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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for repair and rehabilitation of wood windows in historic buildings.

Adhere to [UFC 1-300-02](#) Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) Format Standard when editing this guide specification or preparing new project specification sections. Edit this guide specification for project specific requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed items, choose applicable item(s) or insert appropriate information.

Remove information and requirements not required in respective project, whether or not brackets are present.

Comments, suggestions and recommended changes for this guide specification are welcome and should be submitted as a [Criteria Change Request \(CCR\)](#).

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PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a Reference Identifier (RID) outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.

References not used in the text will automatically be deleted from this section of the project specification when you choose to reconcile references in the publish print process.

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM C1184 (2014) Standard Specification for Structural Silicone Sealants

U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL (USGBC)

LEED BD+C (2009; R 2010) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design(tm) Building Design and Construction (LEED-NC)

## 1.2 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

Repair wood windows as indicated, and return them to proper operation and sound condition.

## 1.3 SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

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**NOTE: The bracketed items are representative of LEED material documentation and requirements that may apply to this project. These items should be edited to reflect the project requirements.**

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Materials in this technical specification may contribute towards contract compliance with sustainability requirements. See Section 01 33 29 SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING for project LEED BD+C [ local/regional materials,] [ low-emitting materials,] [ recycled content,] [ \_\_\_\_ ] [ and ] [ rapidly renewable materials] and LEED documentation requirements.

## 1.4 SUBMITTALS

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**NOTE: Review submittal description (SD) definitions in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit the following list to reflect only the submittals required for the project.**

The Guide Specification technical editors have designated those items that require Government approval, due to their complexity or criticality, with a "G." Generally, other submittal items can be reviewed by the Contractor's Quality Control System. Only add a "G" to an item, if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army projects, a code of up to three characters within the submittal tags may be used following the "G" designation to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy, Air Force, and NASA projects.

The "S" following a submittal item indicates that the submittal is required for the Sustainability eNotebook to fulfill federally mandated sustainable requirements in accordance with Section 01 33 29 SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING. Locate the "S" submittal under the SD number that best describes the submittal item.

Choose the first bracketed item for Navy, Air Force and NASA projects, or choose the second bracketed item for Army projects.

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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are for [Contractor Quality Control approval.] [information only. When used, a designation following the "G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] Submittals with an "S" are for inclusion in the Sustainability eNotebook, in conformance to Section 01 33 29 SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING. Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-02 Shop Drawings

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SD-03 Product Data

Hardware  
Weatherstripping  
Qualifications

SD-04 Samples

Hardware  
Moldings  
Weatherstripping

SD-11 Closeout Submittals

LEED Documentation

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- a. Provide qualified workers trained and experienced in repairing, restoring, replicating, and replacing windows in historic buildings;

submit documentation of their [Qualifications](#) during 5 consecutive years of work of this type; and a list of installations made identifying when, where and for whom the installations were made.

- b. Submit [Shop Drawings](#) indicating elevations of units, full-size sections, fastenings, methods of installation and anchorage, method of glazing, locations of operating hardware, mullion details, method and material for weatherstripping, insect screen, details, connections with other work and window schedules showing location of each window unit.

## 1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

Materials shall be stored out of contact with the ground and under weathertight covering.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

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**NOTE: Deteriorated historic windows should be repaired rather than replaced wherever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new windows should match the historic ones in design, color, size, configuration, reflective qualities, shadow lines, detail, and material. Only when it is not feasible to match the historic fabric should substitute window material be considered.**  
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## 2.1 MATERIALS

Reuse existing materials whenever possible in the repair and rehabilitation of historic wood windows. This includes all wood elements, hardware and glazing that are determined to be of historic significance. Replace window elements with new material only when originals are so deteriorated as to prohibit their useful function.

## 2.2 WOOD

Wood used to replace deteriorated window members shall be of the same species and grade as the original, unless otherwise noted. Finger-jointed stock may be used for interior casing and trim only where scheduled to be painted.

## 2.3 GLASS AND GLAZING

Reuse existing intact original glass. Any removed lights shall be reused in their original frames and positions. New glass and glazing materials shall conform to Section 08 81 00 GLAZING.

