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## COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

### CURTAIN, SHOWER AND WINDOW

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description in preference to Federal Specification L-C-780.

Types and Sizes Tolerances for length/width: +20 mm,  
-7 mm (all dimensions are in millimeters)

#### Type I Curtain, shower without mesh top

Size 1 1830 mm W x 1830 mm L  
Size 2 915 mm W x 1830 mm L  
Size 3 915 mm W x 1980 mm L  
Size 4 1830 mm W x 1270 mm L

#### Type II Curtain, shower with mesh top

Size 1 1830 mm W x 1830 mm L  
Size 2 915 mm W x 1830 mm L  
Size 3 915 mm W x 1980 mm L

#### Type III Curtain, window

Size 1 813 mm W x 1143 mm W  
Size 2 864 mm W x 1143 mm W  
Size 3 813 mm W x 1524 mm W  
Size 4 864 mm W x 1524 mm W

#### Shower Curtain:

**Material.** The shower curtain panel shall be fabricated of one piece of minimum 0.18 mm thick vinyl film treated for mildew resistance. The colors, finish, and pattern shall be commercial. Material shall comply with Federal Specification L-P-375C, dated April 23, 1970, and Amendment 3, dated January 10, 1979, Type 1, Class 2, use 0.008 inch thickness category for physical requirements.

**Top Hem.** The top hem shall be 25 mm wide minimum, reinforced material or double thickness, secured with stitches or heat sealed. Rust proof metallic or plastic grommets shall be positioned along the top hem equal distance from the top, minimum

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150 mm apart and 25 mm (+/-13) from each side.

Mesh. The top mesh for the Type II curtain shall be 460 mm to 510 mm wide. The upper portion of the vinyl curtain shall be either perforated to form the mesh area or have an open weave synthetic material securely attached to the panel.

Side edges. The side edges shall have a stitched or heat sealed hem.

#### Window Curtain:

Material. The window curtain panels shall be fabricated of the same material and treatment as specified for the shower curtain panel.

Rod Pocket. The top of each panel shall have a rod pocket sewn with a lock stitch or heat sealed. The pocket shall be neatly tailored and shall accommodate up to a 25 mm curtain rod. The side and bottom edges shall be either a stitched or heat sealed hem.

Tiebacks. Each pair of window panels shall have a pair of matching tiebacks finished with two reinforced sewn eyelets. The tiebacks shall be a minimum of 0.10 mm thick vinyl folded double thickness and heat sealed. They shall be 460 mm long by 75 mm wide minimum.

#### Test Requirements:

Flammability - Flammability testing shall be in accordance with NFPA 701, Standard Test Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Resistant Textiles and Films - Small Scale Test.

Mildew Resistance - Curtains shall pass, ASTM G-21 Resistance of Synthetic Polymeric Materials to fungi, with a rating of (0) when observed for visible effects.

Workmanship: The curtains and components shall be free from defects such as cuts, tears, improperly sealed or stitched seams/hems, or any other defect affecting appearance or servicability of the item.

Quality Assurance Requirements. Each lot of curtains shall be inspected for workmanship using inspection level II with AQL of 6.5 defects per hundred units in accordance with MIL-STD-105.

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Testing shall be performed at an independent laboratory acceptable to the Government. Testing for material (L-P-375), mildew resistance (ASTM G 21) and flammability (NFPA 701) is required once a year during the contract - once at first article and again at the beginning of the second contract year. Certification shall be provided by the contractor with each subsequent lot, that material meets all specification requirements, unless the supplier and/or the material formulation change. If supplier and/or formulation change, new tests are required. For mildew testing, any additional testing deemed necessary by the Government shall be performed at the same laboratory used by the supplier.

Regulatory Requirements. The offeror/contractor is encouraged to use recovered materials in accordance with Public Law 94-580, as amended, to the maximum extent practical.

Preservation, Packaging, Packing, Labeling and Marking. The preservation, packaging, packing, labeling and marking shall be as specified in the contract or order.

Ordering Data. Purchasers shall specify following in the order: Type, size, color, finish, and pattern when applicable.

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NOTES:

1. Copies of ASTM's can be obtained from:

American Society for Testing & Materials Committee on Standards  
1916 Race Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Copies of NFPA 701 can be obtained from

National Fire Protection Association, Inc.  
Batterymarch.Park  
Quincy, MA 02269

2. MARKING, PACKAGING, PACKING A14D PALLETIZATION. See Item Purchase Descriptions.