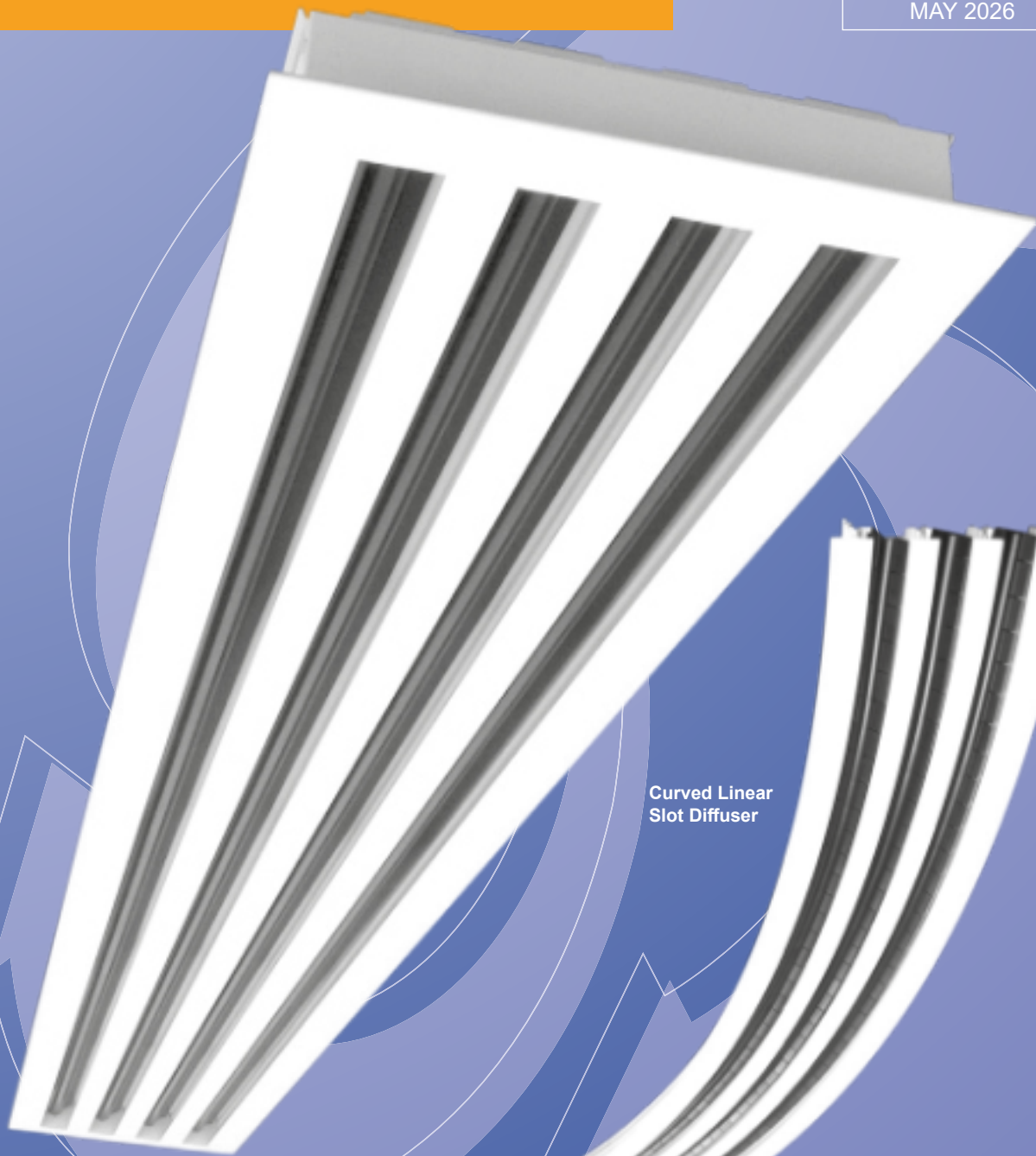


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Curved Linear
Slot Diffuser

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Introduction

Gilberts GSL Series of Linear Slot Diffuser has been designed to meet the exacting performance requirements and standards of modern slot diffuser applications.

Combining up to date styling and design technology to blend with modern architecture the GSL maintains excellent air distribution characteristics providing smooth, accurate and flexible airflow control making the unit suitable for both fan coil, VAV and conventional Linear Slot applications. Available in standard one to eight slot widths the unit is suitable for sidewall or ceiling mounting applications and is manufactured from extruded aluminium with a plastic air deflection blade. Single units can be supplied up to 2.0m in length with longer runs supplied in sections and joined, almost invisibly, by a simple, accurate and effective alignment feature.



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The standard border detail comprises a 27mm flange border with end flanges or end caps optionally available. In keeping with contemporary ceiling design, however, the GSL series is also available with alternative border styles to match different popular ceiling types or plasterboard ceilings and mitred corners can also be included.

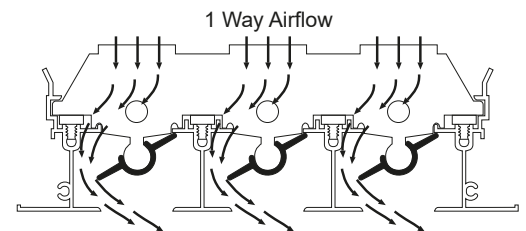
In addition, the GSL is complemented by a comprehensive range of purpose built Plenum boxes. Manufactured from Galvanised or Zintec coated Mild Steel the boxes can be supplied to suit all diffusers in sectional box lengths up to 2000mm. Connection between the boxes and the diffusers can be accomplished either by drill and rivet through the diffuser neck or where access is limited, via concealed

The diffuser incorporates a discreet directional control vane in each slot to direct the airflow across the ceiling, left or right, or discharge vertically downwards. Arranged in standard 2000mm lengths, the blade offers a clean unbroken appearance and is easily clipped and unclipped from the diffuser to allow for fixing.

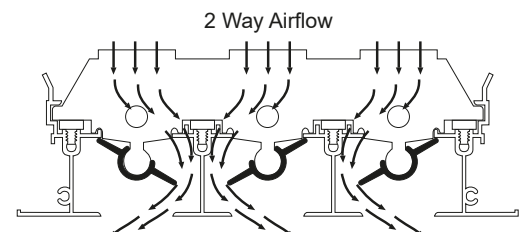
Alternatively the control vane can be supplied in small 100mm adjustable sections (Type GSLM). This allows for further close control of the supply air jets to provide a multi directional array as shown on page 3.

This product is only to be used with supply air below 40°C.

