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## SECTION 10 22 26.33

FOLDING PANEL PARTITIONS  
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**NOTE:** This guide specification covers the requirements for folding panel partitions.

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.

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

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## PART 1 GENERAL

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NOTE: Designer should require materials, products, and innovative construction methods and techniques which are environmentally sensitive, take advantage of recycling and conserve natural resources.

Associated work found in other sections includes:

Steel supporting members or hanger rods, Section  
05 50 13 MISCELLANEOUS METAL FABRICATIONS.

Wood blocking, rough bucks, and headers, Section  
06 10 00 ROUGH CARPENTRY.

Wood trim, wood or hardboard ceiling guard, or  
soffits, Section 06 20 00 FINISH CARPENTRY.

Lock cylinders, Section 08 71 00 DOOR HARDWARE.

Operator field connections to power sources and inner connection to control switches, Section 26 20 00 INTERIOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

The following information should be shown on the drawings:

1. Location, size, and folding area of folding panel partitions.
2. Direction of operation, header conditions indicating height, track anchorage, track channel, and jamb conditions.
3. Partition supporting structure. The structural support for the partition is not part of this section; it must be indicated and specified separately.
4. A schedule of folding panel partitions by type (manually or electrically operated), sizes, and stack space and identified by mark number or letter
5. For electrically operated partitions, show power source and desired switch location.

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## 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.

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM A 653/A 653M	(2009) Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron Alloy-Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip Process
ASTM B 221	(2008) Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Bars, Rods, Wire, Profiles, and Tubes
ASTM B 221M	(2007) Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Bars, Rods, Wire, Profiles, and Tubes (Metric)
ASTM C 423	(2008a) Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method
ASTM D 751	(2006) Coated Fabrics
ASTM E 336	(2008) Measurement of Airborne Sound Insulation in Buildings
ASTM E 413	(2004) Rating Sound Insulation
ASTM E 557	(2000; R 2006) Installation of Operable Partitions
ASTM E 84	(2009a) Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
ASTM E 90	(2004) Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements

CHEMICAL FABRICS & FILM ASSOCIATION (CFFA)

CFFA-W-101-D	(2002) Vinyl Coated Fabric Wallcovering
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NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

NFPA 101	(2008; Amendment 2009) Life Safety Code
NFPA 252	(2007) Standard Methods of Fire Tests of Door Assemblies
NFPA 286	(2006) Fire Tests for Evaluating Contribution of Wall and Ceiling Interior Finish to Room Fire Growth
NFPA 70	(2008; AMD 1 2008) National Electrical Code - 2008 Edition

UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES (UL)

UL 10B	(2008; Rev thru Apr 2009) Fire Tests of Door Assemblies
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## 1.2 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

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**NOTE: The designer will edit this specification for  
manual or electric operation of folding panel  
partitions as required for the project.**  
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a. No less than 30 calendar days prior to the scheduled commencement of installation, submit the following to the Contracting Officer:

Manufacturer's Qualifications  
Manufacturer's Sample Warranty  
Statement of Code Compliance  
Statement of Standards Conformity  
Verification of Field Measurements  
Existing Electrical Data  
Fabrication Drawings  
Installation Instructions

b. Supply and install [manual] [and] [electric] operation, acoustical folding panel partitions, factory finished, supported from overhead track [without] [with] floor guides, as shown on the drawings including all hardware, seals, track and rollers as needed to close the specified opening.

### 1.2.1 Manual Operation

The manual operation shall be a force no greater than [89] [\_\_\_\_\_] N [20] [\_\_\_\_\_] lbf to start movement at the rate of 1.02 m/s 3.33 ft/s (200 ft/min). Use a removable handle to extend and retract the bottom operable seals; vertical movement of seals shall be [50] [\_\_\_\_\_] mm [2] [\_\_\_\_\_] inches. Closure to the lead wall shall be by use of a flexible bulb; accomplish final closing by means of a lever exerting pressure against the wall.

