

**SECTION 08600**  
**POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) WINDOWS**  
**8381 Single Hung**

**PART 1 – GENERAL**

1.1 **APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS:** The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to in text by basic designation only.

1.1.1 Federal Specifications (Fed. Spec.):

L-S-125B	Screening, Non-metallic, Insect
DD-G-45-1D	Glass, Float or Plate, Sheet

1.1.2 American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA)  
National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC)  
American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

AAMA 101 I.S.2-97	Voluntary Specification for Aluminum, PVC, and Wood Windows and Glass Doors
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Test method for rate of Air Leakage through Exterior windows, Curtain walls and doors (ASTM E283)

Test method for Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Curtain walls and doors (ASTM E330)

Test method for Water Penetration of Exterior windows, Curtain walls and doors by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference (ASTM E547)

Specifications for Sealed Insulating Glass Units (ASTM E774)

AAMA 1503-98	Voluntary test method for Condensation Resistance of Windows, Doors, and Glazed wall sections
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NFRC 100-97	Procedure for Determining Fenestration Product U-Factors
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NFRC 200-97	Procedure for Determining Fenestration Product Solar Heat Gain Coefficients
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1.1.3 AAMA Certification Program for Vinyl Window Manufacturers

1.2 **SUBMITTALS:** Submit to Contracting Officer for Approval.

1.2.1 **Certified Test Reports:** Submit for air infiltration, water resistance, and uniform loading in accordance with the above referenced specification.

1.2.2 **Catalog Data:** Shall describe each type of window, hardware, fastener, accessory, operator, screen, and finish.

1.2.3 **Certification of Compliance:** Submit certificates that identical windows have been successfully tested and meet the requirements specified herein for air infiltration and water penetration.

1.3 **DELIVERY AND STORAGE:** Deliver windows to project site in an undamaged condition. Use care in Handling and hoisting during transportation and at the job site. Store windows and components out of contact with the ground, under cover, protected from weather, so as to prevent damage to the windows. Damaged windows shall be repaired to an “as new” condition or replaced as approved.

1.4 **PROTECTION:** Finished surfaces shall be protected during shipping and handling using manufacturers standard method.

1.5 **CERTIFICATION:** Window units shall be tested and certified for performance with the above referenced test methods. All window units shall be labeled certifying conformance with AAMA 101/I.S.2-97, NFRC 100-97 and Energy Star.

- 1.6 CERTIFIED FABRICATOR: Windows shall be fabricated by an AAMA Certified Fabricator.
- 1.7 WARRANTIES:
- 1.7.1 Windows shall be fully warranted against any defects in material or workmanship under normal use and service for a period of 20 years from date of acceptance on commercial projects and lifetime warranty to original homeowner on residential projects. 5 years factory labor included.
- 1.7.2 PVC finish shall be warranted against chipping, peeling, cracking, or blistering for a period of 20 years from date of acceptance.
- 1.7.3 Insulated Glass Units shall be fully warranted against visual obstruction resulting from film formation or Moisture collection between the interior glass surface, excluding breakage, for a period of 20 years from date of acceptance on commercial projects and lifetime warranty to original homeowner on residential projects. 5 years factory labor included.
- 1.7.4 Contractor shall provide a written service warranty that clearly spells out how requests for service shall be handled, by whom, under whose responsibility and shall include the time frame for handling these service requests. A labor warranty providing service on the windows shall cover a period of not less than 10 years, and shall be provided in writing. A copy of the product and labor warranty must accompany other applicable warranties and be presented with bid.
- 1.8 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS: Thermopane double Glazed Low E<sup>2</sup> insulating glass and argon gas fill may be optional.
- 1.8.1 Test for air infiltration shall be in accordance with AAMA 101/I.S.2-97. On a test, the air rate shall not be greater than 0.3 cfm\* per square foot of sash area.
- 1.8.2 Test for water infiltration shall be in accordance with AAMA/NWWDA 101/I.S.2-97. Test results for different window sizes appear below.
- 1.8.3 Uniform Load Structural Test, with the window closed and locked, shall be in accordance with AAMA 101/I.S.2-97. Test results for different window sizes appear below.