## 2.4 [HARDWARE](#)

Reuse existing original hardware, when it is salvageable. Replacement hardware shall match original in design, material, and finish. Submit Manufacturer's installation instructions for each type of hardware and weatherstripping; see paragraph WEATHERSTRIPPING in PART 3. Submit representative sample of each type of hardware with identifying tags.

## 2.5 FASTENERS

Fasteners shall be stainless steel, galvanized, or non-ferrous metal.

## 2.6 GLAZING COMPOUND

Provide glazing compound for single pane glass which is oil-based, non-staining and non-bleeding. Existing insulated glass units shall be reglazed with silicone sealant complying with **ASTM C1184** and compatible with the unit seal on the glass unit.

## 2.7 GLAZING POINTS

Glazing points shall be stainless steel or galvanized steel.

## 2.8 EPOXY CONSOLIDANTS

### 2.8.1 Liquid Consolidant

Liquid wood consolidant shall consist of a two-part, low-viscosity liquid epoxy that meets the criteria of Table A.

### 2.8.2 Epoxy Paste

Epoxy paste shall consist of a two-part, thixotropic paste that meets the criteria of Table A.

TABLE A		
	LIQUID CONSOLIDANT	EPOXY PASTE
Properties	Low-Viscosity Liquid	No-Slump, Thixotropic Paste
Toxicity	Low	Very Low
Toxicity Cured	Non-Toxic	Non-Toxic
Ratios	1:1 by Volume	1:1 by Volume
Pot Life @ Room Temp.	30 minutes minimum	50 minutes minimum
Hardening @ Room Temp.	1 hr. or longer	1 hr. or longer
Hardening @ 60 deg. C 140 deg. F	16 min. or less	18 min. or less
Viscosity Poises @ 22 deg C 72 deg F	4.7 max.	Thixotropic paste
Solids	95% minimum	98% minimum
Tensile Strength	26 MPa 4000 psi	16.2 MPa 2500 psi
Elongation ( percent)	50	4

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 EVALUATION

Perform a complete evaluation survey of the existing conditions of each wood window to determine the extent of repairs necessary. The evaluation survey may be in the form of a schedule and shall note at a minimum:

- a. Window location.
- b. Condition of the paint.
- c. Condition of the frame and sill.
- d. Condition of the interior and exterior trim.
- e. Condition of the sash (including rails, stiles, and muntins).
- f. Glazing problems.
- g. Window hardware and operating system.
- h. The overall condition of the window.

3.2 REPAIRS

3.2.1 Example Window

Prepare an existing window of each type to serve as an example of the quality of repairs to be provided for inspection and approval by the Contracting Officer.

3.2.2 Sash Removal

Remove the interior stops first, in a method so as to not scar the wood. Connecting hardware and operating mechanisms shall then be detached and the sash shall be removed from the frame. Identify removed sashes and frames as to location to assure reinstallation in their original positions. Windows with counter-weight systems shall have the sash cords detached from the sides of the sash and their ends pinned with a nail or tied in a knot to prevent them from falling into the weight pocket; the lower sash can then be removed. Remove the parting bead so as to not scar the wood. Install plastic covering or plywood to cover the window opening during repairs.

3.2.3 Paint Removal

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**NOTE: When testing determines that paint on windows contains lead, the following sentence will be added to the beginning of the paragraph: "Paint removal shall comply with the procedures described in Section 02 83 00 LEAD REMEDIATION."**  
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Areas on frame, sill, sash and muntins where paint or varnish has peeled, alligatored, blistered or crazed shall have paint removed to bare wood or first sound paint layer, using non-destructive means such as a chemical stripper or heat gun. If chemical strippers are used, neutralize wood



after stripping to a litmus pH of 5 to 8.5. Allow wood to dry to a moisture content of 8 to 12 percent before repainting. If heat methods are used for paint removal, protect glass from sudden temperature change to avoid breakage.

#### 3.2.4 Wood Repair

Remove badly decayed areas (with more than 30 percent wood decayed) from wood sash, sill, frame, and trim assemblies. Moderately decayed areas (less than 30 percent decayed), weathered, or gouged wood shall be patched with approved patching compounds, and shall be sanded smooth. Intact sash rails and stiles that are loose shall be repaired with new dowels to make joints tight.