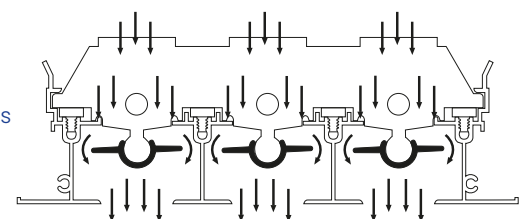
Horizontal Distribution



Horizontal Distribution



Vertical Distribution



bracket fixings accessible through the diffuser face (standard fixing is concealed bracket). The diffuser includes fixing holes for drop rod support as standard.

For volume control the standard Plenum inlet can be fitted with Quadrant or Iris type dampers and where adjustment via the slot face is preferred, both cord and teleflex operated spigot dampers can be installed.

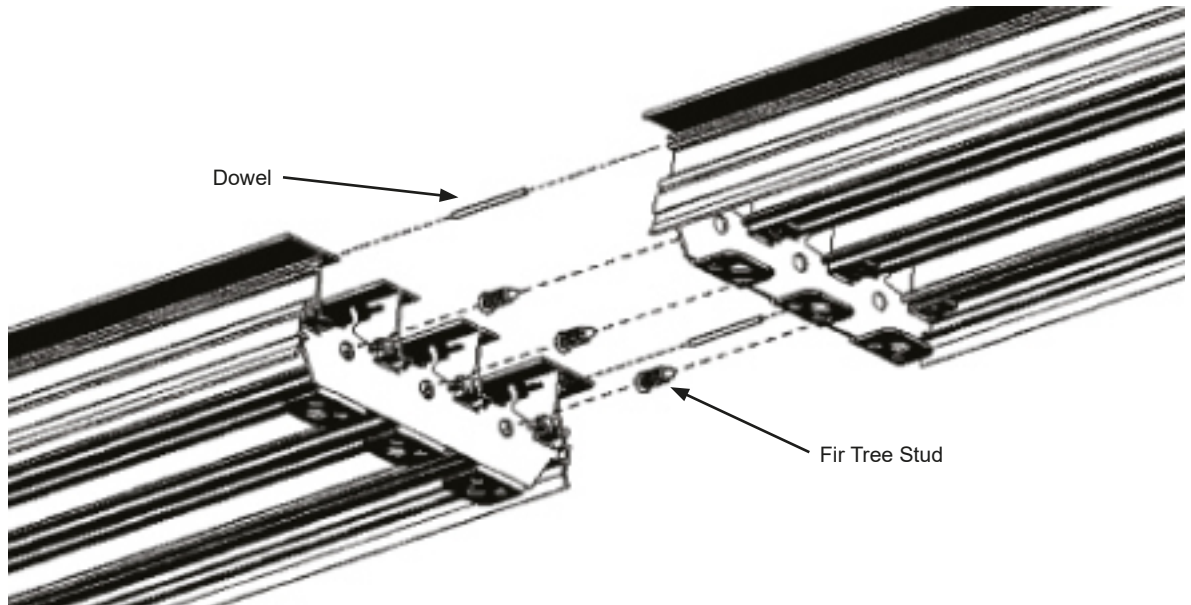
Standard finish on all GSL Slot Diffuser is a White polyester powder coated face with all control vanes matt black. Other colours and finishes are available on request.

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ALIGNMENT FEATURE

For long diffuser runs a concealed alignment feature is provided for positive and accurate joining of diffuser lengths whilst maintaining a clean unbroken appearance. Simply align the units on site using the dowels and then push the 'fir tree' studs through the adjoining backstraps. A simple, straightforward and fast procedure.

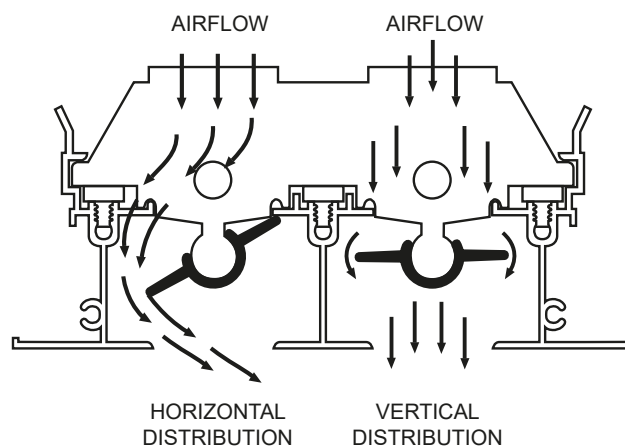


DIRECTIONAL CONTROL

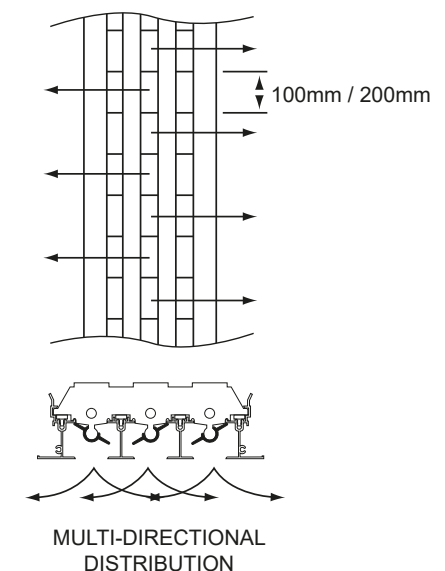
Directional Control is achieved by adjustment of the control vane housed in each slot, moved left or right for opposite horizontal distribution and horizontal for vertical distribution. As standard airflow direction can be altered every 2000mm although smaller intervals can be easily achieved on site by simply cutting the blade and inserting spacer brackets (see

installation leaflet for details). Alternatively the diffuser can also be specified in multi-directional format (Type GSLM). On this model the blades are split every 200mm (100mm for lengths less than 1m) and can be set in alternating positions to give a multi directional discharge (see below).

DIRECTIONAL CONTROL



MULTI-DIRECTIONAL (TYPE GSLM)



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Selection Procedure

1. Establish a position within the conditioned space to achieve the best air distribution.
2. Knowing the type of space, refer to (table 1) and establish the recommended maximum noise level for that type of area.
3. Divide the total air volume (m³/s) by the effective active length of diffuser and establish a volume per metre run.
4. Establish the throw based on notes in the performance specification.
5. Refer to selection NOMOGRAM and establish the number of slots required to meet your requirements

Gilberts Supply Diffusers have been tested within the range of +/- 10°C (as recommended in the HEVAC Guide to Air Distribution Technology). For any other temperature differential requirements please contact our Technical Department.

Area to be served	Recommended Maximum NC Levels
Sound Broadcasting	15 - 20
Recording Studios, TV (Audience Studios)	20 - 25
Lecture Theatres, Cinemas, Concert Halls, Boardroom/Ex Offices Lounge, Conference Room, Court Room, Churches, Private Bedrooms	25 - 30
Operating Theatres, Hospital Wards, Staff Room, Class Rooms, Ballroom, Banquet Room, Library, Bank, Museum, Offices	30 - 40
Restaurants, Department Stores, Computer Suite, Washroom Toilet	35 - 40
Laundries, Kitchens, Swimming Pools, Sports Arena	40 - 45
Garage, Light Engineering Workshop	45 - 50
Heavy Engineering Workshop	50 - 65

Performance Data

EXAMPLE

A 4 metre long diffuser is to be installed within an office area and is required to handle 0.2m³/s Total. The throw is approximately 7 metres (to 0.25m/s).

