

**SECTION 08381 / 085673 / 084400**

**SOUND CONTROL WINDOWS**

**1.0 GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION OF WORK**

- A. Furnish and install Sound Control Window Wall as specified herein and per the locations and orientations shown on the Contract Documents-site installation of glazing into frames is not acceptable. Verify all dimensions and requirements and coordinate with other trades as necessary
  - 1. Sound Control Windows, Frames, Stops, Glazing, Sound Absorbing Material and Concealed Fasteners
  - 2. Installation of Sound Control Windows.

**1.2 RELATED SECTIONS:**

- A. Specified elsewhere:
  - 1. Section \_\_\_\_\_: Administrative Provisions
  - 2. Section \_\_\_\_\_: Finish painting of window frames

**1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Acoustic Performance:
  - 1. The manufacturer shall submit certified laboratory test results indicating a Sound Transmission Class (STC) rating of at least 62 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 90-90 and E413-87.
- B. Warranty:
  - 1. The window system shall be guaranteed against defective materials and/or workmanship for a period of one (1) year from date of acceptance of the installations.

**1.4 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submit shop drawings, manufacture's data, and product performance certification in accordance with General Conditions.
- B. Shop drawings:
  - 1. Provide full size details of support structure, window frames, and sound gasket components.
  - 2. Provide installation details applicable to the construction in which the Sound Control Window Wall will be installed.
  - 3. Indicate construction, sizes, thicknesses, reinforcing, anchoring, and finishes of all materials.

- C. Manufacturer's data:
  - 1. Provide illustrations and descriptions of all frame details that will be exposed on window units for design review by Architect and project Acoustics Consultant.
  - 2. Provide complete installation and adjustment information.
- D. Certification:
  - 1. Provide certified laboratory test reports from a Navlap certified acoustics laboratory showing that a fully operating installation of the specific Sound Control Window assembly proposed for installation has been measured in accordance with ASTM E 90-90 and has met or exceeded the scheduled STC ratings. The test results shall be representative of the performance of the proposed Sound Control Window assembly.

Notification of work completion:

- 1. After installation and prior to acceptance testing, provide a letter to the Architect and the project Acoustics Consultant, co-signed by the General Contractor's project representative, indicating that all Sound Control Window Units have been installed and gaskets have been adjusted to form an airtight seal around the full perimeter of each window unit panel.

## 1.5 SEQUENCING AND DELIVERY

- A. Upon award of contract and before commencement of building construction, submit to the Architect any special requirements (scheduling, opening conditions, etc.) that are necessary to assure successful installation.
- B. Protect pre-glazed window units during transit, handling and storage to prevent damage, soiling, and deterioration.
- C. Deliver preglazed window units to General Contractor with complete installation drawings and instructions for installation by the General Contractor.
- D. Deliver pre-glazed window units to project site only after the building has been closed in. Store window units in the building in a dry location and stack in accordance with manufacture's instructions.
- E. Protect pre-glazed window unit assemblies, especially sound gaskets, from damage before, during and after their installation.
- F. Protect window wall support structure and finishing materials units during transit, handling and storage to prevent damage, soiling, and deterioration.
- G. Deliver window wall support structure and finishing materials with complete installation drawings and instructions for installation by the General Contractor.

## 2.0 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 APPROVED MANUFACTURER'S:

- A. The acoustical window walls system shall be **QuietLite Sound Control Windows** manufactured by **Noise Barriers, LLC**, Libertyville, IL.

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## 2.2 MATERIALS

- A. Window frames shall be a formed u-shaped frame formed from not less than 12 gauge steel, reinforced and filled with sound-absorbing acoustic fill. Inside and outside corners shall be mitered and interlocked to hairline measurements, made square, continuously welded, and ground smooth, flush, and invisible.
- B. The support structure will be formed from beams, tube steel, or bent shapes of no less than 12 gauge steel. The window wall structure will be designed to mount to the specified support structure or materials.
- C. There will be no exterior glass stops the only glass stops allowed will be behind the glass pane, the glass surface will be pushed out to be flush with the metal frame tight square acoustical joint.
- D. Acoustic seals for glazing shall be vibration-isolating resilient closed-cell polyethylene foam glazing tape. Glazing tape must be designed to withstand environmental breakdown and maintain an effective seal. Self-contained, sound-absorptive interior perimeter of not less than 22 gauge steel shall be perforated and prefinished black. Desiccant material shall be incorporated into multiple glazed units.
- E. Assembly of acoustic window units including frames, glazing, acoustic seals, sound-absorbing material, and concealed fasteners shall take place at the factory to insure required noise reduction is achieved. Glazing shall not need to be removed to facilitate fastening or anchoring at the job site.
- F. Finish – Unless otherwise specified, steel window frame assemblies shall receive one shop coat of gray primer. Stainless steel shall not be painted.
- G. Lights for single-and double-glazed units shall be minimum ¼ in. laminated safety glass consisting of multi-layer clear float with clear plastic interlayer. Bullet-resistant glazing (if required) shall be certified to meet UL 752 specifications. **Note:** *This project requires one (1) layer of 3/8" thick laminated safety glass and one (1) layer of 1/2" laminated safety glass in a window unit 6" thick. (adjust as necessary)*

