## Sun Light Redirecting Devices

- Similar geometric logic as shading devices
- Oriented to receive max illumination and redirect light to needed interior area
-Limited effectiveness in overcast condition
-High reflective/specular surfaces
- Glare in viewing angles can be a problem


## Sun Light Redirecting Devices



## Sun Light Redirecting Devices

## light shelves

-Horizontal shading and redirecting devices
-Improve uniform light distribution
-Reduce level of illumination by window and redirecting it into the interior
-2 apertures clerestory and lower viewing

- Most effective to be located as low in
space as possible - but avoid glare- good ht. around 7 ' align with other headers


# Sun Light Redirecting Devices light shelves con't 

- Min depth of light shelf is determined by shading requirements
- Prevent glare- do not let direct light from upper window to penetrate past edge of light shelf
- Uniformity of light distribution can be improved by extending depth of shelf


# Sun Light Redirecting Devices light shelves- con't 

Basic Elements:

- Light shelf should be as fully illuminated as possible when light is desired
- High sun angles - horizontal shelf projects openings in façade-shading opening below shelf


## Sun Light Redirecting Devices

## light shelves




Typical- level Know floating shelf concept

Sloping downwardassists shading Diminishes light distribution



Inward sloping-
Movable light shelf (specular surface reflects sunlight away from eye level)
-Pushes high angle
sunlight deeply into space
-Can have glare problem


## Interior Surfaces

-Sloping ceiling downward at window reduces contrast -Can shape exterior surface to maximize illumination and reflection
-Large shelves and shelves w/o viewing windows can have shadowed area beneath shelf creating undesired contrast
-Alleviated with a floating shelf


## Light Shelves Interior Surfaces- con't



## Orientation

- Light shelves most effective, in various climates, on South side
-Effective shading on E\&W sides consider augmenting with vertical shading and or additional horizontal louvers(operable)



# Orientation <br> South side light shelf all year protection 



## Suncatchers

- Vertical redirecting devices on building façade -Best for capturing low sun angles
-Can capture and direct light into North side of building
-Can create glare- direct light toward walls, ceiling and or use in conjunction with a light shelf



## Suncatchers

Con't


North-South Orientation

## Suncatchers- Clerestory applications

-Can improve light through clerestory glazing (except south facing openings)

- On North they can be utilized to improve balance of light and increase the quantity - especially useful in conjunction with South facing openings


Suncatchers- Clerestory applications- con't
-E\&W openings even out quantity of light over the day
-Provides balance of light over day if space is lit through E\&W facades


Suncatchers- Clerestory applications- con't


Shutters, Blinds, Screens
-Use of operable devices behind fixed screening elements -For the most part- do not redirect light only diffuse or reject light -Entering light should receive maximum redistribution


## Toplighting-

## Basics

-Skylights and Clerestories
-Differs form sidelighting
-Not typically for viewing - see interior lighted surfaces
-Provides more light per unit of opening than sidelt'g
-Largely Independent of building orientation
-Provides deep penetration into Single story / top story
-Be careful of glare, unwanted contrasts, heat loss and overheating

## Toplighting



Sidelighting


Toplighting

## Toplighting - Shape

-Surface reflectances and shape of surfaces critical -Best used indirectly


Tilt- captures seasonal opportunities Interior /exterior shading Horizontal Best for over cast conditions Vertical best for daylight-directtbeam radiation



## Bearing Angles Diurnal opportunities




Low Sun Angles and Reflected Light: Vertical clerestories collect more light

## Response to Natural light See toplighting guidelines in Handout

Overcast Sky:
Horizontal skylights collect more light

High Sun Angles:
Horizontal skylights receive maximum heat gain







Exterior control



Beams (to reflect light and control glare)

Sloped edge (to soften brightness differences)
Interior Controls

## Direct Gain - Plus



