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REPORT SUBJECT:

Solatube Tubular Daylighting Devices

1.0 SCOPE OF EVALUATION

1.1 This Research Report addresses compliance with the following Codes:

- 2021, 2018, 2015 *International Building Code*® (IBC)
- 2021, 2018, 2015 *International Residential Code*® (IRC)
- 2020 *Florida Building Code* (see Section 9), *Including High Velocity Hurricane Zones for 160 DS, 290 DS, and 750 DS models*

NOTE: This report references 2021 Code sections with [2018, 2015, FBC] Code sections shown in brackets where they differ.

1.2 *Solatube Tubular Daylighting Devices* have been evaluated for the following properties:

- Structural Performance
- Durability (UV, Weathering)
- Burning

1.3 *Solatube Tubular Daylighting Devices* have been evaluated for the following uses:

- Solatube Tubular Daylighting Devices recognized in this report are plastic glazed unit skylights complying with IBC Sections 2405 and 2610 and IRC Section R308.6.

2.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Solatube Tubular Daylighting Devices comply with the Codes listed in Section 1.1, for the properties stated in Section 1.2 and uses stated in Section 1.3, when installed as described in this report, including the Conditions of Use stated in Section 6.

3.0 DESCRIPTION

3.1 *Solatube Tubular Daylighting Device* (TDD) Models recognized by this report are:

The *Solatube Brighten Up*® Series Models 160 DS (10-inch Tube Dia.), 290 DS (14-inch Tube Dia.) daylighting systems.

The *Solatube SolaMaster*® Series Models 300 DS-C in a 14-inch tube diameter, and 330 DS-O, 330 DS-C, 750 DS-O and 750 DS-C are daylighting systems available in a 21-inch tube diameter. The “O” and “C” designation refers to Open (O) and Closed (C) ceiling configurations.

These TDD models consist of three primary assemblies; the roof dome assembly, reflective tube assembly and diffuser assembly. These assemblies are detailed in Figures 1 through 5.

3.1.1 Roof Dome Assembly:

Primary components of the dome assembly are the dome, dome ring or tube ring and flashing.

3.1.1.1 A single dome manufactured from impact-resistant acrylic polymer is utilized on Models 160 DS, 290 DS, 300 DS, 330 DS and 750 DS.

3.1.1.2 Models 160 DS, 290 DS, and 750 DS utilize an additional inner dome manufactured from impact resistant acrylic polymer or polycarbonate (750 DS) when installation is within the High Velocity Hurricane Zone as defined by the FBC.



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3.1.1.3 A dome ring (160 DS, 290 DS, 300 DS manufactured from impact resistant Acrylic polymer or tube ring (330 DS & 750 DS) manufactured from PVC, connects the inner reflective tube, inner reflector, inner dome and outer dome to the flashing.

3.1.1.4 A corrosion resistant steel dome edge protection band is utilized to protect the dome edge on installations on roof assemblies with fire classifications of A, B or C.

3.1.1.5 Corrosion resistant metal flashings are available in self-mounting, curb-mounting, steep, and low slope roof configurations. For models 160 DS, 290 DS, and 300 DS, the low slope configuration is available in both 4- and 6-inch heights. For models 330 DS and 750 DS, low slope configurations in 4, 8- and 11-inch heights and metal roof flashing are also available. Also, a curb-cap flashing for site-built curb mounting is available for the 290 DS, 300 DS, 330 DS and 750 DS models.

3.1.2 Reflective Tubes:

Reflective tubes and angle adapters have a high reflectance interior tube finish and are manufactured from .015" thick aluminum for 160 DS, 290 DS, and 300 DS, and .018" for 330 DS and 750 DS. Two-inch-wide polymer or aluminum foil tape is utilized at all joints between tube sections and at vertical seams of each tube.

3.1.3 Daylight Dimmer Assembly:

A switch operated, electrically driven Daylight Dimmer Assembly is available for installation above the bottom tube on 160 DS, 290 DS, 300 DS and above the round-to-square for 330 DS / 750 DS. The Dimmer Assembly is used to restrict natural light from entering the room. See Section 6.3 and Figure 7.

3.1.4 Light Kit Assembly:

Switch operated, electric light kits are available for installation into the bottom tube for the 160 DS and 290 DS models only. The kits contain either an incandescent or fluorescent light bulb. See Section 6.3 and Figure 6.

