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### SECTION 09 83 13

#### ACOUSTICAL WALL TREATMENT 04/06

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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for fabric covered acoustical wall panel systems.

Edit this guide specification for project specific requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed items, choose applicable items(s) or insert appropriate information.

Remove information and requirements not required in respective project, whether or not brackets are present.

Comments and suggestions on this guide specification are welcome and should be directed to the technical proponent of the specification. A listing of technical proponents, including their organization designation and telephone number, is on the Internet.

Recommended changes to a UFGS should be submitted as a Criteria Change Request (CCR).

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## PART 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a RID outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update

the issue dates.

References not used in the text will automatically be deleted from this section of the project specification when you choose to reconcile references in the publish print process.

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEXTILE CHEMISTS AND COLORISTS (AATCC)

AATCC 16 (2004) Colorfastness to Light

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM C 423 (2007a) Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method

ASTM D 1117 (2001) Evaluating Nonwoven Fabrics

ASTM D 5034 (1995; R 2001) Breaking Strength and Elongation of Textile Fabrics (Grab Test)

ASTM E 84 (2007) Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (ICC)

ICC IBC (2003) International Building Code

## 1.2 SUBMITTALS

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NOTE: Review submittal description (SD) definitions in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit the following list to reflect only the submittals required for the project. Submittals should be kept to the minimum required for adequate quality control.

A "G" following a submittal item indicates that the submittal requires Government approval. Some submittals are already marked with a "G". Only delete an existing "G" if the submittal item is not complex and can be reviewed through the Contractor's Quality Control system. Only add a "G" if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army projects, a code of up to three characters within the submittal tags may be used following the "G" designation to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for

**Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office**  
(Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy, Air Force, and NASA projects.

Choose the first bracketed item for Navy, Air Force and NASA projects, or choose the second bracketed item for Army projects.

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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are for [Contractor Quality Control approval.] [information only. When used, a designation following the "G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] The following shall be submitted in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

#### SD-02 Shop Drawings

Approved Detail Drawings[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]]

Drawings showing plan locations, elevations and details. Drawings shall include details of method of anchorage, location of doors and other openings, base detail and shape and thickness of materials.

#### SD-03 Product Data

##### Installation

Manufacturer's installation instructions and recommended cleaning instructions.

Acoustical Wall Panels[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]]

Manufacturer's descriptive data and catalog cuts.

#### SD-04 Samples

Acoustical Wall Panels[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]]

Fabric and vinyl swatches, minimum 450 mm 18 inches wide by 600 mm 24 inches long [3] [\_\_\_\_\_] samples of each color range specified.

#### SD-07 Certificates

##### Acoustical Wall Panels

Certificates of compliance from an independent laboratory accredited by the National Laboratory Accreditation Program of the National Institute of Standards. A label or listing from the testing laboratory will be acceptable evidence of compliance.

### 1.3 DELIVERY AND STORAGE

Materials delivered and placed in storage shall be stored with protection

from the weather, humidity and temperature variations, dirt, dust, or other contaminants.

#### 1.4 WARRANTY

Manufacturer's standard performance guarantees or warranties that extend beyond a one year period shall be provided.

### PART 2 PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 FABRIC COVERED ACOUSTICAL WALL PANELS

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**NOTE: Drawings must show locations and dimensions of acoustical panels, details of joints, base, head, and mounting details.**

**The same or similar acoustical benefits can possibly be obtained by other means such as wall covering, etc.**

**Omit the following items that do not meet project requirements.**

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Acoustical wall panels shall consist of prefinished factory assembled, seamless fabric covered, fiber glass or mineral fiber core system as described below. Wall panels shall be manufactured to the dimensions and configurations shown on the [approved detail drawings](#). Perimeter edges shall be [non-reinforced.] [reinforced by either an aluminum frame or a formulated resin edge hardener.] Acoustical wall panels installed in non-sprinklered areas must comply with the requirements of [ICC IBC](#), Standard 42-2. The Contractor shall comply with EPA requirements in accordance with Section [01 62 35](#) RECYCLED / RECOVERED MATERIALS.

