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SUMMARY

Soda-lime glass, commonly known as “float glass” is used in everyday products and devices such as solar cells, household mirrors, automobile glass, architectural building windows, etc. Understanding the bulk optical properties of soda-lime float glass and the surface layers which form on the air and tin sides is important for subsequent characterization of deposited coatings on soda-lime glass. Float glass typically has a characteristic green tint, resulting in absorption over a broad spectral range from visible to infrared wavelengths. This bulk absorption and green tint are generally attributed to addition of iron oxide into the glass; other additives can also be used to produce different colors of soda-lime glass. In this project, we used UV-Vis-NIR spectroscopy for characterizing the absorption properties of annealed soda-lime float glass at different annealing temperatures. In summary, while there may be some indirect correlations between density and absorption in glass, the relationship is complex and depends on various factors such as atomic packing density, impurity content, crystallinity, and structural arrangement. Therefore, it is essential to consider multiple factors when studying the absorption properties of glass, rather than relying solely on density as a predictor of absorption. Generally, a higher density implies a more tightly packed structure with fewer void spaces between atoms. In such cases, there may be fewer opportunities for light to penetrate the material, leading to lower absorption. In summary, the effect of annealing temperature on absorption in glass is complex and depends on various factors including structural changes, crystallization, defects and impurities, annealing stress, and chemical composition. Experimentation and analysis are often required to understand how annealing temperature specifically influences the absorption properties of a particular type of glass.

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