

SECTION 08625  
TUBULAR SKYLIGHTS  
10" SOLATUBE SPECIFICATION

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PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Tubular skylights, consisting of skylight dome, reflective tube, and diffuser assembly; configuration as indicated on the drawings.
- B. Accessories.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 07311 - Asphalt Shingles: Flashing of skylight base.
- B. Section 07320 - Roof Tiles: Flashing of skylight base.
- C. Section 07510 - Built-Up Bituminous Roofing: Flashing of skylight base.
- D. Section 07530 - Electrometric Membrane Roofing: Flashing of skylight base.
- E. Section 07550 - Modified Bituminous Membrane Roofing: Flashing of skylight base.
- F. Section 08620 - Unit Skylights: Skylights without reflective tube.
- G. Section 08630 - Metal Framed Skylights.
- H. Section 16150 - Equipment Wiring: Electrical connections.
- I. Section 16500 – Lighting Equipment and Controls.

1.3 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM E 84 - Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials; 2001.
- B. ASTM A 463/A 463M - Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Aluminum Coated, by the Hot Dip Process; 2001a.
- C. ASTM A 653/A 653M - Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc Coated (Galvanized), by the Hot Dip Process; 2001a.
- D. ASTM E 283 - Test Method for Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen.

- E. ASTM E 308-95 - Standard Practice for Computing the Colors of Objects by Using the CIE System
- F. ASTM E 330 - Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls and Doors.
- G. ASTM E 331 - Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Curtain walls and Doors by Static Air Pressure Difference.
- H. ASTM D 635 - Test Method for Rate of Burning and/or Extent of Time of Burning of Self-Supporting Plastics in a Horizontal Position.
- I. ASTM D-1929 - Test Method for Ignition Properties of Plastics.
- J. UL 181 - Factory Made Air Ducts and Air Connectors; 1998
- K. UL 790 - Standard for Tests for Fire Resistance of Roof Covering Materials; 1997.
- L. ICBO/ICC AC-16 - Acceptance Criteria for Plastic Skylights; 2002.

#### 1.4 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Completed skylight assemblies shall be capable of meeting the following performance requirements:
  1. Air Infiltration Test: Air Infiltration maximum 0.10 cfm per foot of crack length at 6.24 psf pressure differential when tested in accordance with ASTM E283.
  2. Water Resistance Test: No uncontrolled water leakage at 6.00 psf pressure differential with water rate of 5 gallons/hours/sf when tested in accordance with ASTM E331.
  3. Uniform Load Test: No breakage, permanent damage to fasteners, hardware parts, or damage to make tubular skylight inoperable, or cause permanent deflection of any section in excess of 1 percent of its span at either a maximum Positive or Negative Load of 100 psf (4.7881 kPa) for the 10 inch (254 mm) and 14 inch (356 mm) units and 35 psf (1.6758 kPa) for the 21 inch (533 mm) unit. All units shall be tested with a safety factor of (3) for positive pressure and (2) for negative pressure, acting normal to plane of roof in accordance with ASTM E 330.
  4. Fire Testing:
    - a. Class 'B' Burning Brand – The burning brand shall self-extinguish without transferring the fire to the dome Per: U.B.C. Standard 15-2 Class 'B' Burning Brand Test. See ASTM E 108 and UL 790.
    - b. Self-Ignition Temperature - Greater than 650 degrees F Per: U.B.C. Standard 26-6. See ASTM D-1929-68 (1975).
    - c. Smoke Density - Rating no greater than 75 Per: U.B.C. Standard 26-5. (See ASTM D-2843-70) or no greater than 450 Per U.B.C. 8-1 (See ASTM Standard E 84-91A) in way intended for use.
    - d. Rate of Burn - Minimum Burning Rate: 2.5 inches/min (64 mm/min) Classification CC-2: U.B.C. Standard 26-7. See ASTM D-635-74.

#### 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit under provisions of Section 01300.
- B. Product Data: Manufacturer's data sheets on each product to be used, including:
  1. Preparation instructions and recommendations.
  2. Storage and handling requirements and recommendations.

- 3. Installation methods.
  - C. Shop Drawings.
  - D. Verification Samples: As requested by Architect.
  - E. Test Reports: Independent testing agency or evaluation service reports verifying compliance with specified performance requirements.
- 1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE
- A. Manufacturer Qualifications: Engaged in manufacture of tubular skylights for minimum 10 years.
- 1.7 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING
- A. Store products in manufacturer's unopened packaging until ready for installation.
  - B. Store and dispose of solvent-based materials, and materials used with solvent-based materials, in accordance with requirements of local authorities having jurisdiction.
- 1.8 PROJECT CONDITIONS
- A. Maintain environmental conditions (temperature, humidity, and ventilation) within limits recommended by manufacturer for optimum results. Do not install products under environmental conditions outside manufacturer's absolute limits.
- 1.9 WARRANTY
- A. Skylights: Manufacturer's standard warranty for 10 years.
  - B. Electrical Parts: Manufacturer's standard warranty for 5 years, unless otherwise indicated.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Acceptable Manufacturer: Solatube International, Inc.; 2210 Oak Ridge Way, Vista, CA 92081. ASD. Tel: (760) 597-4425. Fax: (760) 597-4488. Email: info@solatube.com. www.solatube.com.
- B. Substitutions: Not permitted.
- C. Requests for substitutions will be considered in accordance with provisions of Section 01600.

