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### SECTION 08850

#### FRAGMENT RETENTION FILM FOR GLASS 11/03

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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for transparent film at least 0.10 mm (0.004 inch thick (4 mil)) applied to the interior side of glass to reduce spalling and fragment dispersal.

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).

Use of electronic communication is encouraged.

Brackets are used in the text to indicate designer choices or locations where text must be supplied by the designer.

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## PART 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: Issue (date) of references included in project specifications need not be more current than provided by the latest guide specification. Use of SpecsIntact automated reference checking is recommended for projects based on older guide specifications.

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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 NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ANSI)

ANSI Z97.1 (1984; R 1994) Safety Glazing Materials  
Used in Buildings

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM C 1036 (2001) Flat Glass

ASTM C 1048 (1997b) Heat-Treated Flat Glass - Kind HS,  
Kind FT Coated and Uncoated Glass

ASTM D 1044 (1999) Resistance of Transparent Plastics  
to Surface Abrasion

ASTM D 3330/D 3330M (2002) Peel Adhesion of Pressure-Sensitive  
Tape

ASTM D 882 (2002) Tensile Properties of Thin Plastic  
Sheeting

ASTM E 84 (2003) Surface Burning Characteristics of  
Building Materials

GLASS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA (GANA)

GANA Glazing Manual (2004) Glazing Manual

GANA Sealant Manual (1990) Sealant Manual

U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NARA)

16 CFR 1201 Safety Standard for Architectural Glazing  
Materials

1.2 SUBMITTALS

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NOTE: Submittals must be limited to those necessary  
for adequate quality control. The importance of an  
item in the project should be one of the primary  
factors in determining if a submittal for the item  
should be required.

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 projects.

Submittal items not designated with a "G" are considered as being for information only for Army projects and for Contractor Quality Control approval for Navy 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.] [for 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 01330 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

#### SD-03 Product Data

Fragment Retention Film  
Cleaning

Manufacturer's data consisting of catalog cuts, brochures, circulars, and a list of glazing compounds and/or gaskets known to be incompatible with the fragment retention film.

Manufacturer's application and cleaning instructions for fragment retention film.

A statement that the fragment retention film supplied was manufactured using the same materials and process as the material tested. A statement that the adhesive contains ultraviolet inhibitors which limit ultraviolet transmission to not more than 8 percent of the radiation between 300 and 380 nanometers. A statement that the film manufacturer or manufacturer's representative trained the personnel who will apply the film.

#### SD-04 Samples

Fragment Retention Film[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

A sample consisting of a minimum 200 by 275 mm 8 inch by 11 inch section of fragment retention film including the adhesive layer.

#### SD-06 Test Reports

Fragment Retention Film[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Certified test reports including analysis and interpretation of test results. Each report shall identify the manufacturer, the specific product name, the film thickness, the adhesive type and thickness, and the glass type and thickness. Test reports shall clearly identify the methods used and shall include the results recorded.

## SD-07 Certificates

### Fragment Retention Film

On applications where the film will contact the glazing beads or gaskets, a certificate from the Contractor stating that the glazing compounds and gaskets are compatible with the fragment retention film and adhesive.

#### 1.3 QUALIFICATIONS

The personnel applying the fragment retention film shall be trained by the film manufacturer or manufacturer's representative.

#### 1.4 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

Fragment retention film shall be delivered, stored, and handled in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Glass, including glass in windows or doors, that has the film factory applied shall be stored in a dry location free of dust, water, and other contaminants. Glass with factory applied film shall be delivered, stored, and handled so that the film is not damaged, scratched, or abraded and shall be stored in a manner which permits easy access for inspection and handling. Each roll of film must have a tamperproof label containing full details of the roll, the batch number, and sufficient information to enable the Contracting Officer to ensure that the correct film is supplied.

#### 1.5 WARRANTY

A 5 year warranty shall be furnished for fragment retention film material. The warranty shall provide for replacement of film if cracking, crazing, peeling, or inadequate adhesion occurs.

### PART 2 PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 STANDARD PRODUCTS

Fragment retention film shall be the standard product of a manufacturer regularly engaged in the manufacture of such products and shall essentially duplicate items that have been in satisfactory use for at least 2 years prior to bid opening.

#### 2.2 FRAGMENT RETENTION FILM

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**NOTE:** Indicate windows and doors requiring film on the window and door schedules or window and door elevations of the drawings.