- a. Panel Width: [Widths shall be [\[600\]](#) [\[750\]](#) [\[1200\]](#) [\[1500\]](#) mm [\[24\]](#) [\[30\]](#) [\[48\]](#) [\[60\]](#) inches] [End panels may vary in width as necessary to cover wall] [Panel width shall be as detailed.]
- b. Panel Height: [Heights shall be [\[2400\]](#) [\[2700\]](#) [\[3000\]](#) mm [\[96\]](#) [\[108\]](#) [\[120\]](#) inches.] [[Panels shall be field measured for custom fit to ceiling.] [Tolerance at floor to be as detailed].] [Panel height shall be as detailed.]
- c. Thickness: [Panel thickness shall be as required to meet the indicated NRC range] [\_\_\_\_\_].
- d. Fabric Covering: Seamless [non-woven, embossed texture, needle punched 100 percent polyester, minimum [0.034 kg/linear meter](#) [11 ounces/linear yard](#). Tear strength shall be minimum [110 N](#) [25 pounds](#) machine direction and minimum [178 N](#) [40 pounds](#) cross-machine direction in accordance with [ASTM D 1117](#). Tensile strength shall be minimum [220 N](#) [50 pounds](#) machine direction and minimum [330 N](#) [75 pounds](#) cross-machine direction in accordance with [ASTM D 5034](#).] [plain woven 2-ply 100 percent polyester, minimum [0.47 kg/linear meter](#) [15 ounces/linear yard](#). Tear strength shall be minimum [129 N](#) [29 pounds](#). Tensile strength shall be [667 N](#) [150 pounds](#) minimum in accordance with [ASTM D 5034](#).] [perforated vinyl covering with fabric backing, minimum [0.62 kg/linear meter](#) [20 ounces/linear yard](#)

total weight.] Fabric covering shall be stretched free of wrinkles and then bonded to the edges and back or bonded directly to the panel face, edges, and back of panel a minimum distance standard with the manufacturer. Light fastness (fadeometer) shall be approximately 40 hours in accordance with AATCC 16.

- e. Fire rating for the complete composite system: Class A, 200 or less smoke density and flame spread less than 25, when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84.
- f. Substrate: Fiber glass or mineral fiber.
- g. Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC) Range: [0.50-0.60] [0.80-0.90] [\_\_\_\_\_] ASTM C 423.
- h. Edge Detail: [Half bevel] [Bevel] [Radius] [Square] [Mitered] [\_\_\_\_\_] edge.
- i. Core Type: [Standard acoustical] [High impact acoustical] [Acoustical/tackable] [\_\_\_\_\_] core.
- J. Mounting: Acoustical panels shall be mounted by manufacturer's standard [concealed spline] [mechanical fasteners] [magnetic fasteners] [hook and loop] [adhesive mounting] [\_\_\_\_\_].

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NOTE: Editing of color reference sentence(s) shall be coordinated with the Government. Generally the 09915 COLOR SCHEDULE or drawing is used when the project is designed by an Architect or Interior designer. Color shall be selected from manufacturers standard colors or identified as a manufacturers color in this specification only when the project is very simple and has minimal finishes.

When the Government directs that color be located in the drawings a note shall be added that states:  
"Where color is shown as being specific to one manufacturer, an equivalent color by another manufacturer may be submitted for approval. Manufacturers and materials specified are not intended to limit the selection of equal colors from other manufacturers. The word "color" as used herein includes surface color and pattern."

Prior to specifying a custom color finish, research to determine if additional cost and lead time is feasible. Note there is often a minimum order requirement; this requirement will also affect future orders.

When a manufacturer's name, stock number, pattern, and color is used, be certain that the product conforms to this specification, as edited.

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- k. Color: Color shall be [in accordance with Section 09915 COLOR SCHEDULE.] [as indicated on the drawings.] [selected from manufacturers standard colors.] [[\_\_\_\_\_] Color listed is not

intended to limit the selection of equal colors from other manufacturers.].

### PART 3 EXECUTION

#### 3.1 SURFACE CONDITIONS

Walls shall be clean, smooth, oil free and prepared in accordance with panel manufacturer's instructions. Installation shall not begin until all wet work, such as, plastering, painting, and concrete are completely dry.

#### 3.2 INSTALLATION

Panel installation shall be by personnel familiar with and normally engaged in installation of acoustical wall panels. Panels shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

#### 3.3 CLEANING

Following installation, dirty or stained panel surfaces shall be cleaned in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and left free from defects. Panels that are damaged, discolored, or improperly installed shall be removed and new panels provided as directed.

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