From (table 1) the maximum recommended NC level for this type of area is 30 -40.

Volume per metre run = $\frac{0.2}{4} = 0.05\text{m}^3/\text{s/m}$.

Now referring to selection NOMOGRAM it can be seen that a 2 slot diffuser will handle the required volume with an 5 metre horizontal throw. Since the unit selected is 4mm long this figure must then be multiplied by a correction of 1.4, thus giving a final throw of 7 metres. From the NOMOGRAM, noise level is approximately 20 and with the addition of the correction factor of 4 this gives a total noise level of < 25 NC. With a 15 Pa pressure drop the diffuser selected is suitable for this area.

The performance data tables are information for cooling, ventilation and heating applications.

The selection NOMOGRAM is based on a 1m length of diffuser complete with a standard Plenum box, and mounted flush with a ceiling.

Isothermal conditions also apply, and correction

notes following and factor tables opposite should be used for other sizes and applications.

- **PRESSURE:** All pressures are in Pa (N/m²)
- **THROWS:** All horizontal and vertical throws are for a distance measured in metres, and correspond to a terminal velocity of 0.25 m/s and 0.75 m/s.
- **SOUND:** The NC values are based on a room absorption of 8 db re 10⁻¹² watts, and for a 1m length of diffuser with damper fully open.

PLENUM BOXES

Standard Plenum box details are shown in the Plenum Box section with inlet sizing data. This provides the recommended minimum to obtain even distribution along the diffuser using a centre fed constant cross section Plenum Box.

If side entry cannot be accommodated and only top entry is possible then all boxes should be complete with a perforated baffle section. Plenum Boxes are lengths up to 1800mm and are suitable for direct fixing through the neck of the diffuser, concealed bracket fixing. The Plenum to diffuser connection offers tight and secure fitting and provides an adequate air seal. However additional sealing may be applied on site at discretion. For low leakage ductwork applications in particular, secondary sealing is recommended.

VERTICAL PROJECTION

If the diffuser is next to a smooth vertical surface the throws given should be multiplied by a factor of 1.5. Also if a 10°C Δt for heating or cooling applies the throws given should be multiplied by 0.75 or 1.3 respectively.

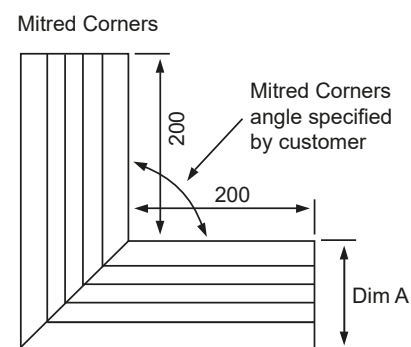
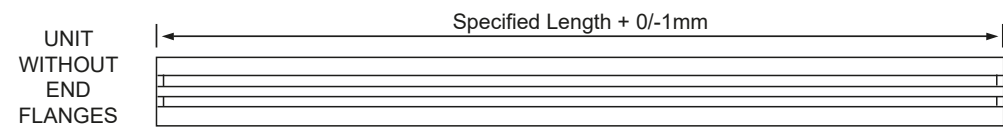
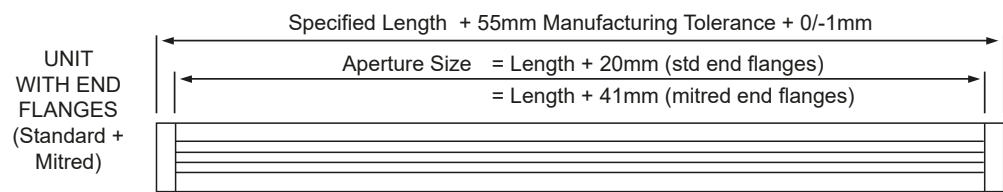
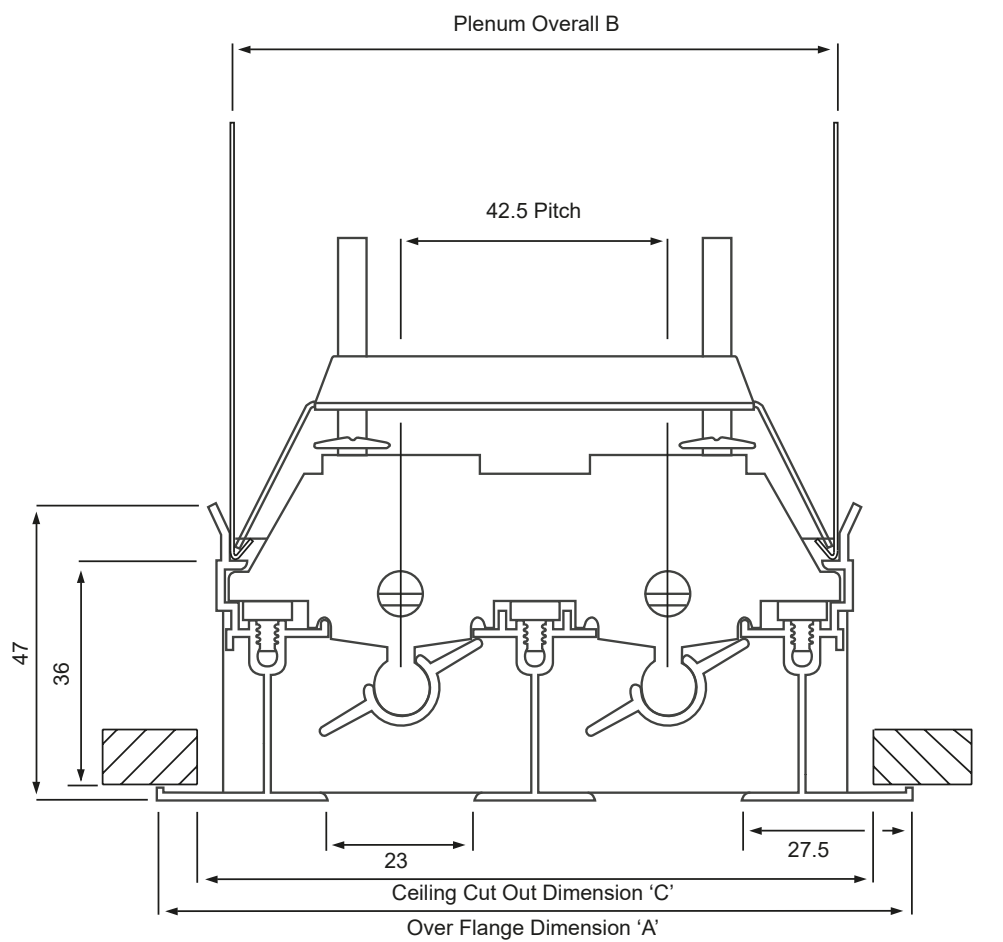
HORIZONTAL DIFFUSION

If the diffuser is mounted on exposed ductwork the throws given will be reduced by approximately 40%.