This specification should be used when glass may be subjected to the effects of explosives or projectiles and when protection of personnel from the resulting glass spalling is required. The film is most effective when installed on the interior surface of the glass. Under low blast pressures or projectile loads, the film may not prevent the glass from breaking but it holds the glass fragments together and reduces the destructive capability of flying glass fragments. Note that testing has shown

that fragment retention film will not necessarily hold glass fragments together when subjected to very high blast pressures, and the designer may therefore want to consider alternate methods for protection of personnel. The application of film to glass generally allows projectiles, fragments, or bullets to pass through; however, the film does reduce spalling of the glass associated with a projectile passing through the film.

The film is available in 0.05 mm (0.002 in.), 0.10 mm (0.004 in.), 0.18 mm (0.007 in.), 0.20 mm (0.008 in.), 0.25 mm (0.010 in.), and 0.30 mm (0.012 inch) thicknesses. A minimum thickness of 0.10 mm (0.004 inch) film is acceptable for fragment retention. The use of greater than 0.10 mm (0.004 inch) film thickness and/or factory laminated films of 0.10 mm (0.004 inch) or greater may provide more protection for occupants from flying fragments of glass but may not be warranted for low blast pressure. The designer must investigate window frames and building components adjacent to the glazed opening for transfer of the blast load when using 0.18 mm (0.007 inch) and thicker films.

The properties of fragment retention film and/or the adhesive may change over time, effecting the film's capacity to retain fragments. Testing has shown the film retains fragments up to 7 years of use.

The application of film to glass provides some resistance against impacts from hammers, rocks, clubs, or thrown objects. An impact on the film reinforced glass creates a hole approximately the size of the impacting object. Therefore, several impacts are needed to make a hole large enough for entry. The use of greater film thickness and/or factory laminated films provides more resistance against these impacts.

Tints and reflective films can improve the thermal energy performance of a building. However, darkly tinted and reflective films can cause internal heat buildup and internal stresses in the glass resulting in a weakened glazing system. If reflective films are used to reduce visibility into a facility, also provide curtains or shades for night use because films are not reflective when the light level on the exterior side of the film is less than that on the interior side.

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Fragment retention film shall be polyester, polyethylene terephthalate, or a composite. Fragment retention film shall be optically clear and free of waves, distortions, impurities, and adhesive lines. The film may be a single layer or laminated. Lamination of the film shall only occur at the factory of the fragment retention film manufacturer. The film shall include an abrasion resistant coating on the surface that does not receive the film adhesive. Fragment retention film shall be a minimum thickness of

[0.10] [0.18] [0.25] mm [0.004] [0.007] [0.010] inch and shall be [clear] [tinted] [reflective]. The film shall be supplied with an optically clear weatherable pressure sensitive adhesive. The adhesive shall contain ultraviolet inhibitors to protect the film for its required life and shall limit ultraviolet transmission to not more than 8 percent of the radiation between 300 and 380 nanometers. The adhesive shall not be water activated.

A water soluble detackifier and/or release liner may be incorporated over the adhesive to facilitate film application. The adhesive shall be 90 percent cured within 30 days of installation. Adhesives on film thicknesses of 0.25 mm 0.010 and greater shall be a minimum of 0.02 mm 0.0008 inch thick. The following tests to indicate compliance with specified requirements shall be performed by an independent testing laboratory, and the laboratory reports shall be signed by a responsible official of the laboratory.

#### 2.2.1 Impact Performance

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**NOTE:** Retain sentences about splices when the film will be applied to sheets of glass with a dimension exceeding 1475 mm (58 inches) in both directions.

Paragraph 5.1.3 (2) of ANSI Z97.1 and paragraph 1204.4 (e) (1) (ii) of 16 CFR 1201 will not be an accepted form of testing glazing failure after the impact test because these paragraphs allow complete disintegration if fragment particles are small enough. Complete disintegration of the glazing is unacceptable under blast loading because the particles would be propelled into the building and could seriously injure or kill the occupants. Designers specifying fragment retention film for use in other countries may substitute impact test reports in accordance with British Standard (BS) BS 6206 Class B and German Standard DIN 5237, which use similar testing methods to the impact tests specified. The designer should accept but not specify films tested and receiving an A1 impact resistance under DIN 52290 or film which has tested positively in accordance with BS 5544. Do not specify the film to be tested in accordance with DIN 52290 or BS 5544 because relatively few films can pass these more stringent impact tests.