## 2.3 ACOUSTICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

- A. At least 10 days prior to bidding, manufacturer shall submit laboratory test data certifying Sound Transmission Loss and Sound Transmission Class (STC) when tested in accordance with ASTM E 90-90 of not less than the following:

**Sound Transmission Loss, db**

| <b>Window Type</b>   | <b><u>Octave Band Center Frequency, Hz</u></b> |     |     |    |    |    |     |
|----------------------|--|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|
|                      | 125  | 250 | 500 | 1K | 2K | 4K | STC |
| <b>Double glazed</b> | 36   | 53  | 59  | 66 | 68 | 75 | 62  |

**2.4 FABRICATION**

- A. Fabricate the support structure to be assembled in the field using beams, tube steel, or bent shapes of no less than 12 gauge steel. Apply a shop coat of rust inhibitive primer to exposed surfaces. An optional factory polyester powder coat can also be applied at an additional cost.
- B. Assemble windows using all welded construction conforming to pertinent requirements of AWS D1-1. Assembly and adjustment of window units, frames, glazing, acoustic seals, sound-absorbing material and concealed fasteners shall be performed at the factory. Each entire unit shall be shipped to the job site ready for installation and subsequent operation.
- C. Reinforce as required to withstand operating loads.
- D. Painting and cleaning:
  - 1. On surfaces that are inaccessible after assembly, apply protective coating of the manufacturer's standard rust-inhibitive primer.
  - 2. After assembly, and prior to inspection, thoroughly clean all surfaces.
  - 3. After inspection, and completion of repairs and revisions required by the inspection, apply a shop coat of rust inhibitive primer to exposed surfaces.

**3.0 EXECUTION**

**3.1 EXAMINATION**

Before commencing installation, examine the substrate and surrounding conditions to verify that there is nothing to prevent proper and timely execution of the installation. Start of work shall indicate acceptance of the substrate and surrounding conditions.

**3.2 INSTALLATION**

- A. Installation of window structure, units, seals, and final adjustments for window operation and for the design attenuation shall be performed by factory trained personnel or under the supervision of the manufacturer.
- B. Install the window wall support structure according to approved installation drawings.
- C. Install the studio / cassette window items plumb (or as indicated on the contract documents), straight, square, level, and in their proper elevation, plane and location.

- D. Apply resilient caulking at any locations designated by the installation drawings and the entire perimeter of the window frame.
- E. Apply glazing tape to the exterior perimeter of the window to isolate it from the window trim or mounting frame.
- F. Apply window trim or mounting frame retainer and finish accordingly.
- G. After installation, adjust windows for smooth and easy operation.
- H. All work shall be complete in every detail and the finished work shall be clean for Architect prior to final acceptance.

### **3.3 ADJUST AND CLEAN**

- A. Check and readjust operation finish hardware in work just prior to final inspection. Leave work in complete and proper operating condition. Remove and replace defective work.
- B. Immediately after erection, sand smooth all rusted or damaged areas of prime coat and apply touch-up of compatible air-drying primer.

### **3.4 ACCEPTANCE TESTING**

- A. Before acceptance of the installed Sound Control Window Units, and at any time within the project guaranteed period, the Owner, Architect, or project Acoustics Consultant may request that acoustic performance testing of the installations be performed. Ideally, this testing shall be performed by an independent acoustics consultant at the expense of the Installing Contractor under the supervision of the project Acoustics Consultant, and expenses for the project Acoustics Consultant to supervise the testing shall be paid by the Installing Contractor. Alternatively, the project Acoustics Consulting may be independently retained by the Installing Contractor to perform this testing.
- B. The installations shall be deemed acceptable if the Sound Control Window Units meet or exceed a Noise Isolation Class (NIC) that is not more than six (6) points below the specified STC rating.

**END OF SECTION**