#### 3.2.5 Epoxy Wood Repair

Apply epoxy wood repair materials in accordance with manufacturer's written instructions. Health and safety instructions shall be followed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The source or cause of wood decay shall be identified and corrected prior to application of patching materials. Wet wood shall be completely dried to a moisture content of 8 to 12 percent to its full depth before patching. Wood that is to be patched shall be clean of dust, grease, and loose paint. Use clean mixing equipment to avoid contamination. Mix and proportions shall be as directed by the manufacturer. Batches shall be only large enough to complete the specific job intended. Patching materials shall be completely cured before painting or reinstallation of patched pieces.

##### 3.2.5.1 Epoxy Liquid Wood Consolidant

Epoxy liquid wood consolidant shall be used to penetrate and impregnate deteriorated wood sections to reinforce wood fibers that have become softened or absorbent.

##### 3.2.5.2 Epoxy Paste

Use epoxy paste to fill areas where portions of wood are missing such as holes, cracks, gaps, gouges, and other voids. Areas to receive epoxy paste patching material shall be primed with compatible epoxy liquid wood consolidant or a primer recommended by the manufacturer.

#### 3.2.6 Wood Replacement

Replace pieces decayed beyond repair with new pieces that match originals in all respects. Joinery shall match that of existing. Muntins shall have coped mortise and tenon joints. Molded members shall have mitered or coped joints.

#### 3.2.7 Hardware

Reuse existing hardware, which is in good condition, unless otherwise noted. Reused existing hardware shall be stripped of paint down to bare metal. Install new hardware where original is missing, damaged, or unsuitable for new operation, in accordance with manufacturer's directions to provide a secure and smoothly operating window assembly.

#### 3.2.8 Glazing

Reinstall lights to be reused in their original frames and positions.

Rabbeted integral glazing recesses shall be brushed with boiled linseed oil prior to the application of bed glazing compound. Replace broken glass as specified in Section 08 81 00 GLAZING.

### 3.2.9 Operating System

Repair windows with counter-weight systems to original operating function. Reuse original sash weights (and sash chains, if applicable) wherever possible. Missing weights and sash cords or chains shall be replaced. Missing or deteriorated sash cords shall be replaced with new cotton-polypropylene cord rated for sash weight. When new weights are required, they shall match the originals in weight. Replacement weights shall be cast iron or square milled steel bar stock.

### 3.2.10 Weatherstripping and Moldings

Install [Weatherstripping](#) on all operable windows. Weatherstripping shall consist of brass, compression or interlocking weather strips designed for permanent sealing under bumper or wiper action. Weatherstripping shall be provided at the perimeter of each sash including meeting rails and shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Submit a 300 mm 12 inch long sample of each type of weatherstripping required with fasteners. Weatherstripping shall be completely concealed when sash is closed. Install [moldings](#) in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Submit a 300 mm 12 inch long piece of each molding type required for each window and casing with specified finish.

## 3.3 PAINTING PREPARATION

Areas where paint was removed or where existing paint shows crazing, wrinkling, and intercoat peeling shall be scraped, sanded, and shall have edges feathered. Remove paint to bare wood or first sound paint layer. All parts shall be cleaned by brush using bleach and/or trisodium phosphate (TSP) solution, and let dry. Existing finish shall be deglossed. Open joints and cracks shall be filled with epoxy repair materials. Perimeter of fixed sash shall be caulked.

## 3.4 PAINTING

Wood elements shall be primed and painted in accordance with Section 09 90 00 PAINTS AND COATINGS.

## 3.5 REASSEMBLY

After repairs are completed, reassemble the window with all parts tight, true and functioning properly. Wood surfaces shall be free of blemishes.

## 3.6 ADJUSTMENTS

Make final adjustment, for proper operation of ventilating unit, after reassembly. Make adjustments to operating sash or ventilators to assure smooth operation and weathertight performance when locked closed.

## 3.7 CLEANING

Clean windows on both exterior and interior sides.

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