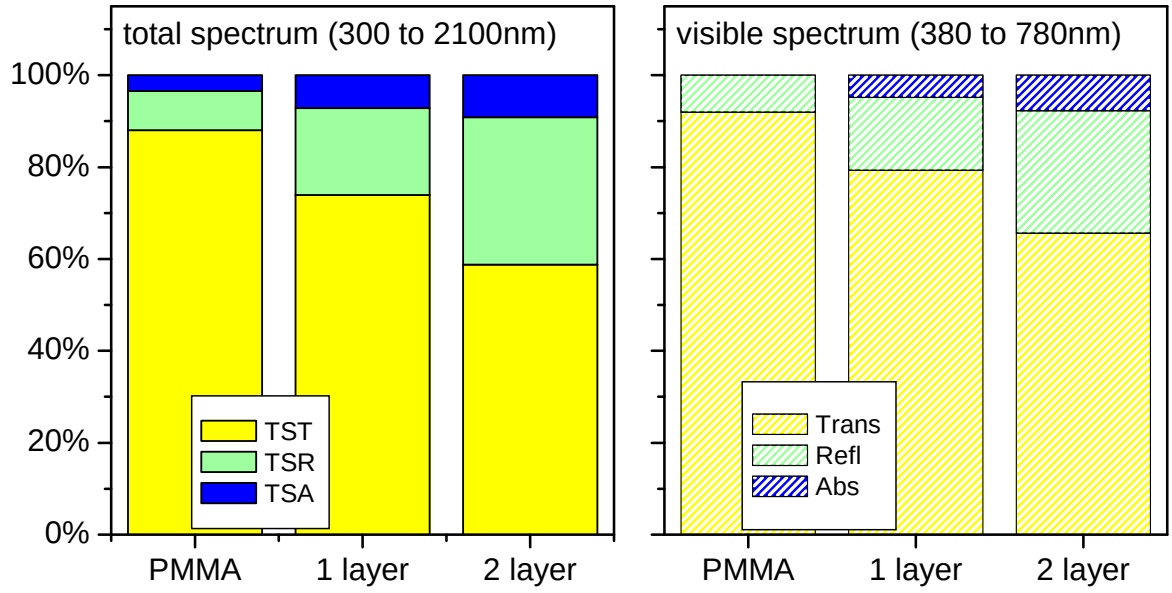

Fig. 6: Reflected, absorbed and transmitted part in percent of the radiation of the whole spectrum (300 to 2100 nm) and in the visual range (380 to 780 nm)

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