### 1.2.2 Electric Operation

Design the pressure-sensitive leading edge so that a force of [17.8] [\_\_\_\_\_] N [4] [\_\_\_\_\_] lbf will stop the forward motion; system shall stop the partition movement if people or objects are in the path of the partition when it is being extended or in the pocket area when the panels are being folded. Provide a weight-sensitive floor mat in the storage pocket to prevent partition movement with as little as 2.3 kg 5 lbs of weight applied. Wall mount the electric control.

### 1.2.3 Performance Requirements

#### 1.2.3.1 Fire Endurance

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**NOTE: Select flame spread and smoke developed  
criteria to suit project.**  
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For partitions more than 5.6 square meters 60 square feet in area, provide covering and lining with flame spread rating of 25 or less, fuel contribution rating of 15 or less, smoke generation of 50 or less in accordance with NFPA 101 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84. [1 hour

fire rating, [UL 10B](#), or [NFPA 252](#).] Submit [flame and smoke development tests](#) reports. Provide door and partition finishes with a Class A rating when tested in accordance with [ASTM E 84](#).

#### 1.2.3.2 Laboratory Acoustical Requirements

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NOTE: Specify sound transmission class as determined by project requirements. The requested rating should be between 35 and 54 STC. 39 and 40 STC are widely available. If more is required, another type of moveable partition should be used. Specify a panel weight of no less than 14 kg per square meter (3 psf) for STC of 35, 24 kg per square meter (5 psf) for STC of 45.

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Provide partitions tested in accordance with [ASTM E 90](#), by a laboratory accredited by the U.S. Bureau of Standards, that have attained a sound transmission class (STC) of not less than [39] [40] [\_\_\_\_\_] in a fully extended position, with a Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC) of [0.25-0.30 for napped, tufted or looped fabric] [0.65-0.75 for perforated steel in accordance with [ASTM C 423](#)] [\_\_\_\_\_]. Partition tested shall be of the same construction, materials, and model number as the partition to be provided and be fully operable. Test specimen shall be not less than [12 square meters in area] [4200 by 2700 mm] [126 square feet in area] [14 feet by 9 feet]. Panel weight shall be a minimum of 26 kg/square meter 5.5 psf for STC up to 40, 36 kg/square meter 7.5 psf for STC up to 45, and 41 kg/square meter 8.5 psf for STC up to 50, 48 kg/square meter 10.0 psf for STC up to 53. Design panel thickness (100 mm 4 inch nominal) and composition to provide the required STC rating in accordance with [ASTM E 90](#) and [ASTM E 413](#).

#### 1.3 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.] Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

#### SD-01 Preconstruction Submittals

[ Manufacturer's Qualifications[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]  
Manufacturer's Sample Warranty  
Statement of Code Compliance[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]  
Statement of Standards Conformity[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]  
Verification of Field Measurements[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]  
Existing Electrical Data]

#### SD-02 Shop Drawings

Installation[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]  
Wiring Diagrams[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]  
Layouts[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]  
Fabrication Drawings[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Drawings containing complete schematic diagrams and details required to demonstrate that the system has been coordinated and will properly function as a unit. Show location, dimensions and weight of folded partition; layout of the work, track and jamb fastening methods; seal details and installation details; proposed layout and anchorage of equipment and appurtenances, and equipment relationship to other parts of the work including clearances for maintenance and operation. [Submit wiring diagram and installation details for electrical operator.]

#### SD-03 Product Data

Folding Panel Partitions[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]  
Installation Instructions[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Manufacturer's descriptive data, performance charts, catalog cuts, and installation instructions for framework, suspension system, covering, accessories[, and electrical operators].

#### SD-04 Samples

Folding Panel Partitions[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

[Three] [\_\_\_\_] Color samples of specified surfaces and finishes to match those specified. Finish and color requirements are not limited to manufacturer's standard selections in order to meet



these requirements.

