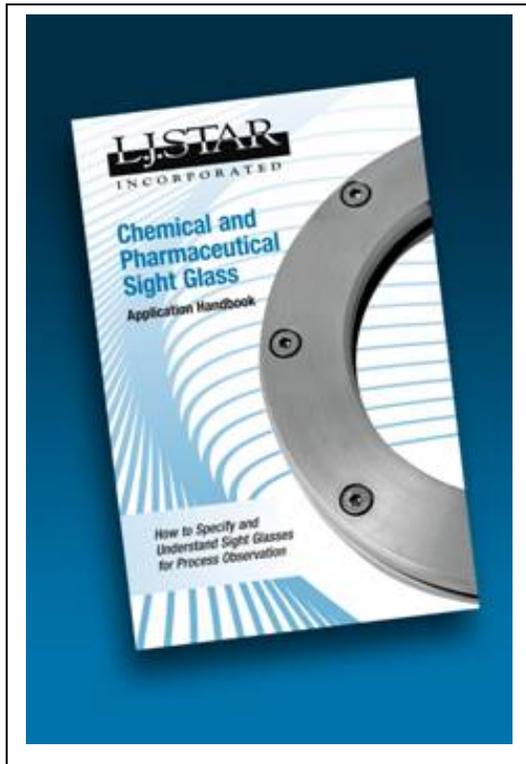


Sight Glass Application Handbook Guides Chemical and Pharmaceutical Usage

March 31, 2008 -- A just-released 20-page application handbook from L.J. Star Inc. provides



extensive technical information and guidelines for the specification, installation and maintenance of [sight glasses](#) in chemical and pharmaceutical processing plants. The illustrated “Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sight Glass Application Handbook” spans the full scope of the subject from descriptions of common glass formulations to design factors, to a step-by-step checklist for installation and maintenance.

Key physical and chemical parameters of various types of glass are explored and related to the needs of processing plants. Primary attention is given to soda-lime glass and borosilicate glass because they are the types most commonly used in industry. The topics of discussion include operating temperature limits, chemical corrosion resistance and pressure tolerance.

After a general introduction to types of glass and their key characteristics, chapters include more detailed discussions of design and application

considerations. These include relative temperature and chemical tolerance, the use of tempered glass, the nature and value of fused-glass, and the key considerations in sight glass design and application. Another section covers the formula for determining necessary sight glass thickness and a review of the critical industry standards for evaluating and specifying sight glasses. Also a section provides information on lighting, including the basic characteristics of various illumination sources and tips on how to determine wattage and orientation. The handbook concludes with a handy checklist for those responsible for installation and maintenance of sight glasses in general.

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