### 2.2 TUBULAR SKYLIGHTS

- A. Tubular Skylights General : Transparent roof-mounted skylight dome and self-flashing curb, reflective tube, and ceiling level diffuser assembly, transferring sunlight to interior spaces; complying with ICBO/ICC AC-16. All components made and assembled by one manufacturer.

- B. Solatube Brighten Up Series 10 Inch (254 mm) Tubes: Transparent, UV and impact resistant dome with flashing base supporting dome and top of tube.
1. Roof Dome Assembly:
    - a. Glazing: 0.118 inch ( 3 mm) minimum thickness injection molded acrylic classified as CC2 material and meeting characteristics of Duradome(r) DR-101 blend.
    - b. Glazing: 0.080 inch ( 2.03 mm) minimum thickness polycarbonate classified as CC1 material.
  2. Flashing Base: One piece, seamless, leak-proof flashing functioning as base support for dome and top of tube.
    - a. Base Material: Sheet steel, corrosion resistant, meeting ASTM A 653/A 653M or ASTM A 463/A 463M, 0.028 inch (0.7 mm) thick.
    - b. Base Pitch (Slope): Flat, no pitch.
    - c. Base Pitch (Slope): 22.5 degrees slope from horizontal.
  3. Dome Ring: Attached to top of base section; 0.090 inch (2.3 mm) nominal thickness injection molded high impact ABS; to prevent thermal bridging between base flashing and tubing and channel condensed moisture out of tubing; weather sealed.
  4. Reflective Extension Tube: Aluminum sheet, thickness 0.015 inch (0.4 mm).
    - a. Interior Finish: Spectralight Infinity high reflectance specular finish on exposed reflective surface; specular reflectance 99 percent for visible spectrum, less than 93% for total solar spectrum at field angle of 1.5 degrees.
    - b. Color: a\* and b\* (defined by CIE L\*a\*b\* color model) shall not exceed plus 2 or be less than minus 2 as determined in accordance to ASTM E 308.
    - c. Tube Diameter: Approximately 10 inches (254 mm).
  5. Ceiling Ring: Injection molded high impact ABS. Nominal thickness is 0.085 inches.
  6. Dress Ring: Injection molded high impact ABS. Nominal thickness is 0.100 inches. Prevents air infiltration and condensation from attic spaces.
  7. Dual Glazed Diffuser Assembly:
    - a. Upper Glazing: Acrylic plastic classified as CC2. Thickness shall not be less than 0.030 inches (0.07 mm). Provide Prismatic lens design.
    - b. Lower Glazing: Molded polycarbonate plastic classified as CC1 material. Thickness shall not be less than 0.024 inches (0.61 mm). Provide OptiView design to maximize light output and diffusion.
    - c. Lower Glazing (prismatic or frosted) Acrylic plastic classified as CC2. Thickness shall not be less than 0.030 inches (0.07 mm). Provide Prismatic lens design.
  8. Accessories:
    - a. Lighting Fixture for 10 inch (254 mm) Tubes: Bracket mounted inside skylight tube just above diffuser; UL listed.
      - 1) Type: For 100 W incandescent lamp, ceramic screw-in lamp holder, medium base, one lamp.
      - 2) Type: Dedicated compact fluorescent fixture, for one 26 W, 4-pin lamps.
      - 3) Electrical Requirements: 110 V, 15 amp GFCI circuit for damp and wet conditions.
      - 4) Contractor to furnish lamps.
    - b. Exhaust Fan for 10 Inch (254 mm) Tubes: Permanently lubricated in-line fan motor, 110 cfm (52 L/s) capacity.
      - 1) Exhaust Duct: Flexible, Class 1, in accordance with UL 181.
      - 2) Air Grill: ABS plastic with trim to fit installation conditions.
      - 3) Exhaust Vent Cap: Low-profile roof cap.
      - 4) Electrical Requirements: 110 V; install fan on same switch as internal light fixture.
      - 5) Electrical Requirements: 110 V; wall switch.

- c. Daylight Dimmer: Electro-mechanically actuated daylight valve; for universal input voltages ranging between 90 and 277 V at 50 or 60 Hz; actuator rated at 0.1 amp per unit; controlled by low voltage, series circuited, 4 conductor, size 22 cable, and low voltage DC DP/DT switch; providing daylight output between 2 and 100 percent.
- d. Tile Roof Counter-Flashing: corrugated aluminum 1100-0, .020 inch (.508mm).
- e. Flashing Turret Extensions: Provide manufacturer's standard extensions for applications requiring lengths of 2, 12, 24, 36 or 48 inch (51, 102, 305, 610, 914 or 1219 mm) extensions.

## 2.3 ACCESSORIES

- A. Fasteners: Same material as metals being fastened, non-magnetic steel, non-corrosive metal of type recommended by manufacturer, or injection molded nylon.
- B. Sealant: Polyurethane or copolymer based elastomeric sealant as provided or recommended by manufacturer.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Do not begin installation until substrates have been properly prepared.
- B. If substrate preparation is the responsibility of another installer, notify Architect of unsatisfactory preparation before proceeding.

### 3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Clean surfaces thoroughly prior to installation.
- B. Prepare surfaces using the methods recommended by the manufacturer for achieving the best result for the substrate under the project conditions.

### 3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Install in accordance with manufacturer's printed instructions.
- B. After installation of first unit, field test to determine adequacy of installation. Conduct water test in presence of Owner, Architect, or Contractor, or their designated representative. Correct if needed before proceeding with installation of subsequent units.

### 3.4 PROTECTION

- A. Protect installed products until completion of project.
- B. Touch-up, repair or replace damaged products before Substantial Completion.

END OF SECTION