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Slot Diffuser
Standard
Border A

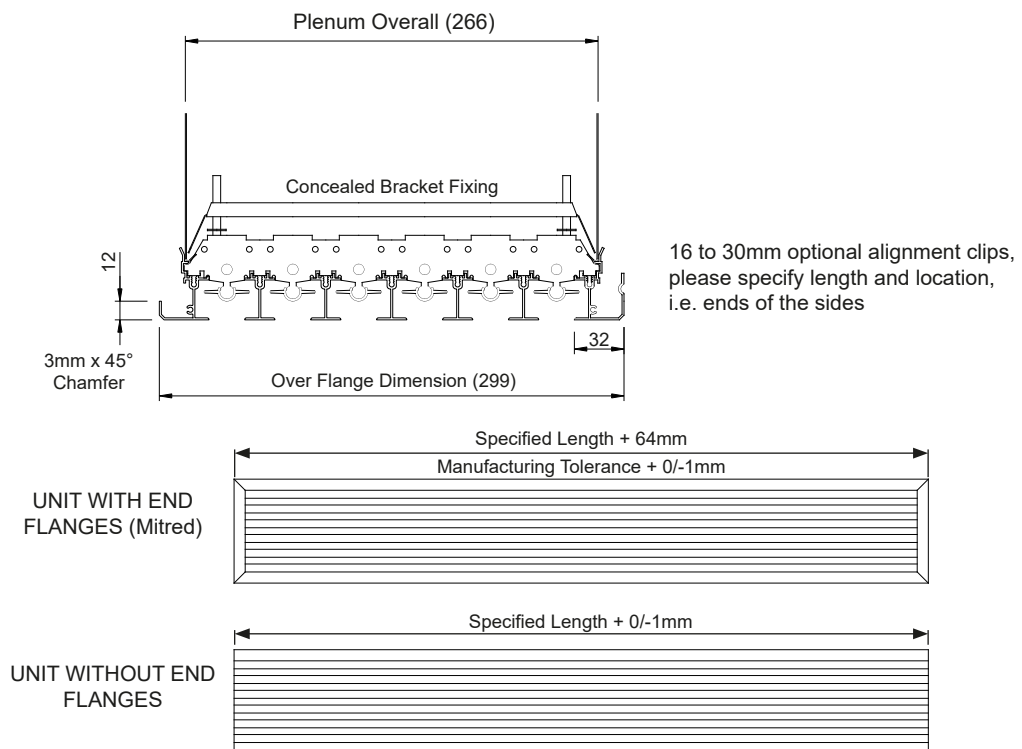


Series	No of Slots	Dim A	Dim B	Dim C
GSL	1	78	53.5	64
GSL	2	120.5	96	106.5
GSL	3	163	138.5	149
GSL	4	205.5	181	191.5
GSL	5	248	223.5	234
GSL	6	290.5	266	276.5
GSL	7	333	308.5	319
GSL	8	375.5	351	361.5

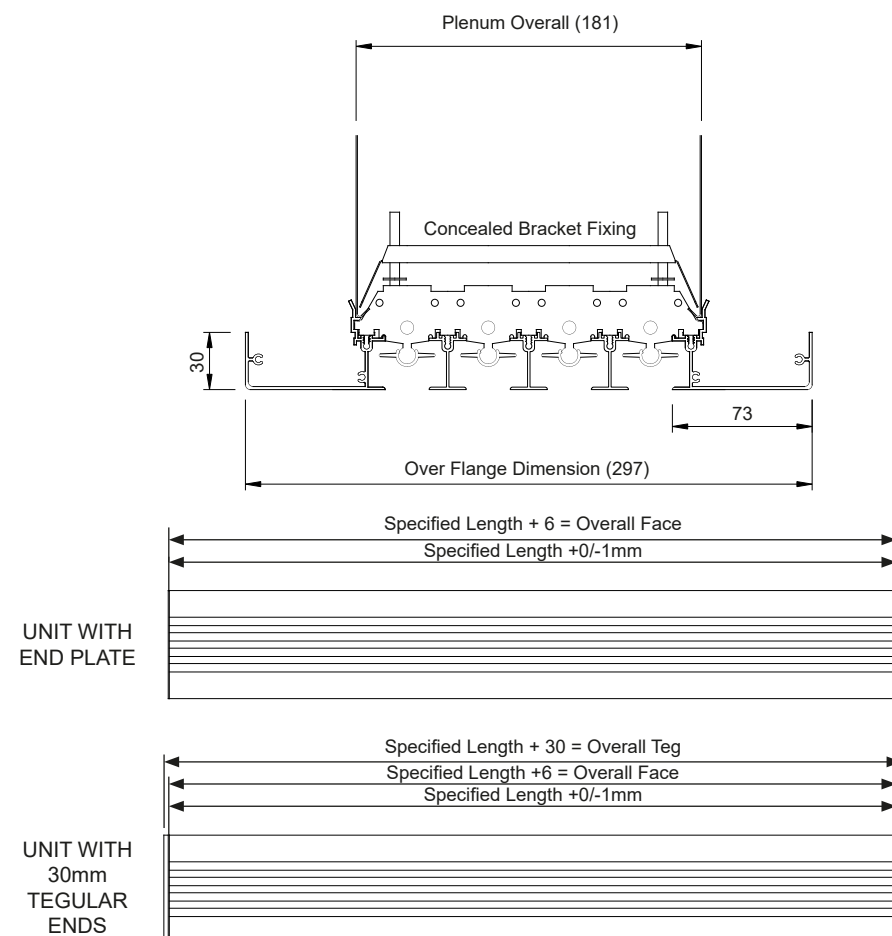
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Special Border
Option B
[Plank Ceiling]
6 - Slot