Type	Rating (DP) <sub>1</sub>	Water Infl. <sub>2</sub>	Size Tested
H	R30	5.25	44 X 60
H	R50	7.5	36 X 60
H	R35	5.25	54 X 72
H	C50	7.5	36 X 60

<sub>1</sub>Structural Pressure (psf) tested to at least 150% of DP rating

<sub>2</sub>Water Infiltration (psf) tested to at least 15% of DP rating

Test for Thermal Performance shall be in accordance with NFRC 100-97.

Test for Condensation Resistance Factor (CRF) shall be in accordance with AAMA 1503-98

## PART 2 – PRODUCTS

- 2.1 MANUFACTURER: Paradigm Single Hung Window as manufactured by Paradigm Window Solutions, 400 Riverside Industrial Parkway, Portland, ME 04103.
- 2.2 MATERIALS: Windows shall conform to the requirements of specifications listed above. Provide windows of combinations, types and sizes indicated or specified.
- 2.2.1 Extruded PVC components, produced from commercial quality virgin powder dry blend PVC (unplasticised polyvinyl chloride), conforms to AAMA 303 from sections in one piece, straight, true and smooth. Provide multi-chambered PVC extruded frames and sash in accordance with the manufacturers standard practice. Make fusion welded frame joints strong enough to develop full strength of members, with an exterior wall thickness of .070". Head and jamb members shall have integral screen stops. Make interior horizontal top surfaces of both meeting rails flat and in the

same plane. Meeting rails have an integral interlock with two contact points of pile weatherstrip provided. Sash shall have fusion welded miter corners with an external wall thickness of .070”.

- 2.2.1.1 Balance Mechanism: Provide two stainless steel 1/2" thickness constant force coil balance springs for each sash. Enclose balance springs in rustproof cases, with jamb liner covers, from the top of the bottom sash to the head of the window unit. Balance covers shall be finished to match window frame finish and easily removable for field service. Balances shall also have an interlocking pivot bar, for integral frame alignment with sash for keeping window frames straight and true during installation.
- 2.2.1.2 Locking Device: Provide each window over 32 inches in width with two cam-action sweep sash Locks. The lower sash shall have one continuous, integral lift rail at the bottom of the sash. Provide two tilt latches in the top of each sash for tilting in sash for cleaning. The tilt latches shall be integrally mortised into the sash top rails for a clean appearance.
- 2.2.2 Glass and Glazing: Glass shall conform to DD-G-451 and not less than “B” quality. Sash shall be in Factory glazed ¾” insulating glass conforming to ASTM-E-774, with Truseal Swiggle seal spacer, manufactured by TruSeal Industries, Inc., Cleveland OH 44122. Glazing shall be integral glazing type system with architectural back bedded glazing tape and designed to maintain a watertight seal between glass and sash frame.
- 2.2.3 Caulking and Sealing: As specified or recommended by window manufacturer.
- 2.2.4 Weather-stripping: All sash units shall be triple weather-stripped where the sash meet the jamb using silicone treated pile with a mylar center fin bonded to backing. There shall be two contact points of silicone treated pile weatherstrip where the sash comes into contact with the master frame sill.
- 2.2.5 Insect Screening: Fed. Spec. L-S-125, Type II, Class 2 (plastic coated or impregnated fibrous glass yarn) of standard color as approved, mesh 18 X 16

