SITE

Private Residence

SITE LOCATION

Rockford, Illinois

VISTA® PRODUCTS USED

Soft Horizons V33 Ultima V14

21st Century Log Home



Jim and Brooke Anderson's dream house is a custommade Lindal Log home in Rockford, northern Illinois. With a sixty-foot free span and panoramic windows, the log home commands breathtaking views of the surrounding rural setting.

The log home was cozy during the rugged winter months, but the interior became decidedly warm in the summer. The Andersons did their best to overcome the uncomfortable heat: reconfiguring the air conditioning system, repositioning the cold air returns, adding sky lights in the roofing, and finally fitting window blinds. All to no avail!

Diligent research conducted through heating and ventilating engineers and their interior designer led the Andersons to a solar control window film specialist. Following a detailed analysis of the site, Vista® UVShield® Soft Horizons V33 and Ultima V14 solar control window films were recommended to reduce the heat and glare while virtually eliminating fade-causing ultraviolet sunlight.

Vista® UVShield® Soft Horizons, which is installed on all the windows of the log home, is neutral in appearance and virtually invisible from both sides of the windows. The installed film halved the solar heat entering through the

glass windows and reduced sun glare by more than 60 %. Vista® UVShield® Ultima which is fitted to the sky lights is a high heat solar rejection window film that reduces solar heat by 78% and at the same time provides excellent visibility from inside to out at all times of day and night. Most high solar rejection window films produce a situation at night that prevent people inside the home from seeing out but allows those outside to see in!

Both films carry a lifetime residential warranty for materials and labor.

The results of the swift and efficient installation were immediate and dramatic. Internal temperatures were lowered by some 12°F, and the surroundings seemed almost glare free. The blinds have gone, and the windows provide uninterrupted views day and night.

Jim and Brooke were delighted with their new comfortable room temperature which was so simply attained, albeit after much trial and error. They were also pleased that now their home furnishings and floors were not likely to fade with the harmful ultraviolet sunlight virtually eliminated. And they cannot tell that the film is there!

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

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