3.1.5 Metal Transition Assembly:

Metal transitions are used to transition the reflective tube assembly to the square diffuser assemblies. The 300 DS, 330 DS and 750 DS models utilize the transition assembly, manufactured from 0.015-inch-thick aluminum. Two-inch-wide aluminum foil tape is utilized at all joints. See Figure 8.

3.1.6 Diffuser and Decorative Fixture Assembly:

The Diffuser and Decorative Fixture assemblies are either single or dual glazed with acrylic or polycarbonate plastic Diffusers classified as a CC2 plastic material. Diffusers have a flame spread index not exceeding 200 and a smoke development index not exceeding 450 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84. The Aurora Glo lens is comprised of glass.

A dress (trim) ring is mounted over the assembly edge for aesthetic purposes.

For models 160 DS, and 290 DS the standard diffuser and decorative fixtures (JustFrost, OptiView and Tier Drop) employ a ceiling ring that is manufactured from injection molded impact resistant acrylic and is used to connect the reflective tubing and diffusers or decorative fixtures to the interior room ceiling.

The Aurora Glo decorative fixtures employ a fixture mounting ring, in addition to the ceiling ring, that is manufactured from steel and is used to connect the decorative fixture to the interior room ceiling. The ceiling ring is also used to hold the reflective tubing in place.

4.0 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

4.1 Models identified in this report have been tested for deflection and structural response under uniform loading in both the positive (inward) and negative (outward) directions in accordance with ICC-ES AC16. The maximum allowable positive and negative design pressures for each model size combination, and associated anchoring, are indicated in Table 1.





4.2 Models identified in this report have met the air infiltration and water penetration acceptance criteria identified in ICC-ES AC16 when tested in accordance with Sections 5.3.2 and 5.3.3 of AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-11.

4.2.1 AAMA/WDMA/CSA101/I.S.2/A440-11 reviewed and deemed equivalent for compliance with IBC Section 2405.5.

4.2.2 Models 160 DS, 290 DS, and 300 DS have met the air leakage performance and water penetration resistance requirements of A440S1-09, the Canadian Supplement to AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440.

5.0 INSTALLATION

5.1 General:

Solatube Tubular Daylighting Devices must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's published installation instructions, the applicable Code, and this Research Report. A copy of the manufacturer's instructions must be available on the jobsite during installation.

5.2 Application:

5.2.1 The dome attachment for the 10" 160 DS, 14" 290 DS, and 14" 300 DS models is accomplished by attaching the dome ring to the flashing and top tube with four (4) #8x1" truss washer head screws and plastic spacers with a snap fit between the dome and dome ring. See Figures 1, 2 and 5.

5.2.2 Diffuser assemblies for the 10" 160 DS, and 14" 290 DS models are comprised of an acrylic ceiling ring, an acrylic dress ring and dual glazed diffuser. The dress ring is snap fitted or twist secured onto the ceiling ring.

5.2.3 The Dome attachment for the 21" 330 DS and 750 DS models is accomplished with three (3) #8x1-5/8" washer head sheet metal screws passing through three (3) equally spaced plastic spacers, flashing and into the tube ring.

5.2.4 The Dome Assembly for the 21" 330 DS-O and 750 DS-O (Open Ceiling) models utilize a butyl putty seal (referred to as a glazing rope in installation instructions) between the flashing and tube ring. See Figure 2 and Figure 3.

5.2.5 For the 14" 300 DS-C, 21" 330 DS-C and 750 DS-C (Closed Ceiling) models, the tube ring should be sealed to the outer face of the top reflector tube with 2" wide polymer/foil tape.

5.2.6 Diffuser assembly for the 21" 330 DS-O and 750 DS-O (Open Ceiling) models is comprised of an acrylic dress ring and a single glazed diffuser. The assembly is snapped into the four (4) equally spaced slots provided in the end of the extension tube.

5.2.7 The 21" 330 DS-C and 750 DS-C (Closed Ceiling) models consist of a square diffuser assembly that connects to the round reflective tube through a square to round transition section.

5.2.8 Installation for compliance with the IBC and IRC shall be in accordance with IBC Section 2405 and 2610 and, IRC Section R308.6.

5.2.9 Installation for compliance with the FBC shall be in accordance with FBC Section 2405 and 2610.

5.2.10 The installation on roof assemblies with fire classifications A, B, or C, metal dome edge protective rings shall be installed on the 160 DS, 290 DS, 300 DS, 330 DS and 750 DS models utilizing the 4" flashings. Other flashings noted in Section 3.1.1.5 may be needed in order to maintain the required minimum 4" distance from roof deck to dome edge.

