SITE

Private Residence

SITE LOCATION

Tucson, Arizona

VISTA® PRODUCT USED

SpectraSelect® VS61

Desert Comfort And Ultraviolet Protection

Summer in Tucson brings brilliant sunshine throughout most days and temperatures that can soar at midday into the 100s °F. Cool evenings and clear vistas make for ideal living conditions. Yet thirty years ago, the homes were not designed to take advantage of the

outdoor environment: rooms were many but small, restricting views.

The Weisels found a perfect site to create their ideal home: a classic South Western residence set in the midst of a spacious mature desert garden. The only drawback was that the interior room design did not enable them to truly invite the outdoors to be part of their day to day living.

An architect soon put this to rights, by gutting interior walls and creating a series of spacious rooms and areas that provide unimpeded panoramic views of the striking mountains, exotic cacti and other flora that are the mark of an expertly designed desert garden.

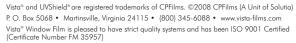
The goal of bringing the garden in focus throughout the house was achieved, but there was a downside. The large glass windows continued to bring in the day-long sunshine with its heat and harmful ultraviolet rays.

To overcome these impediments (and to help reduce air conditioning bills), the Weisels had a new ultra performance spectrally selective window film installed.



Vista® VS61-SpectraSelect blocks the near infrared band of the sun's rays — the solar band most responsible for heat — and at the same time allows most of the visible light to shine through. VS 61-SpectraSelect rejects 42% of the sun's heat from entering the house and yet allows 61% of visible light to shine through the windows. The film also totally (99.9%) blocks the ultraviolet rays to help provide protection against fading and deterioration of precious home furnishings, furniture and floors.

The Weisels can now fully enjoy their magnificent home with all around mountain and garden views in cool comfort and with the knowledge that their energy bills are constrained.



The nature of certain delicate fabrics and dyes will lead to premature fading regardless of the application of any window film protective treatment. L1580-06/08

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