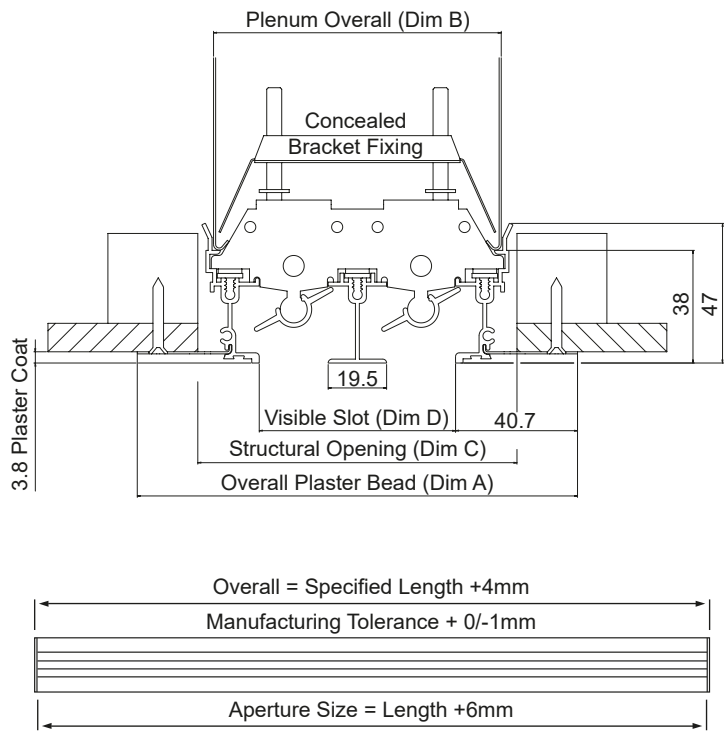
Special Border
Option X
[Plank Ceiling]
4 - Slot



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Special Border
Option P
[Plaster Ceiling]



No of Slots	Dim A	Dim B	Dim C	Dim D
1	104.5	53.5	64	23
2	147	96	106.5	65.5
3	189.5	138.5	149	108
4	232	181	191.5	150.5
5	274.5	223.5	234	193
6	317	266	276.5	235.5
7	359.5	308.5	319	278
8	402	351	361.5	320.5

Additional
Border
Styles

Additional/modified borders may be available to suit other applications.
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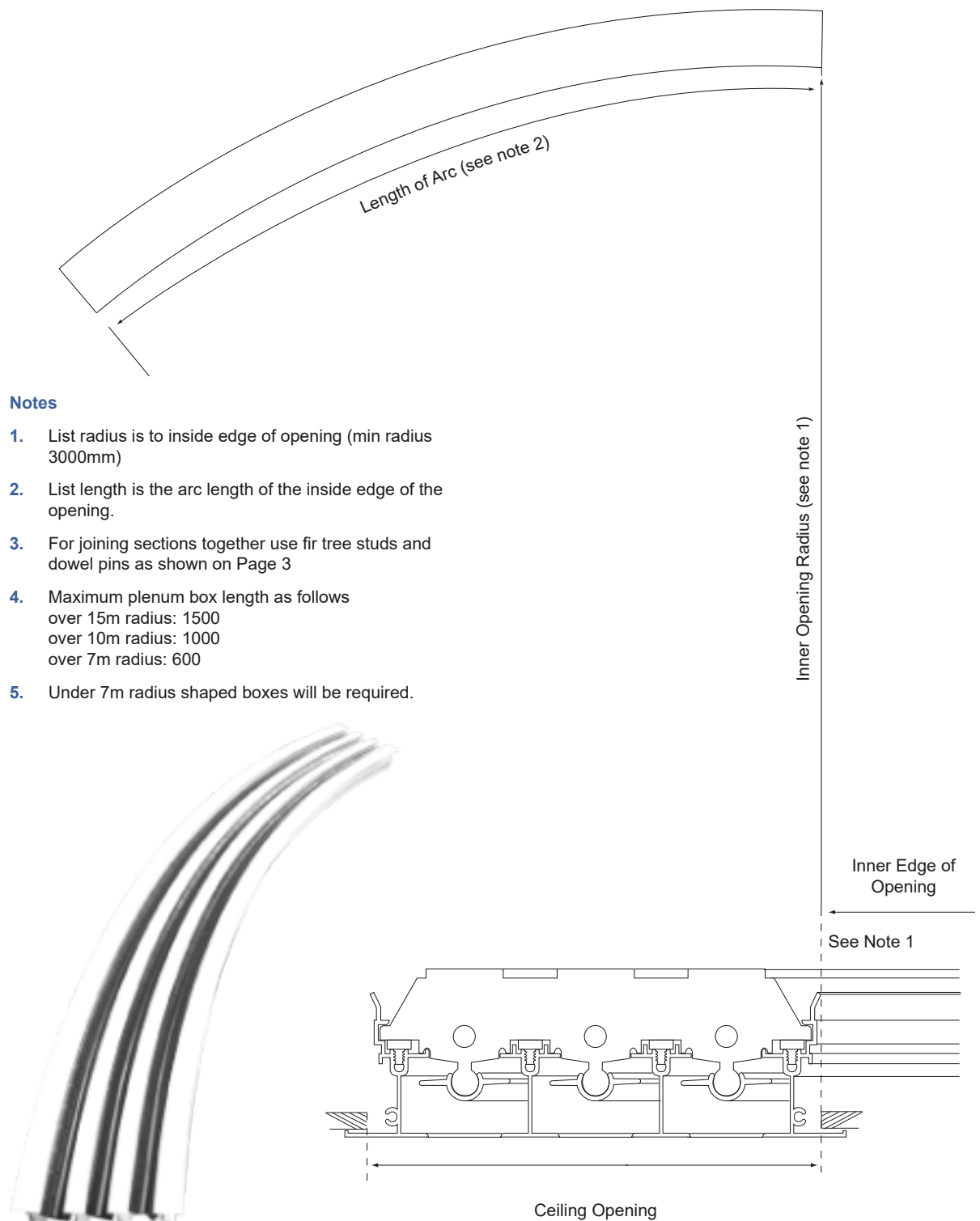
Curved Slot Diffuser [Type GLSC]

The unique design of the GSL frame and directional control blade allows for shaping of the diffuser into a variety of curved patterns whether for architectural or aesthetic reasons. Importantly instead of being blanked or having dummy sections however, the GSL curved diffuser can still provide full horizontal airflow adjustment with the directional control blade following the profile of the outer frame.

This ensures that full horizontal or vertical airflow distribution can be achieved.

All other details in terms of dimensions fixings and plenum boxes are as standard.