## 2.3 FABRICATION

- 2.3.1 Weathering Surfaces: All frame members shall be multi-chambered PVC extrusions utilizing double wall design without the need for reinforcement. Frame corners shall be fusion welded. Sash members shall be multi-chambered PVC extrusions utilizing double wall design at all glazing locations. Horizontal sash members shall be mitered and fusion welded to vertical sash members.
- 2.3.2 Drips and Weep Holes: Provided as required to return water to the outside.
- 2.3.3 Glazing Thickness: Design glazed windows and rabbets suitable for glass thickness specified above.
- 2.3.4 Fasteners: All fasteners are to be stainless steel type, corrosion resistant. Use flathead, cross-recessed type, exposed head screws with standard threads on windows, trim, and accessories. Screw heads shall finish flush with adjoining surfaces. Self-tapping sheet metal screws are not acceptable for material more than 1/16 inch in thickness. All sheetmetal screw fasteners shall penetrate into a screw boss consisting of at least three layers of PVC profile for secure fastening and reduce pull out.
- 2.3.5 Provisions for Glazing: Design sash for outside double-glazing and for securing glass with manufacturer’s standard glazing systems. Provide glazing channels of adequate size and depth to receive and properly support the glass and glazing accessories.
- 2.3.6 Accessories: Provide windows complete with necessary hardware, fastenings, clips, fins, anchors, glazing beads, and other appurtenances necessary for complete installation and proper operation.
- 2.3.7 Weather-stripping: Provide for ventilating sections of all windows to insure a weathertight seal meeting the infiltration tests specified herein. Use easily replaceable factory applied weather-stripping of manufacturer’s stock type, as specified above. For sliding surfaces, use silicone treated pile, with a mylar center fin bonded to a plastic-backing strip. Do not use neoprene or polyvinylchloride weather-stripping where they will be exposed to direct sunlight.
- 2.3.8 Finishes: Exposed surfaces shall be factory finished. All windows for each building shall have same finish.

- 2.3.9 Screens: Provide one insect screen for each operable ventilating unit. Design screens to fit closely around entire perimeter of each ventilator or opening, to be rewirable, easily removable from inside building, and interchangeable for same size ventilators of similar type windows, with no exposed fasteners and latches. Provide all guides, stops, clips, bolts and screws as necessary, for a secure and insect tight attachment to window. Provide continuous extruded aluminum screen frame for screen strength, and a center tie bar on taller units to prevent frame compression. Aluminum screen wire shall be provided when stipulated.
- 2.3.9.1 Screen Frames: Provide same quality and color finish as the window units. Frames shall have aluminum sections not less than .6875" by .375" thick and shall have removable vinyl splines. Hardware, attachment devices, and accessories shall be manufacturer's standard and of same quality, material and finish as hardware of window unit. Screen shall be removable from the interior of the building.
- 2.3.9.2 Screening: Install screening with weave parallel to frame and stretch sufficiently to present a smooth appearance. Conceal edges of screening in the spline channel.
- 2.3.10 Finish: Exposed surfaces of aluminum extrusions shall be thoroughly cleaned, primed and given a baked enamel finish in accordance with AAMA 603.8 with total dry thickness not less than 0.8mil. The finish color shall match the vinyl window.

## PART 3 – EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

- 3.1.1 Method of Installation: Install in strict accordance with the window manufacturer's printed instructions and details, except as specified otherwise herein. Install windows without forcing into prepared window openings. Insulate perimeter of window frame with acceptable approved insulation material, as recommended by window manufacturer. Set windows at proper elevation, location, and reveal; plumb, square, level, and in alignment; and brace, strut, and stay properly to prevent distortion and misalignment. Protect ventilators and operating parts against accumulation of dirt, and building materials by keeping ventilators tightly closed and locked to frame. Bed screws in sill members, joints at mullions, contacts of windows with sills, built in fins, and sub-frames in approved sealant. Install windows in a manner that will prevent entrance of water. Provide sill angle flashed in sealant at windowsills.
- 3.1.2 Anchors and Fasteners: Make ample provision for securing units to each other, and to adjoining construction.
- 3.1.3 Adjustments after Installation: After installation of windows adjust all ventilators and hardware to operate smoothly and to provide weathertight sealing when ventilators are closed and locked. Lubricate hardware and operating parts as necessary.
- 3.1.4 Protection: Where surfaces are in contact with, or fastened to wood, or dissimilar materials, the surface shall be protected from dissimilar materials as recommended by the manufacturer. Surfaces in contact with sealant after installation shall not be coated with any type of protective material.
- 3.2 CLEANING: Clean interior and exterior of window units of mortar, plaster, paint spattering spots, Sealants, and other foreign matter to present a neat clean appearance and to prevent fouling of weather-stripping surfaces and weather-stripping, and to prevent interference with the operation of hardware. Replace with new windows all stained, discolored, or abraded windows that can not be restored to their original condition.

**END OF SECTION**