#### SD-06 Test Reports

Acoustical Test[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]  
Flame and Smoke Development Tests[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Reports on laboratory acoustical requirements and acoustical test. Reports on flame and smoke development tests.

#### SD-07 Certificates

Materials[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]  
Folding Panel Partitions[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Certificate attesting that the materials meet the requirements specified and that partitions have specified acoustical and flame retardant properties, as determined by test.

#### SD-10 Operation and Maintenance Data

##### Folding Panel Partitions

Data Package 1 for folding panel partitions, and Data Package 5 for electrical operators in accordance with Section 01 78 23 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DATA.[ Six complete copies of operating instructions outlining the procedures required for electrically operated partitions.] Include in the instructions the manufacturer's name, model number, service manual, parts list, and brief description of all equipment and operating features. Include a complete list of parts and supplies, with current unit prices and source of supply, and a list of the parts recommended by the manufacturer to be replaced after 1 year and 3 years of service. Six complete copies of maintenance instructions explaining routine maintenance procedures including inspection, adjustments, lubrication, and cleaning. List possible breakdown, methods of repair, and a troubleshooting guide. Include instructions for equipment layout and simplified wiring and control diagrams of the system as installed.

#### 1.4 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

Deliver materials to the jobsite in the manufacturer's original, unopened, and undamaged packages with labels legible and intact. Provide labels to indicate the manufacturer, brand name, size, finish, and placement location. Store partitions and accessories in unopened packages in a manner that will prevent damage. Handle partition materials in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Protect materials from the weather, humidity and temperature variations, dirt and dust, or other contaminants.

#### 1.5 WARRANTY

Provide Manufacturer's standard performance guarantees or warranties that extend beyond a 1 year period. In addition, provide guarantee of the pantographs, trolleys and tracks for 10 years from date of acceptance for beneficial use.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MATERIALS

Provide material and equipment which are the standard products of a manufacturer regularly engaged in the manufacture of such products and essentially duplicate items that have been in satisfactory use for at least 2 year prior to bid opening. Equipment shall be supported by a service organization that is, in the opinion of the Contracting Officer, reasonably convenient to the site. Provide heavy-duty type hardware standard with the manufacturer. Provide pulls and latches for all partitions. Provide partitions with [keyed locks] [privacy latches] [magnetic contact latches] [foot bolts]. Provide [anodized aluminum [clear] [bronze]] [chrome plated] [brass plated metal] [painted] [\_\_\_\_\_] finish hardware.

### 2.2 FOLDING PANEL PARTITIONS

Provide folding panel partitions using top hung ball bearing carriers which support modular panels.

- a. Provide partitions made up of a series of rigid panels, each panel being a one-piece assembly. Unless otherwise specified, use the least number of panels. The mechanical seal of the panel shall actuate with a single operating action.
- b. Provide panels [paired] [single] [center folded] [omni-directional] [continuously hinged] type as indicated.

#### 2.2.1 Panels

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**NOTE: Steel skin should be a minimum of 0.6 mm (24 gage) for 1200 mm (48 inch) panels, and 0.8 mm (22 gage) for 1500 mm (60 inches) panels.**  
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Provide panels of [steel skin,] [reinforced aluminum,] [particleboard,] [tackable base,] laminated to appropriate structural acoustical backing, mounted in full perimeter protective frame. Steel for the panel frames shall be a minimum of [\_\_\_\_\_] mm gauge thick steel with minimum 0.80 mm 22 gauge thick face panels spot welded to the frame. Frame shall enclose and protect all edges of the surface material. Panels shall be not more than 1.2 m 4 feet wide, except for end closure panels, and be full height to track. Panels shall lock in place to form a stable, rigid partition; low profile hinges may not project more than 6 mm 1/4 inch maximum from panel edge. Panel surfacing shall wrap around the vertical panel edges without vertical trim.