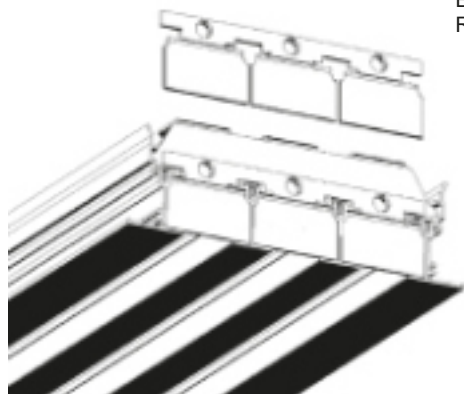
Opening Detail



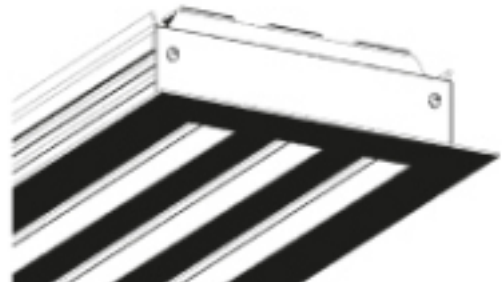
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End Flanges & End Caps



End caps-
Ref: EC



End Flanges-
Ref: EF

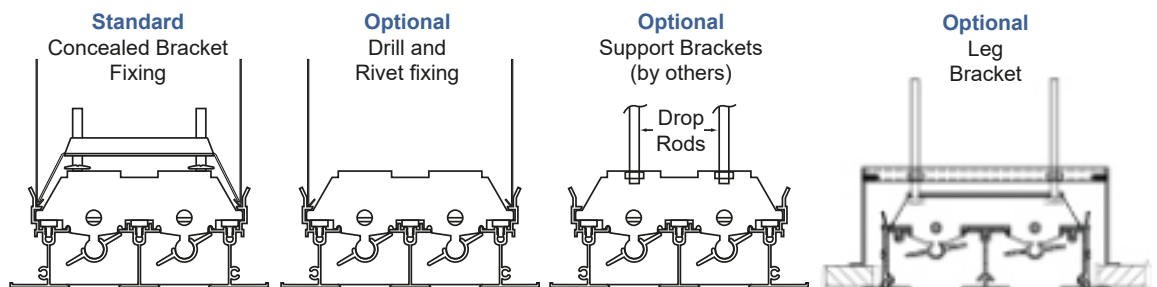
Fixing Options

The standard fixing option for the GSL slot diffuser is the popular concealed bracket fixing. The concealed brackets are fixed to the rear of the diffuser and quickly push fit into the plenum. Unclipping the diffuser blade allows access to the captive nuts on the brackets to tighten and align the unit in place.

Where access is easily available to the ceiling void an alternative fixing option is to simply drill through the neck of

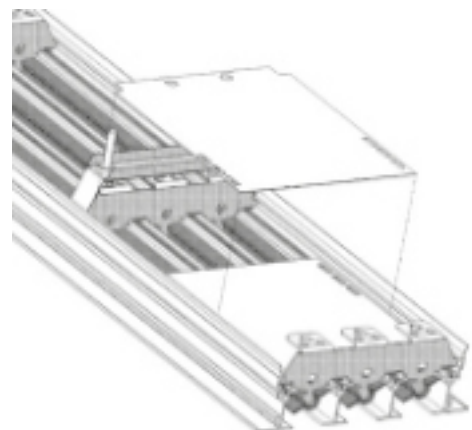
the diffuser and the plenum box and then rivet into place. This offers a unit cost saving over the standard concealed bracket fixing arrangement.

For installations without a plenum the diffuser always automatically includes holes for standard drop rod support on the diffuser back straps. The back straps are spaced on approx. 300mm centres.



Blanking Plates

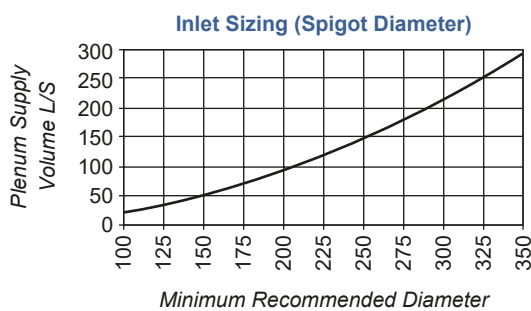
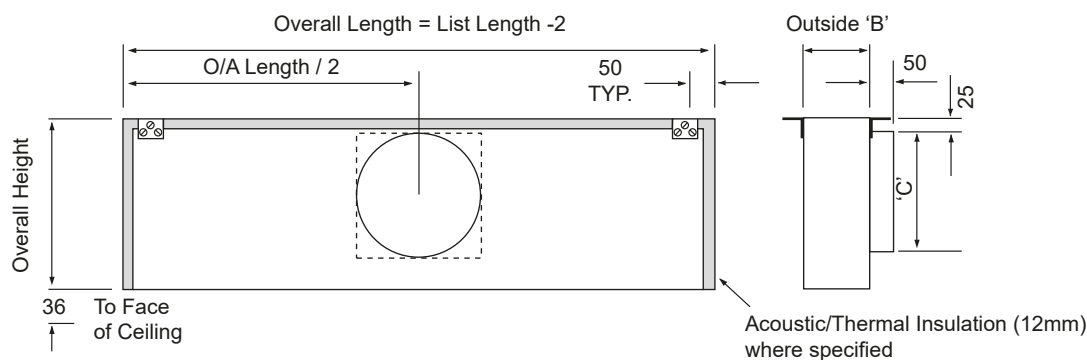
For inactive or dummy sections, matt black blanking plates can be supplied. Blanking plates are supplied in standard 150mm lengths and simply locate onto the back of the diffuser where they can be secured with standard self-tapping screws.



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Plenum Box Series PB



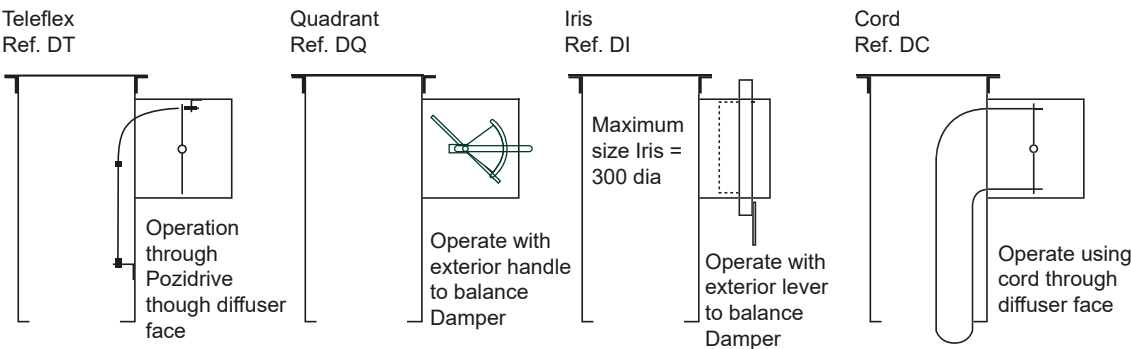
For low noise levels one size larger is recommended

No of Slots	B	Normal Spigot Dia (or height) C	Standard Height H
1	53.5	100	220
2	96	125	220
3	138.5	150	262.5
4	181	160	262.5
5	223.5	200	305
6	266	250	347.5
7	308.5	300	390
8	351	350	432.5

