

# Quiet-Duct Commercial Series Silencers

## Section 15000 Specifications

### 1.01 General

- A. Furnish and install "Quiet-Duct" (rectangular) silencers of the types and sizes shown on the plans and/or listed in the schedule. Silencers shall be the product of IAC Acoustics. Any specification change must be submitted in writing and approved by the Architect/Engineer, in writing, at least 10 days prior to the bid due-date.

### 2.01 Materials

- A. Outer casings of rectangular silencers shall be made of 22 gauge type #G-90 lock-former-quality galvanized steel.
- B. Interior partitions for rectangular silencers shall be not less than 26 gauge type #G-90 galvanized lock-former-quality perforated steel.
- C. Filler material shall be inorganic glass fiber of a proper density to obtain the specified acoustic performance and be packed under not less than 5% compression to eliminate voids due to vibration and settling. Material shall be inert, vermin- and moisture-proof.
- D. Combustion ratings for the silencer acoustic fill shall be not greater than the following when tested to ASTM E 84, NFPA Standard 255, or UL No. 723:  

Flamespread Classification .....	20
Smoke Development Rating.....	20

### 3.01 Construction

- A. Units shall be constructed in accordance with the ASHRAE Guide recommendations for high pressure duct work. Seams shall be lock formed and mastic filled. Rectangular casing seams shall be in the corners of the silencer shell to provide maximum unit strength and rigidity. Interior partitions shall be fabricated from single-piece, margin-perforated sheets and shall have die-formed entrance and exit shapes so as to provide the maximum aerodynamic efficiency and minimum self-noise characteristics in the sound attenuator. Blunt noses or squared off partitions will not be accepted.
- B. Attachment of the interior partitions to the casing shall be by means of an interlocking track assembly. Tracks shall be solid galvanized steel and shall be welded to the outer casing. Attachment of the interior partitions to the tracks shall be such that a minimum of 4 thicknesses of metal exist at this location. The track assembly shall stiffen the exterior casing, provide a reinforced attachment detail for the interior partitions, and shall maintain a uniform airspace width along the length of the silencer for consistent aerodynamic and acoustic performance. Interior partitions shall be additionally secured to the outer casing with welded nose clips at both ends of the sound attenuator.

- C. Sound attenuating units shall not fail structurally when subjected to a differential air pressure of 8 inches water gauge from inside to outside the casing. Airtight construction shall be provided by use of a duct sealing compound on the job-site material and labor furnished by the contractor.

### 4.01 Acoustic Performance

- A. All silencer ratings shall be determined in a duct-to-reverberant room test facility which provides for airflow in both directions through the test silencer in accordance with ASTM Specification E477-99. The test facility shall be NVLAP accredited for the ASTM E477-99 test standard. Data from a non-accredited laboratory will not be acceptable. The test set-up and procedure shall be such that all effects due to end reflection, directivity, flanking transmission, standing waves and test chamber sound absorption are eliminated.

Acoustic ratings shall include Dynamic Insertion Loss (DIL) and Self-Noise (SN) Power Levels both for FORWARD FLOW (air and noise in same direction) and REVERSE FLOW (air and noise in opposite directions) with airflow of at least 2000 fpm entering face velocity. Data for rectangular and tubular type silencers shall be presented for tests conducted using silencers no smaller than the following cross-sections:

Rectangular, inch: 24 x 24, 24 x 30, or 24 x 36  
Tubular, inch: 12, 24, 36 and 48

### 5.01 Aerodynamic Performance

- A. Static pressure loss of silencers shall not exceed those listed in the silencer schedule as the airflow indicates. Airflow measurements shall be made in accordance with ASTM specification E477-99 and applicable portions of ASME, AMCA, and ADC airflow test codes. Tests shall be reported on the identical units for which acoustic data is presented.

### 6.01 Certification

- A. With submittals, the manufacturer shall supply certified test data on Dynamic Insertion Loss, Self-Noise Power Levels, and Aerodynamic Performance for Reverse and Forward Flow test conditions. Test data shall be for a standard product. All rating tests shall be conducted in the same facility, shall utilize the same silencer, and shall be open to inspection upon request from the Architect/Engineer.

### 7.01 Duct Transitions

- A. When transitions are required to adapt silencer dimensions to connecting duct work they shall be furnished by the installing contractor.

# Quiet-Duct Commercial Series Silencers

Type: ML

## Forward & Reverse Flow Ratings



The IAC Type ML Quiet-Duct Silencers provide improved medium-low frequency attenuation as well as low pressure drop aerodynamic performance. When fourth and fifth band performance is critical at the lowest available pressure drop, a Type ML Quiet-Duct selection often results in a shorter silencer length than other equivalent silencer models.