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Fragment retention film shall be tested for impact in accordance with ANSI Z97.1 or 16 CFR 1201. Tests shall be conducted on fragment retention film applied to 3.1 to 6.4 mm 1/8 to 1/4 inch-thick annealed flat glass which conforms to the requirements of ASTM C 1036, Type I, Class 1, Quality q3. The film tested shall be applied to the glass with a splice located at the midpoint of the specimen. Sketches showing location and configuration of splice shall be included in submitted certified test reports. After the impact portion of the test is conducted, satisfactory performance of the test specimens shall be determined using ANSI Z97.1, paragraph 5.1.3 or 16 CFR 1201, paragraph 1201.4 (e) -- INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS. To be qualified for use under this specification, the manufacturer shall provide a report that the fragment retention film satisfactorily performed in accordance with ANSI Z97.1, paragraph 5.1.3 (1), (3), or (4) or with 16 CFR 1201, paragraph 1204.4 (e) (1) (i), (iv), or (v). ANSI Z97.1, paragraph 5.1.3

(2) or 16 CFR 1201, paragraph 1204.4 (e) (1) (ii) shall not constitute passing criteria.

#### 2.2.2 Tensile Strength

The fragment retention film samples tested shall exhibit a minimum tensile strength at break of 172.4 MPa 25,000 psi when tested in accordance with ASTM D 882. Method A, Static Weighing, Constant Rate of Grip Separation Test, shall be used to conduct this test. The rate of grip separation shall not exceed 0.2 mm/s 1/2 inch per minute.

#### 2.2.3 Peel Strength

Testing shall be conducted following 1,200 hours accelerated weathering exposure. The fragment retention film shall exhibit a minimum peel strength of 930 N/m 5.3 pounds/inch for 0.10 mm 0.004 inch thick film and 790 N/m 4.5 pounds/inch for 0.18 mm 0.007 inch thick and thicker film when tested in accordance with ASTM D 3330/D 3330M. Method A shall be used to conduct the tests. A glass substrate shall be used and a maximum dwell time of 45 days is permitted.

#### 2.2.4 Surface Abrasion

The fragment retention film shall exhibit a change in haze not to exceed 3.2 percent following 100 turns, using 500-gram weights on a CS 10F abrasive wheel when tested in accordance with ASTM D 1044.

#### 2.2.5 Flame Spread and Smoke Density

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**Note: The designer may delete the requirement for  
flame spread and smoke density index if not required  
by the project.**  
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The fragment retention film shall exhibit a flame spread index not exceeding 25 and a smoke density index not exceeding 100 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84. For the test, the specimen shall be mounted to 6.4 mm 1/4 inch thick tempered glass which conforms to the requirements of ASTM C 1048, Kind FT, Type I, Class 1, Quality q3.

### PART 3 EXECUTION

#### 3.1 SURFACE PREPARATION

The glass surface to which the fragment retention film is to be applied shall be cleaned of paint, foreign compounds, smears, and spatters. After the initial cleaning, the surface to receive the film shall be further cleaned in accordance with the film manufacturer's instructions.

#### 3.2 APPLICATION

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**NOTE: Greater protection for occupants from flying  
glass caused by blast loads is achieved by applying  
film such that it extends edge to edge of the sheet  
and into the bite of the frame. Some gaskets and  
compounds can dissolve the film surface, the  
adhesive, or the metallic coating interlayer of**



reflective or tinted films. For insulated glass units, apply film to the interior (room) side only. Other applications have not been tested. Tests show that film applications to insulated glass units offer more protection for occupants than applications on single sheets of glass. When more than one type of film application is used for a project, indicate the application to be used on the door and window schedules or elevations.

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Fragment retention film shall be provided on window and door glass where indicated. After surface preparation, the fragment retention film shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and instructions. Film shall be applied to the interior (room) side of the glass for both single and double glazed sheets, unless otherwise indicated.

Multiple applications of film to achieve specified thicknesses is not allowed. The film shall not be applied if there are visible dust particles in the air, if there is frost on the glazing, or if any room condition such as temperature and humidity do not meet the manufacturer's instructions. After film application, room conditions shall be maintained as required by the manufacturer's instructions to allow for proper curing of the adhesive.

#### 3.2.1 Application to New Glass Before Glazing

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NOTE: Retain this paragraph when film will be applied to the glass before glazing. This may occur at the window or door manufacturer's shop or in the field. Designer will insert a coordinating note into Section: GLASS AND GLAZING, indicating that fragment retention film application is a requirement.

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Fragment retention film shall be applied so that it extends edge to edge of the glass sheet. The film reinforced glass shall then be set into the frame with glazing compounds or gaskets as specified in Section 08800 GLAZING. When contact between the glazing compounds and/or gaskets and the film occurs, the Contractor shall ensure compatibility. The Contractor shall be responsible for delivery of the fragment retention film to the appropriate location for application. Fragment retention film application and curing shall be coordinated with the glass supplier and window or door manufacturer prior to glazing installation.