General Specification

0.7mm Galvanised or Zintec coated mild steel construction.
Spigot Construction: Standard sizes use plastic clip-in spigot.
Nonstandard, a sealed screw-in spigot.
Thermal Insulation: 12mm Pyrosorb foam approx. U-value $4.7 \text{ Wm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1}$

Volume Control Options

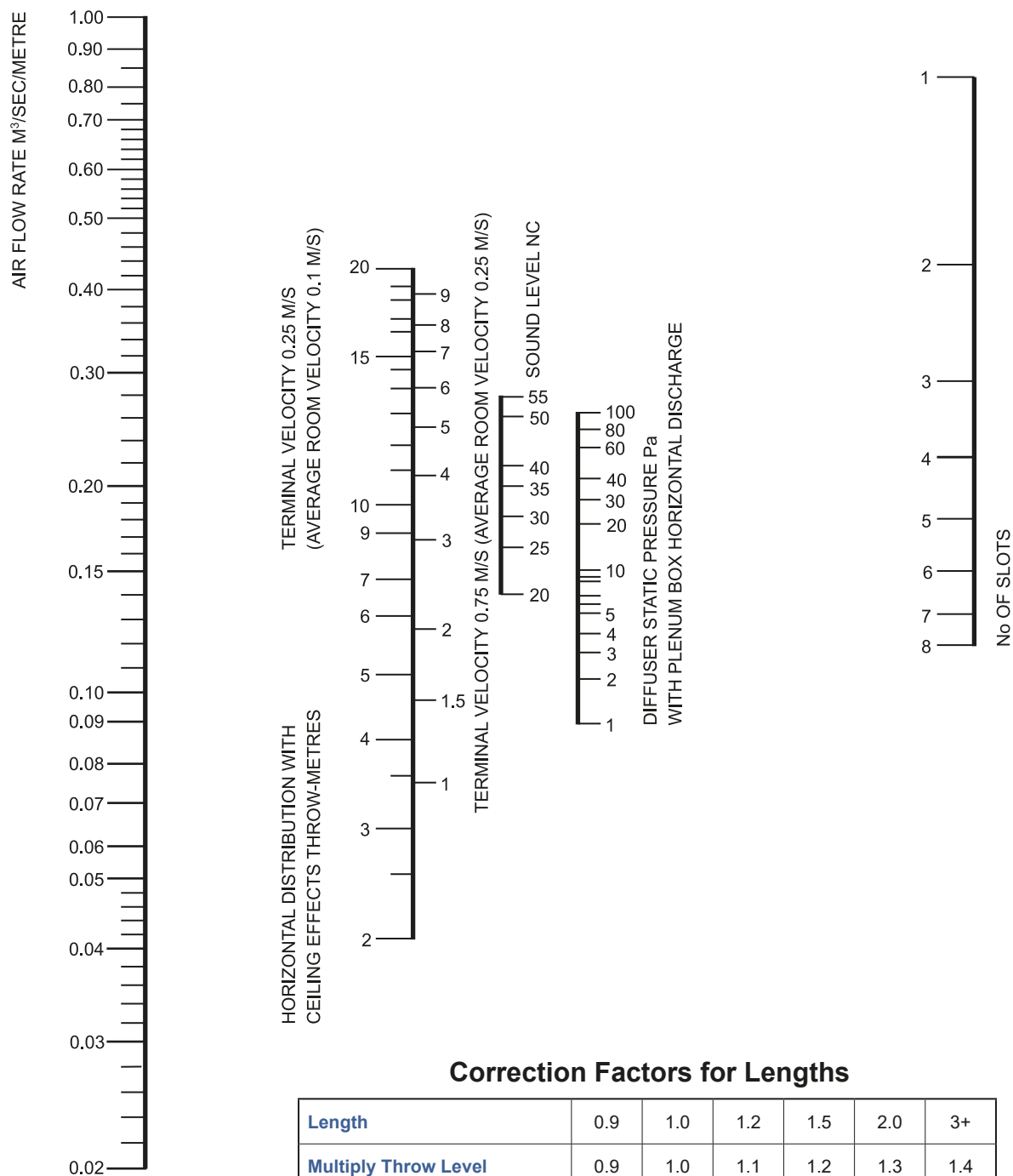


Spigot length = Spigot dia.

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Sizing
Nomogram:
Horizontal
Distribution



Correction Factors for Lengths

Length	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.5	2.0	3+
Multiply Throw Level	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
Add to NC Level	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4

Correction Factors for other Supply Temperatures	
Colling 10° Δ Throws x 0.9	
Heating 10° Δ Throws x 1.15	

All data based on 1 metre Long Diffuser Isothermal
Conditions Damper Full Open and Diffuser Flush with Ceiling

Based on Room Height of 2.8 Metres

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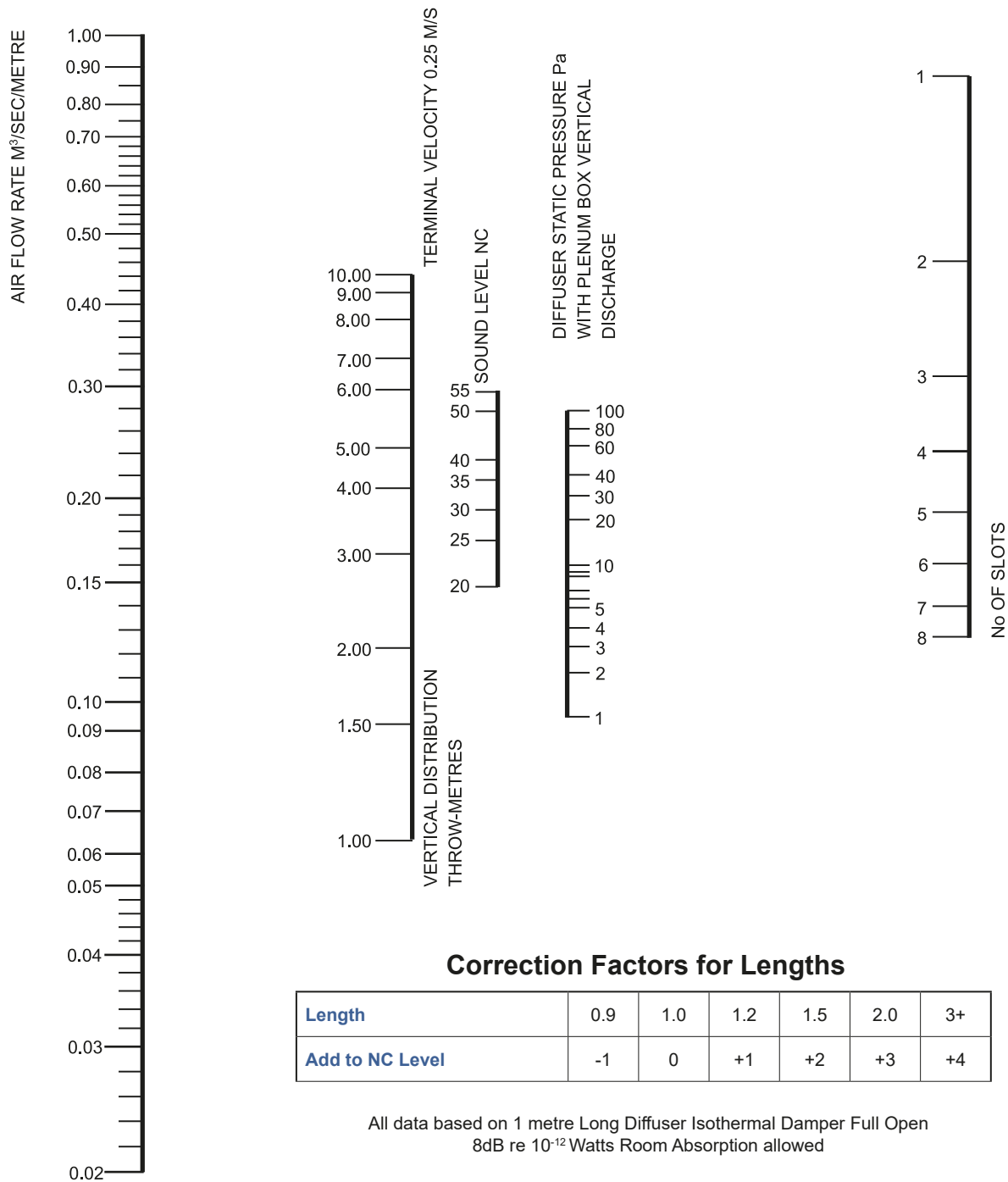
If units are used for extract purposes the following correction factors should be used:

