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**SECTION 098433 – ALPHASORB® POLYESTER SOUND-ABSORBING WALL UNITS**

**PART 1 – GENERAL**

* 1. SUMMARY

1. Sound-absorbing wall panels, custom-fabricated and fabric-finished, using environmentally-friendly core material and fabric.
   1. REFERENCES
   2. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
      1. ASTM C423 – Standard Test Method for Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method.
      2. ASTM E84 – Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials.
   3. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION
2. Performance Requirements:
3. Surface Burning Characteristics (ASTM E84):
4. Flamespread: 10 maximum.
5. Smoke Developed: 200 maximum.
6. Fire ratings for all base material polyester panels.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

1. General: Submit listed submittals in accordance with Conditions of the Contract and Division 1 Submittal Procedures Section.
2. Product Data: Submit product data sheet, for specified products.
3. Shop Drawings: Submit shop drawings showing layout, edge profiles and panel components, including anchorage, accessories, finish colors and textures.
4. Samples: Submit selection and verification samples of finishes, colors and textures.
5. Test Reports: Certified test reports showing compliance with specified performance requirements.
6. Standard Systems: Submit certified copies of previous test reports substantiating performance of system in lieu of retesting.

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

***Note to Specifier:*** *Paragraph below should list obligations for compliance with specific code requirements particular to this section. General statements to comply with a specific code are typically addressed in Conditions of the Contract and Division 1 Regulatory Requirements Section. Repetitive statements should be avoided.*

1. Regulatory Requirements and Approvals: [Specify applicable requirements of regulatory agencies.].
2. [Code agency name].
3. [Report or approval number].

1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

1. General: Comply with Division 1 Product Requirements Section.
2. Delivery: Deliver materials in manufacturer’s original, unopened, undamaged containers with identification labels intact.
3. Storage and Protection: Store materials protected from exposure to harmful environmental conditions and at temperature and humidity conditions recommended by the manufacturer.

1.7 PROJECT CONDITIONS

1. Environmental Requirements: Do not install panels until wet work, such as concrete and plastering, is complete; the building is enclosed; and the temperature and relative humidity are stabilized at 60–80 degrees F (16–27 degrees C) and 35% MINIMUM RH and 55% MAXIMUM RH, respectively. All products constructed with wood or wood fiber content must be stored for at least 72 hours in the controlled environment specified herein prior to installation to allow the materials to stabilize.

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**PART 2 – PRODUCTS**

* 1. SOUND-ABSORBING WALL PANELS

1. Manufacturer: Acoustical Solutions, LLC
2. Contact: 3017 Vernon Road, Richmond, VA 23228; Telephone: (800) 782-5742, ext. 112;  
   E-mail: estimating@acousticalsolutions.com; Web site: acousticalsolutions.com.
3. Substitutions: No substitutions permitted.

2.2 WALL PANELS, GENERAL

1. AlphaSorb Panels:
2. Core: *(****Note to Specifier:*** *To avoid confusion, choose core type and delete all unused line item types; if multiple types are needed, use a callout to differentiate; ex. AWP1, AWP2, etc.)*
   1. [General/Absorptive] – 7.5 lb. per cubic foot PET polyester
3. Thickness:
   1. General/Absorptive – [1”]
4. Size: As indicated on the drawings up to a maximum 48 inches x 96 inches per panel.
5. Edge Detail: [Square] hardened with a Class A hardening solution.
6. Facing: [100% polyester fabric, FR 701 Style 2100 by Guilford of Maine] [Factory approved customer selected fabric]. Designer-selected fabrics must be approved by the panel manufacturer as acceptable quality for wrapping and covering core materials. Some fabrics are unstable, too stiff, or lack the weight and thread density for producing an acceptable finish product.
   1. Color: [As selected from panel manufacturer’s stocked range of colors] [As selected from fabric manufacturer’s full range of colors].
7. Sound Absorption (ASTM C423): Noise Reduction Coefficient as follows:

*NOTE TO SPECIFIER – NRC sound absorption data is based on testing with Guilford FR701 fabric. To maintain specified sound absorption, fabrics should be selected that allow air to pass easily through the material into the acoustical core.*

* 1. 1 inch (25.4 mm) panel: 0.80, minimum.

1. Mounting Accessories: [Rotofast Snap-On] [Z-clips].

2.3 FABRICATION

1. Wrap panel edges and return facing fabric 1 inch (25.4mm) on back of panel. Secure fabric with adhesive applied to edges and back of panel only.

2.4 ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEED

1. This product contributes to LEED® credits for Indoor Air Quality.
   1. Polyester core material is made form at least 60% recycled PET fibers. This core contains no formaldehyde or VOCs.
   2. Polyester fabric from Guilford of Maine is at least 90% recycled polyester. Fabrics tested include: Guilford of Maine FR701, Duvaltex Ease, Duvaltex Expanse, Duvaltex Marin, Duvaltex Purpose, and Duvaltex Resolve.

2.5 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

1. POLYESTER core material is manufactured in U.S.A.
2. Guilford of Maine and Duvaltex fabrics are manufactured in Canada

**PART 3 EXECUTION**

3.01 MANUFACTURER’S INSTRUCTIONS

1. Compliance: Comply with manufacturer’s product data, including product technical bulletins, product catalog installation instructions and product carton instructions for installation.

3.02 EXAMINATION

1. Site Verification of Conditions: Verify that substrate conditions, which have been previously installed under other sections, are acceptable for product installation in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions.
2. Verify that stud spacing is 16 inches (406 mm) O.C., maximum, for panels installed over open studs.
3. Do not install panels until unsatisfactory conditions are corrected.

3.03 CLEANING

1. Follow manufacturer’s instructions for cleaning panels soiled during installation. Replace panels that cannot be cleaned to as new condition.
2. Keep site free from accumulation of waste and debris.

**END OF SECTION**