#### 3.2.2 Application to Existing Glass Involving Dismantlement

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NOTE: Retain this paragraph when film is to be applied to existing glazing where the stops, compounds, and/or gaskets must be removed to apply the film edge to edge of the glass sheet. Dismantlement is recommended for glazed openings with removable stops and removable reusable gaskets. Removable gaskets include vinyl and rubber channels or beads and extruded aluminum beads. Dismantlement may be too expensive for openings glazed with compounds. This expense is due to the increased labor, increased risk of breakage, and increased cost of replacing compounds because most compounds

are not reusable. Compounds include wet applied or semi-soft compounds such as sealant, putty, butyl, hypalon, silicone, acrylic, polyurethane, polysulfide, and preformed semi-solid tapes. Although existing gaskets are readily identifiable, determining the composition of existing compounds to check compatibility with the film is more difficult and could add expense to the project.

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The existing glazing compound, gaskets, and/or stops shall be removed as required to expose the existing glass pane. If necessary, the glass shall be removed so that the film can be applied. The film shall be applied so that it extends edge to edge of the glass sheet. Existing gaskets and/or stops shall be installed and any removed glazing compounds shall be replaced with new glazing compounds. Removed glazing compounds shall be scrapped and not reused. Glazing compounds shall be in accordance with GANA Sealant Manual. Glazing methods shall be in accordance with GANA Glazing Manual. When contact between the glazing compounds and/or gaskets and the film occurs, the Contractor shall ensure compatibility. Any damaged or broken glazing and gaskets shall be replaced and reinstalled in kind.

### 3.2.3 Application to Existing Glass Without Dismantlement

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NOTE: Retain this paragraph for application where dismantlement is not possible or is too expensive. When exposed to the effects of explosives, films that stop close to the frame but do not extend into the bite tend to break along the weak edge and disengage completely from the frame. Because the disengaged film reinforced glass is held together as a unit, protection is provided for building occupants. This application is simplest and the least costly. Also, coordination and compatibility of the film with the compounds and gaskets is not necessary because they do not contact. If the edges of the existing glazing compounds are particularly irregular, the designer may specify the film application to be within a maximum of 5 mm (3/16 inch), although the 3 mm (1/8 inch) maximum is recommended.

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Fragment retention film shall be applied so that it extends to within 1.6 mm 1/16 inch, with a maximum of [3] [5] mm [1/8] [3/16] inch, of the edge of the visible glass area.

### 3.2.4 Application to Existing Glass and Frame Without Dismantlement

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NOTE: Retain this paragraph for application where dismantlement is not possible or is too expensive. Although this application has not been tested under blast loads, several manufacturers recommend it. In this application, the film is likely to contact the existing gaskets and compounds. Trim or a batten may be indicated on the drawings and/or added to

this paragraph to hide the film edge.

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Fragment retention film shall be applied past the edge of the visible glass and extend onto the frame. Amount of film overlap, edge connection to the frame, and adhesive for adhering film to frame shall be as recommended by the film manufacturer. When contact between the glazing compounds and/or gaskets and the film occurs, the Contractor shall ensure compatibility.

### 3.2.5 Splicing

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NOTE: Overlaps of 0.25 mm (0.010 inch) thick and thicker film are highly visible and are not recommended. If no glazing has a dimension exceeding 1475 mm (58 inches) in both directions, specify that the film may not be spliced.

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[Splices or seams in fragment retention film are not permitted.] [Splices or seams in fragment retention film are permitted only when a sheet of glass has a dimension exceeding 1.475 m 58 inches in both directions. All seams shall be applied with a minimum overlap of 6 mm 1/4 inch unless submitted test reports indicate impact performance is not diminished when seam is applied with a different overlap or a gap.]

### 3.3 CLEANING

Cleaning of the fragment retention film shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

### 3.4 FIELD INSPECTION

The applied fragment retention film shall be clean and free of peeling, splitting, scratches, creases, wrinkles, discoloration, and foreign particles. The film application shall be free of air bubbles after 30 days. Fragment retention film shall not show signs of waviness and distortion at the time the work is accepted. This determination shall be made by the unaided eye (except for corrective prescription glasses), when the film is viewed from a distance of 3 m 10 feet from the interior room side at angles up to 45 degrees when looking at a clear or uniformly overcast sky. Unacceptable fragment retention film applications shall be removed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and new film applied.

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