#### 2.2.2 Finish Covering

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**NOTE: Wood veneer and glass are finish options for folding panel partitions.**  
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Finish material shall be minimum [ 1371 mm 54 inches] [\_\_\_\_\_] wide, [vertically-ribbed acoustical material of 100 percent polyolefin] [Type II vinyl with a minimum total weight of [441 grams/square m 13 ounces/square yard and 620 grams/linear m 20 ounces/linear yard] [\_\_\_\_\_] in accordance

with **CFFA-W-101-D**, and conforming to **ASTM D 751** and **NFPA 286**.] Provide [vinyl containing a non-mercury based mildewcide and manufactured without the use of cadmium-based stabilizers][acrylic backed fabric of [100 percent polyolefin] [\_\_\_\_]].] Provide non-allergenic stain and mildew resistant fabric which will not rot or support growth of bacteria].

#### 2.2.3 Track

Provide recess [extruded aluminum] [enamel finish steel] track as shown.[ Conform aluminum to [**ASTM B 221**] [**ASTM B 221M**].] [ Steel shall conform to **ASTM A 653/A 653M**.] Provide track that is the manufacturer's standard product designed for the weight of the finished partition, including door. Provide track sections in the maximum lengths practicable, and not less than **1.8 m 6 feet** long except for narrow doors and at ends of runs where short length is required. Provide suitable joint devices such as interlocking keys at each joint to provide permanent alignment of track.

#### 2.2.4 Suspension System

Provide a suspension system consisting of [steel][heavy duty extruded aluminum] track connected to the structural support by threaded rods, and trolleys designed to support the weight of the partition.[ Provide steel track of **5 mm 7 gage** minimum, phosphate treated or painted.][ Provide extruded aluminum track with minimum thickness of **3 mm 1/8 inch**.] [Provide center hung panel with 1 trolley with four ball bearing nylon or steel tired wheels per panel.] [Provide 2 trolleys per panel with 2 ball bearing polymer or steel tired wheels.]

#### [2.2.5 Tackboard

Provide tackboard with [steel] [aluminum] frame. Provide minimum **6 mm 1/4 inch** thickness , tacking surface covered with self-sealing decorative vinyl. Tacking surfaces shall be laminated to rigid backing substrate.

#### ]2.2.6 Markerboards

Provide markerboards with [aluminum] [steel] frame with writing surface of [cast acrylic plastic with color fused to surface] [porcelain steel].Markerboard shall not protrude more than **3 mm 1/8 inch** beyond panel face. Color: [white] [\_\_\_\_].

### ]2.3 ACCESSORIES

#### 2.3.1 Doors

Provide non-fire rated, manually operated doors with vinyl sweep top seals which compress against the bottom of the top track.

#### 2.3.2 Ceiling Guards

Furnish partitions with ceiling guards or integral track and ceiling guards as recommended by the manufacturer.

#### 2.3.3 Metal Soffit

Provide soffit when steel track is recessed. Provide metal soffit of adequate thickness to protect the ceiling from damage by door operation and with the door manufacturer's standard neutral-color applied finish. Soffit on aluminum track shall be an integral part of the track

## 2.4 SEALS AND SWEEPSTRIPS

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NOTE: Partitions need a floor and ceiling seal to avoid gaps that will lower the advertised sound transmission rating. For any partition that requires a sound rating, use seals and ceiling guards provided by the manufacturer of the partition. Provide a baffle in the ceiling plenum above the partition with a STC rating equal to the partition. Provide a floor surface that will allow the bottom sweep to make a positive seal. Panels need vertical and end seals.

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Provide perimeter seals or sound insulation, of manufacturer's standard product, to achieve the sound transmission class specified [and to pass the visual field test specified], without crack or craze when subjected to severe usage. [Provide mechanical seal top and bottom of the fire rated panel.] [Provide mechanical bottom seal that can be raised or lowered for positive control.] Provide manufacturer's vertical seals between panels to ensure acoustical [and fire] rating. Bottom seals shall consist of a vinyl sweep mechanical seal which will expand in place, or provide panels which can be lowered by a removable operating device. Provide vertical seal between panels which is anodized, architectural grade, aluminum extrusion with [vinyl] [\_\_\_\_\_] sound seal. Sweep strips shall be vinyl or other material that will not crack or craze with severe usage. Provide sweep strip STC to the specified rating.