6.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

6.1 Installation must comply with this Research Report, the manufacturer's published installation instructions, and the applicable Code. In the event of a conflict, this report governs.

6.2 Installation shall comply with the manufacturer's installation instructions, this report, IBC and FBC Sections 2405 and 2610 and IRC Section R308.6. The wind uplift rating recognized in this report (See Table 2) is based on attachment to S-P-F wood curbing (Specific Gravity, G=0.42), 5/8" Group 2 Plywood and 22 gauge 33 ksi minimum yield steel deck. Installation on a wood substrate with a lesser specific gravity or lesser thickness may result in a lower wind uplift rating.





6.3 The Daylight Dimmer, incandescent light and fluorescent light assemblies were only evaluated for effects on performance when TDDs were tested in accordance with ICC-ES AC16. Evaluation of these assemblies for compliance to electrical codes is not part of this report.

6.4 Where required by the building official, engineering calculations and details shall be provided. The calculations shall verify that the anchorage complies with the building code for the type of framing and condition of the supporting construction.

6.5 Model 330 DS shall not be installed in High Velocity Hurricane Zones as defined by the Florida Building Code.

6.6 Models 160 DS, 290 DS, 300 DS, and 750 DS shall utilize the additional inner dome for use in High Velocity Hurricane Zones as defined by the Florida Building Code.

6.7 All products are manufactured under a quality control program with inspections by Keystone Certifications, Inc. (IAS AA-714).

7.0 SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

7.1 Manufacturer's drawings and installation instructions.

7.2 Reports of testing and engineering analysis in accordance with ICC-ES AC16, *Acceptance Criteria for Plastic Glazed Skylights*, approved April 2017.

7.3 Reports of testing to ASTM D 1929-16 [-12] *Test Method for determining Ignition Properties of Plastics*.

7.4 Reports of Testing to ASTM E84-16 [-2013A], *Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Material*.

7.5 Reports of Testing to ASTM D635-14 [-10] *Test Method for Rate of Burning and/or Extent and Time of Burning of Self-Supporting Plastics in a Horizontal Position*.

7.6 Reports of Testing to ASTM G 155-13 [-03] *Practice for Operating Xenon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials* and ASTM D638 *Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics*.

7.7 Documentation of an Intertek approved quality control system for the manufacturing of products recognized in this report.

7.8 Reports of engineering and installation analysis for alternate anchorage signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida.

7.9 Testing for Florida Building Code was performed by a Miami-Dade County approved testing facility (Architectural Testing, Inc. - Fresno, CA) with reports signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida. These reports are:

7.9.1 Reports of testing in accordance with AAMA/WDMA/CSA101/I.S.2/A440-17[-11], *Standard/Specification for Windows, Doors, and Unit Skylights, American Architectural Manufacturers Association, Window and Door Manufacturers Association, and Canadian Standards Association*.

7.9.2 Reports of testing to Testing Application Standard (TAS) 201-94 *"Impact Test Procedures"* as required by Section 1626 of the Florida Building Code.

7.9.3 Reports of testing to Testing Application Standard (TAS) 202-94 *"Criteria for Testing Impact & Nonimpact Resistant Building Envelope Components Using Uniform Static Air Pressure"* as required by Section 1620 of the Florida Building Code.

7.9.4 Reports of testing to Testing Application Standard (TAS) 203-94 *"Criteria for Testing Products subject to Cyclic Wind Pressure Loading"* as required by Sections 1625, Table 1625.4 and Table 1626 of the Florida Building Code.

7.10 Reports of testing for 160 DS, 290 DS, and 300 DS models in accordance with A440S1-09, *"Canadian Supplement to AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-11, NAFS – North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for Windows, Doors, and Skylights."*

7.11 Reports of testing in accordance with ASTM E1886-05, *"Standard Test Method for Performance of Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, Doors, and Impact Protective Systems Impacted by Missile(s) and Exposed to Cyclic Pressure Differentials"*.





7.12 Reports of testing in accordance with ASTM E1996-2012a, "Standard Specification for Performance of Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, Doors, and Impact Protective Systems Impacted by Windborne Debris in Hurricanes".

