

# 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: MS

## Forward & Reverse Flow Ratings



The IAC Type MS Quiet-Duct Silencers have been rated with procedures certified in accordance with applicable portions of ASTM E477. All Dynamic Insertion Loss and Self-Noise Acoustic Performance Data were obtained in IAC's Aero-Acoustic Laboratory using the duct-to-room reverberant test facility **with air flowing through the silencers.**

The IAC Type MS Silencers provide superior performance with mid-range frequency from third thru sixth octave bands, where DIL have specific requirements in HVAC systems. In some applications high frequency attenuation may be provided by the system components or may not be needed.

### Designating Silencers

Model: 5MS 30x18

Type: MS Length: 5' Width: 30" 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							
3MS	-4000	5	7	14	24	27	20	12	9
	-2000	6	7	13	24	26	19	13	9
	0	5	7	13	23	25	20	15	10
	2000	4	6	12	21	24	21	16	11
	4000	3	5	11	18	23	22	17	11
5MS	-4000	7	12	21	38	43	32	19	10
	-2000	5	10	19	36	43	31	19	10
	0	5	10	18	35	43	32	21	12
	2000	4	9	17	34	42	33	22	14
	4000	3	8	16	32	40	34	22	15
7MS	-4000	8	17	28	41	46	41	24	13
	-2000	7	14	25	42	50	40	24	13
	0	7	14	24	42	50	42	26	15
	2000	7	13	23	41	49	44	28	17
	4000	6	11	21	40	49	45	30	19
10MS	-4000	12	21	35	43	52	47	31	18
	-2000	11	19	34	45	52	50	33	17
	0	11	18	33	45	52	51	36	19
	2000	10	17	32	45	51	52	38	21
	4000	9	14	29	44	48	50	40	23



(+) 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	7.5 18	7.5 24	7.5 30	7.5 36	7.5 42	7.5 48	15 18	15 24	15 30	15 36	15 42	15 48	30 18	30 24	30 30
3'	Wt/lb.	26	40	45	51	66	80	47	57	67	80	89	100	80	95	110
5'		46	67	80	91	112	134	80	96	114	134	150	167	135	161	187
7'		65	95	100	129	158	190	112	135	159	193	216	240	188	224	261
10'		90	135	157	180	223	270	159	192	226	273	N/A	N/A	220	319	371

  

Nominal Length	W/In H/In	30 36	30 42	30 48	45 18	45 24	45 30	45 36	45 42	45 48	60 18	60 24	60 30	60 36	60 42	60 48
3'	Wt/lb.	130	145	160	127	152	156	177	197	218	160	190	220	260	290	320
5'		22	248	274	215	257	275	310	345	381	270	322	374	44	496	548
7'		310	347	384	300	359	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	376	448	522	620	694	768
10'		440	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	440	638	742	880	N/A	N/A

**Table III: Aerodynamic Performance**

IAC Model	L/Ft	Static Pressure Drop, i.w.g.															
MS	3'	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.17	0.20	0.23	0.26	0.29	0.33	0.36	0.40	0.44	0.49	0.53
	5'	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.17	0.20	0.24	0.27	0.31	0.35	0.39	0.44	0.48	0.53	0.58	0.64
	7'	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.18	0.22	0.26	0.30	0.34	0.39	0.44	0.49	0.54	0.60	0.67	0.73	0.80
	10'	0.12	0.15	0.19	0.23	0.27	0.31	0.36	0.42	0.48	0.54	0.60	0.67	0.74	0.82	0.90	0.98
Silencer Face Velocity, fpm		800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100	2200	2300

**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								
MS (all sizes)	-3000	67	63	61	66	61	64	67	67
	-2000	60	56	56	56	57	59	58	49
	-1000	46	45	45	41	50	51	43	23
	1000	44	32	36	34	31	32	29	21
	2000	63	54	52	50	47	48	47	44
	3000	74	64	60	58	56	58	59	57

(+) Forward Flow / (-) Reverse Flow. Aero-acoustic performance data based on NVLAP accredited laboratory tests conducted in strict accordance with ASTM E477-99.

**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