### Designating Silencers

**Model:** 5ML 36x18

**Type:** ML **Length:** 5' **Width:** 36" **Height:** 18"

**Table I: Dynamic Insertion Loss (DIL) Ratings: Forward (+) / Reverse (-) Flow**

IAC Model	Octave Band	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Hz	63	125	250	500	1K	2K	4K	8K
	Face Velocity, fpm	Dynamic Insertion Loss, dB							
3ML	-5000	4	5	12	20	18	11	7	5
	-2000	3	5	10	19	18	12	8	6
	0	3	5	10	19	18	12	9	7
	2000	3	4	9	18	17	12	9	8
	5000	2	4	8	16	17	13	10	9
5ML	-5000	6	9	18	32	32	17	9	6
	-2000	5	8	16	31	31	17	10	7
	0	5	8	15	31	31	19	12	9
	2000	4	7	14	30	30	20	13	10
	5000	3	6	14	28	29	22	13	11
7ML	-5000	6	12	22	42	43	24	14	10
	-2000	6	11	21	41	40	23	15	10
	0	6	11	20	39	40	25	16	11
	2000	5	10	19	37	39	26	16	12
	5000	5	9	17	36	38	28	16	12
10ML	-5000	9	18	28	46	47	34	19	11
	-2000	8	17	27	47	50	33	20	12
	0	8	16	26	46	50	35	20	12
	2000	7	15	25	45	49	36	20	12
	5000	7	15	23	44	50	36	21	14

(+) Forward Flow / (-) Reverse Flow. Aero-acoustic performance data based on NVLAP accredited laboratory tests conducted in strict accordance with ASTM E477-99. Contact IAC if attenuation in excess of 50 dB is required.

**Table II: Weights & Measures**

Nominal Length	W/In H/In	9	9	9	9	9	9	18	18	18	18	18	18	36	36	36
		18	24	30	36	42	48	18	24	30	36	42	48	18	24	30
3'	Wt/lb.	35	41	52	57	65	73	52	61	71	84	94	101	69	103	120
5'		60	71	82	95	107	119	87	103	121	142	158	175	120	175	201
7'		84	100	116	133	150	167	122	144	168	200	223	247	169	246	283
10'		118	141	167	190	240	215	174	205	239	284	N/A	N/A	238	349	403

  

Nominal Length	W/In H/In	36	36	36	54	54	54	54	54	54	72	72	72	72	72	72
		36	42	48	18	24	30	36	42	48	18	24	30	36	42	48
3'	Wt/lb.	138	153	168	121	164	191	222	247	272	138	206	240	276	306	336
5'		239	265	291	207	278	322	381	423	466	239	350	402	478	530	582
7'		337	374	411	291	390	451	537	597	658	337	492	566	674	748	822
10'		475	N/A	N/A	412	554	642	759	N/A	N/A	475	698	806	950	N/A	N/A

**Table III: Aerodynamic Performance**

IAC Model	L/Ft	Static Pressure Drop, i.w.g.															
		ML	3'	0.05	0.07	0.10	0.13	0.16	0.20	0.24	0.28	0.33	0.38	0.44	0.50	0.57	0.64
5'	0.06		0.08	0.12	0.15	0.19	0.24	0.28	0.34	0.40	0.46	0.53	0.60	0.68	0.76	0.85	0.94
7'	0.07		0.11	0.14	0.19	0.24	0.29	0.36	0.42	0.50	0.58	0.66	0.75	0.85	0.95	1.06	1.18
10'	0.09		0.13	0.18	0.23	0.29	0.36	0.44	0.52	0.61	0.71	0.82	0.93	1.05	1.18	1.31	1.45
Silencer Face Velocity, fpm		1000	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	2600	2800	3000	3200	3400	3600	3800	4000

**Table IV: Self-Noise Power Levels, dB re: 10-12 Watts**

IAC Model	Octave Band	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Hz	63	125	250	500	1K	2K	4K	8K
	Silencer Face Velocity, fpm								
ML (all sizes)	-3000	64	59	59	63	60	62	63	59
	-2000	56	53	52	53	56	58	52	44
	-1000	42	42	41	38	49	50	37	20
	1000	39	35	30	27	26	28	28	20
	2000	58	52	46	43	42	45	45	39
	3000	71	61	55	53	51	55	56	52

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**TAKE NOTE!**

- Silencer Face Area is the cross-sectional area at the silencer entrance
- Face Velocity is the CFM of airflow divided by the Face Area (in sq. ft.)
- Pressure Drop for any velocity can be calculated from this equation:  
 $PD = (Actual\ FV/Catalog\ FV)^2 \times (Catalog\ PD)$
- Self Noise values shown are for a four-square-foot face area silencer
- For each doubling of the face area add 3 dB to the self-noise values listed
- For each halving of the face area subtract 3 dB from the self-noise values listed
- Weights and measures are listed for limited number of available sizes