8.0 IDENTIFICATION

The *Solatube Tubular Daylighting Devices* produced in accordance with this report shall be identified with permanent labeling that includes the following information:

8.1 The manufacturers name and/or logo, address model number and allowable loads

8.2 The plastic dome glazing thickness and classification (CC2)

8.3 The name or logo of the independent inspection agency, Keystone Certifications, Inc. (IAS AA-714)

8.4 The Intertek mark as shown below, and the Code Compliance Research Report number (CCRR-0131).



9.0 FLORIDA BUILDING CODE

9.1 Scope of Evaluation:

The *Solatube Tubular Daylighting Devices* were evaluated for compliance with the *Florida Building Code – Building* and *Florida Building Code – Residential*.

9.2 Conclusion:

The *Solatube Tubular Daylighting Devices*, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of this Research Report, comply with the comply with *Florida Building Code, Including High*

Velocity Hurricane Zones for 160 DS, 290 DS and 750 DS models.

9.2.1 Models 160 DS, 290 DS, 300 DS, 330 DS and 750 DS have been tested to show compliance with AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-11 *Standard Specification for Windows, Doors, and Unit Skylights*. Testing was performed by a Miami-Dade County approved testing facility and were signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer with current registration in the state of Florida.

9.2.2 Light Transmitting Plastics forming part of the models identified in this report have been shown to have a self-ignition temperature greater than 650°F when tested in accordance with ASTM D 1929-12, A smoke development index less than 450 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84-2013A, and a combustibility classification of CC2 when tested in accordance with ASTM D 635-10.

9.2.3 High Velocity Hurricane Zones (HVHZ)

Models 160 DS, 290 DS, 300 DS and 750 DS have been additionally tested to show compliance with the requirements of the Florida Building Code for use in locations designated as High Velocity Hurricane Zones. Testing has shown;

9.2.3.1 Sufficient resistance to windborne debris, as stated in Section 1626 of the Florida Building Code when tested to FBC Test Protocol 4.TAS 201-94. Sufficient resistance to wind forces as determined by Section 1620 of the Florida Building Code when tested to FBC Test Protocol TAS 202-94.

9.2.3.2 Sufficient resistance to cyclic wind pressure loading as determined by Sections 1625, Table 1625.4 and Table 1626 of the Florida Building Code when tested to FBC Test Protocol TAS 203-94.

9.2.3.3 Sufficient weathering resistance of plastics with outdoor exposure when tested to ASTM G 155 for a period of 4500 hours and subsequent testing to ASTM D 638.

10.0 CODE COMPLIANCE RESEARCH REPORT USE

10.1 Approval of building products and/or materials can only be granted by a building official having legal authority in the specific jurisdiction where approval is sought.





10.2 Code Compliance Research Reports shall not be used in any manner that implies an endorsement of the product by Intertek.

10.3 Reference to the <https://bpdirectory.intertek.com> is recommended to ascertain the current version and status of this report.

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TABLE 1 – MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE DESIGN LOADS AND APPLICABLE CODES

Model No	Dia. (inch)	Dome Thickness (inch)	IBC, IRC, FBC	
			Performance Grade (PG) Rating Pressure	Snow Load ³
160 DS	10	0.125	+/-70 psf	+150 psf
290 DS	14	0.125		
300 DS-C				
330 DS-O ²	21	0.168		
330 DS-C ²				
750 DS-O	21	0.210		
750 DS-C				

¹ Models 330 DS are not approved for use in High Velocity Hurricane Zones as defined by the FBC.

² Allowable design loads for consideration of water penetration are limited to those values indicated under the Performance Grade Rating.





TABLE 2 – ANCHORAGE DESCRIPTIONS FOR RECOGNIZED WIND UPLIFT DESIGN PRESSURES

Model #s	Anchorage	Substrate	Anchor Description and Quantity
160 DS 290 DS 300 DS	Metal Flange to wood curb	SPF (S.G. ≥ .42) wood curb	Qty 8 #10 x 2" Wood Screw
	Metal Flange to wood deck	5/8" Type 2 Plywood	Qty 8 #10 x 2" Wood Screw
		15/32" Type 2 Plywood	
		19/32" Type 2 Plywood	
		7/16" OSB	
	Metal Flange to Metal Curb	22-gauge steel 33ksi Min Yield	Qty 8 #10 TEKS
330 DS-O ¹ 330 DS-C ¹ 750 DS-O 750 DS-C	Metal Flange to wood curb	SPF (S.G. ≥ .42) wood curb	Qty 8 #10 x 2" Wood Screw
	Metal Flange to wood deck	5/8" Type 2 Plywood	Qty 16 #10 x 2" Wood Screw
		15/32" Type 2 Plywood	
		19/32" Type 2 Plywood	
		7/16" OSB	
	Metal Flange to Metal Curb	22-gauge steel 33ksi Min Yield	Qty 8 #10 TEKS
	Metal Flange to Metal Deck	22-gauge steel 33ksi Min Yield	Qty 16 #10 TEKS
	Alum Flange to Metal Deck (Non-Corrugated Roof Type)	26-gauge steel Roof Deck	Qty 16 4.8mm Zinc-Coated Steel Rivets