## [2.5 ELECTRICAL OPERATORS

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NOTE: Specify electrical operators for those partitions whose size and weight preclude manual operation. Refer to manufacturers' literature. Indicate those partitions requiring electrical operation on the project drawings. Delete this paragraph when electrically operated partitions are not required in the project.

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Provide manufacturer's recommended standard electrical operator for [each partition] [partitions indicated]. Provide [wiring diagrams](#).

## ]2.6 COLOR

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NOTE: Editing of color reference sentence(s) must be coordinated with the Government. Generally the Section [09 06 90](#) Color Schedule or drawing is used when the project is designed by an Architect or Interior designer. Color will be selected from manufacturers standard colors or identified in this spec only when the project has minimal finishes.

When the government directs that color be located in the drawings, add a Note stating: "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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Color: [in accordance with Section 09 06 90 COLOR SCHEDULE] [as indicated on the drawings] [selected from manufacturers standard colors] [\_\_\_\_]. [Color listed is not intended to limit selection of equal colors from other manufacturers].

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

Install in accordance with the manufacturer's approved instructions.

#### 3.1.1 Preparation Work

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NOTE: Show the structural support necessary to accommodate the size and weight of the partition. ASTM E 557 has design as well as installation criteria.

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Verify dimensions and condition of openings scheduled to receive folding panel partitions. Install partitions in accordance with the approved partition layouts, manufacturer's directions, and ASTM E 557. Provide structural support for the track support elements as indicated.

#### [3.1.2 Electrical Operators

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NOTE: Delete this paragraph when electrically operated partitions are not required.

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Conform electrical components and installation to the requirements of NFPA 70 and Section 26 20 00 INTERIOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. Provide the partition manufacturer's standard drive and control components required to operate the partition. Power source is as indicated.

#### ]3.1.3 Adjustment

[Adjust manually operated partitions to open and close from any position with a maximum horizontal force as specified in paragraph Manual Operation

applied to pendant pull, box or handle.] [Adjust drive components and limit switches of electrically operated partitions to ensure the partitions operate properly upon activation of the control switch.]

### 3.2 FIELD TESTS

#### 3.2.1 Operational Test

In the presence of the Contracting Officer, operate partition at least three times to demonstrate that partition is capable of being moved from the stored position to the fully extended position smoothly and quietly [and without overloading the drive components]. Activate [the emergency release mechanism and demonstrate proper operation of the partition in the manual mode] [mechanical seals top and bottom]. Adjust partitions which do not operate properly and retest.

#### 3.2.2 Visual Test

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**NOTE: Delete this paragraph when light leakage will  
not be objectionable.**  
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Conduct visual field tests for light leakage with all room lights turned on in the space on one side of the partition. Darken space on the other side of the partition. Light leakage from the lighted space to the darkened space is not acceptable. If light leakage does occur, adjust the partition to correct the problem and retest.

#### 3.2.3 Acoustical Test

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**NOTE: Delete this paragraph in projects requiring  
STC ratings of less than 40. Noise Isolation Class  
(NIC) is a number that can be measured, and usually  
runs up to 10 points below laboratory results, i.e.  
lab STC 40, field NIC 30. This test is expensive  
and rarely necessary.**  
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Field sound performance: provide partition testing by an independent certified acoustical consultant in accordance with [ASTM E 336](#), and achieve a Noise Isolation Class (NIC) of [\_\_\_\_\_] plus or minus two. Adjust and/or modify partitions which do not comply, and retest.

### 3.3 CLEANING

Clean any soiled parts of the partition in accordance with manufacturer's printed instructions.

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