- Pressure value as for supply x 2
- Noise values as for supply + 10 NC

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Sizing
Nomogram:
Vertical
Distribution



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Ordering Specification [Diffuser]

Customer string selection example:

SERIES Supply/extract..... GSLS Multi-directional..... GSLM Curved..... GSLC	GSLS	4	A	5200	2EF	CB	P3000	BB	PPC RAL 9010 20% gloss [standard finish]	15
NUMBER OF SLOTS [1-8]										
BORDER OPTIONS Standard..... A Special..... B & P										
SPECIFIED LENGTH [mm] [length of arc on type GSLC]										
END FLANGES 'A' border type only: Standard [x2]..... 2EF Standard [x1]..... 1EF 'A', 'B' & 'P' border type: Mitred flange [x2]..... 2MF Mitred flange [x1]..... 1MF End cap [x2]..... 2EC End cap [x1]..... 1EC										
FIXING Concealed bracket..... CB Leg bracket..... LB Drill & rivet..... DR										
BLANKING PLATE [P + length [mm]]										
BLADE COLOUR Black [standard]..... BB Generic white..... WB										
FINISH [please specify]										
NUMBER REQUIRED										

Fixing

Standard fixing options as listed. Fixings can be mixed and matched on long runs to suit the installation.

Support brackets[SB]: always fitted. Used for units or lengths where no plenum box is fitted.

Concealed brackets[CB]: standard for plenum box fixing.

Drill & rivet[DR]: alternative to std CB option for plenum fixing.

Leg bracket[LB]: alternative fixing to support brackets for plasterboard ceilings where no plenum box is fitted.

Plaster Ceiling Fixing

The plaster in option allows the border to be fully concealed in the ceiling. As with all joints as the plaster dries and settles some cracking may occur at the joint. If so some decor fill might be required to achieve a fine finish.

Blanking Plates

Screw fix matt black blanking plates available for dummy/inactive sections and are fitted to the back of the diffuser. Supplied in modular 150mm lengths.

Finish

Standard finish: Polyester powder coat white RAL 9010 20% gloss with internal vanes matt black.

Special finishes: Polyester powder finish to stock BS/RAL colour.

Internal colour: Internal control vanes remain black although a generic white blade [ref: WB] can also be specified as standard. Special blade colour to match the diffuser finish can also be selected for larger projects.

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Ordering Specification [Plenum Box]

Customer string selection example:

SERIES PB/GSL	PB/GSL	4	AT1	1500	BH 500	BB	PM	ST	TSS/2x	DQ 250	15
NUMBER OF SLOTS [1-8]											
THERMAL/ACOUSTIC INSULATION 12mm Pyro [std] AT1 25mm Pyro AT2 12mm closed cell*..... AT3											
SPECIFIED LENGTH [mm]											
BOX HEIGHT Where different from standard. BH+height [mm]											
MATT BLACK FINISH (internal & external) [if thermal/acoustic insulation not required] BB											
PERFORATED MESH PM											
FIXING ARRANGEMENT Standard..... ST											
MULTIPLE SPIGOTS TSS/Qty x											
SPIGOT & DAMPER OPTIONS Plus nominal spigot size No damper..... SS+size Quadrant..... DQ+size Cord operated.... DC+size Teleflex..... DT+size Iris..... DI+size											
NUMBER REQUIRED											

Exposed Plenums

Please advise where plenums are exposed. **Galvalike®** is the default finish for exposed plenum boxes. A unique powder coated finish formulated to best match British galvanised material, whilst protecting the products from finish variation and moisture damage etc. Plenums may also be powder coated to suit grille/diffuser finish. For alternative plenum finishes, please contact head office.

Thermal/Acoustic Insulation [AT1, AT2 and AT3]

Plenum box can be fully lined with 12mm [standard] or 25mm Pyrosorb thermal/acoustic insulation. Alternatively 12mm closed cell* can also be specified.

**Class '0' fire-rated, closed cell, elastomeric PVC nitrile foam.*

Spigot & Damper Options

Plenums can be supplied with either single or twin spigot inlets and mounted on the same, or opposite sides of the box. Each spigot can also be fitted with quadrant, cord, teleflex or iris dampers.

Perforated Mesh [PM]

Plenum fitted internally with 50% perforated equalising mesh.

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Ordering Specification [Mitred Corner]

Customer string selection example:

SERIES Supply/extract... MC/GSLS	MC/GSLS	4	A	80	BB	PPC RAL 9010 20% gloss [standard finish]	15
NUMBER OF SLOTS [1-8]							
BORDER OPTIONS Standard A Special B							
INTERNAL ANGLE OF MITRED CORNER [90 degrees as standard]							
BLADE COLOUR Black [standard]..... BB Generic white..... WB							
FINISH [please specify]							
NUMBER REQUIRED							

Note: All mitred corners supplied size 200x200 internal length [see illustration on page 5].
Diffuser ordering specification: see page 13.
Plenum box ordering specification: see page 14.

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