¹ Models 330 DS are not approved for use in High Velocity Hurricane Zones as defined by the FBC.

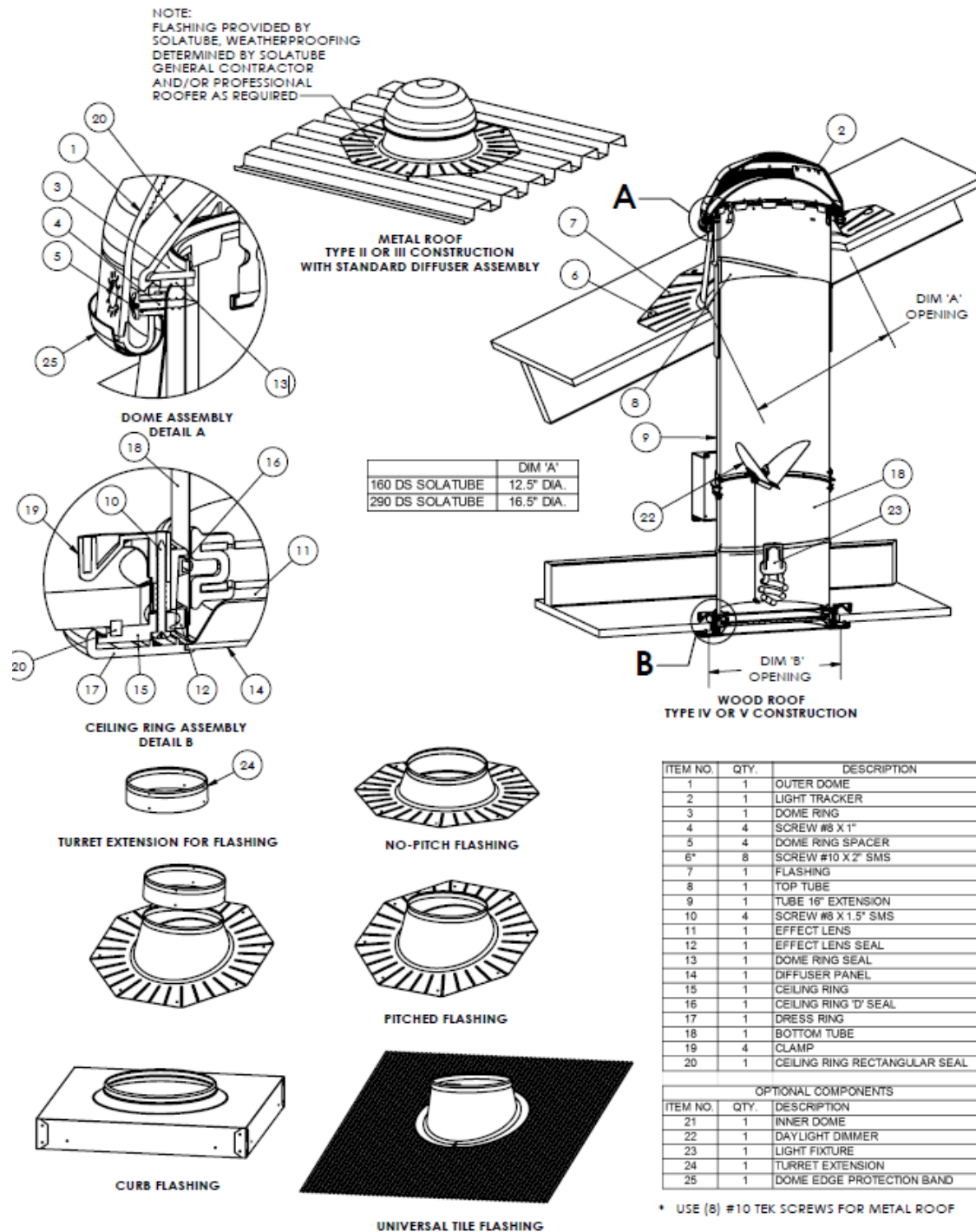


FIGURE 1 - 160 DS & 290 DS SOLATUBE WITH DETAILS

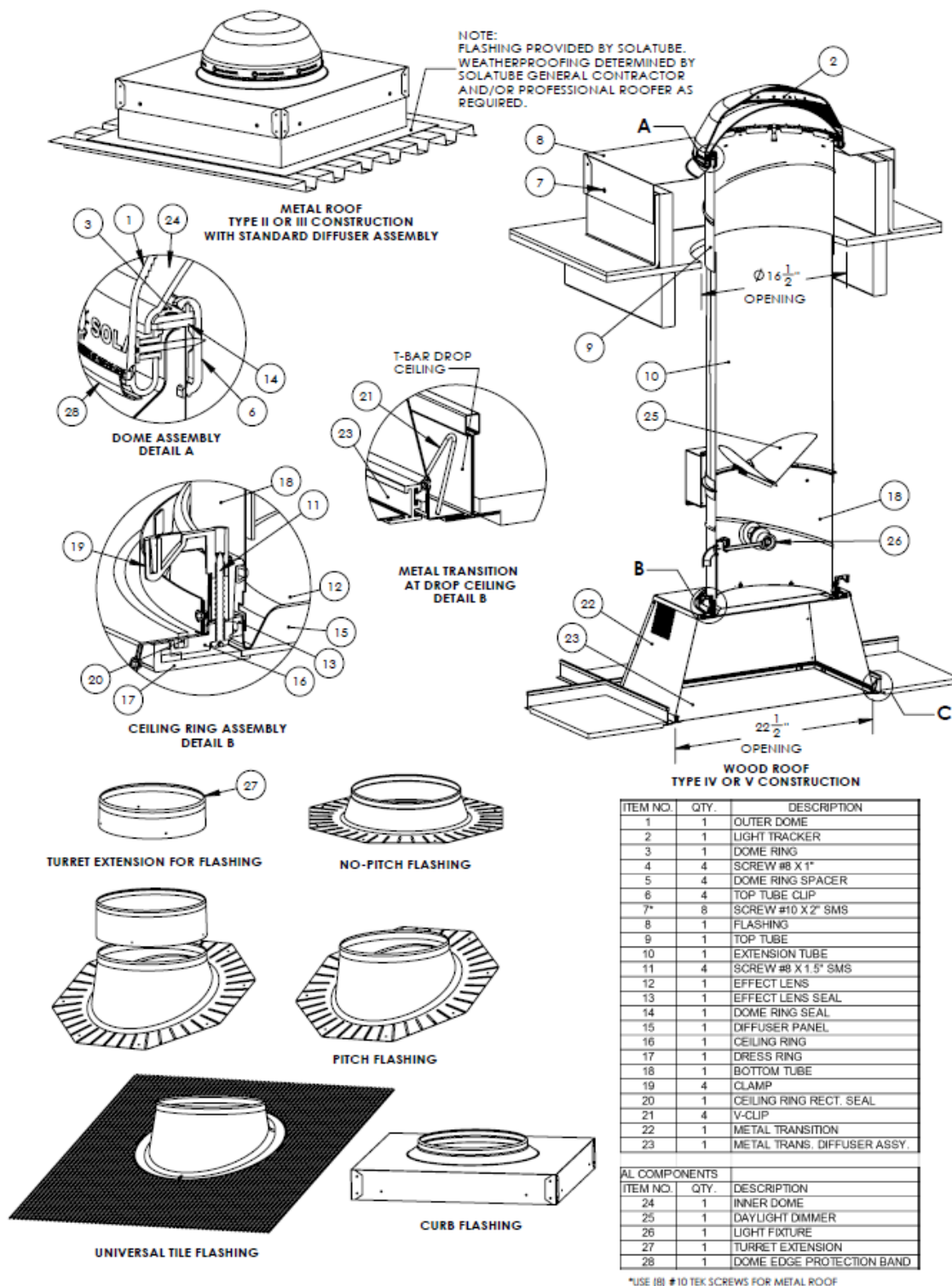


FIGURE 2 - 300 DS SOLATUBE WITH DETAILS

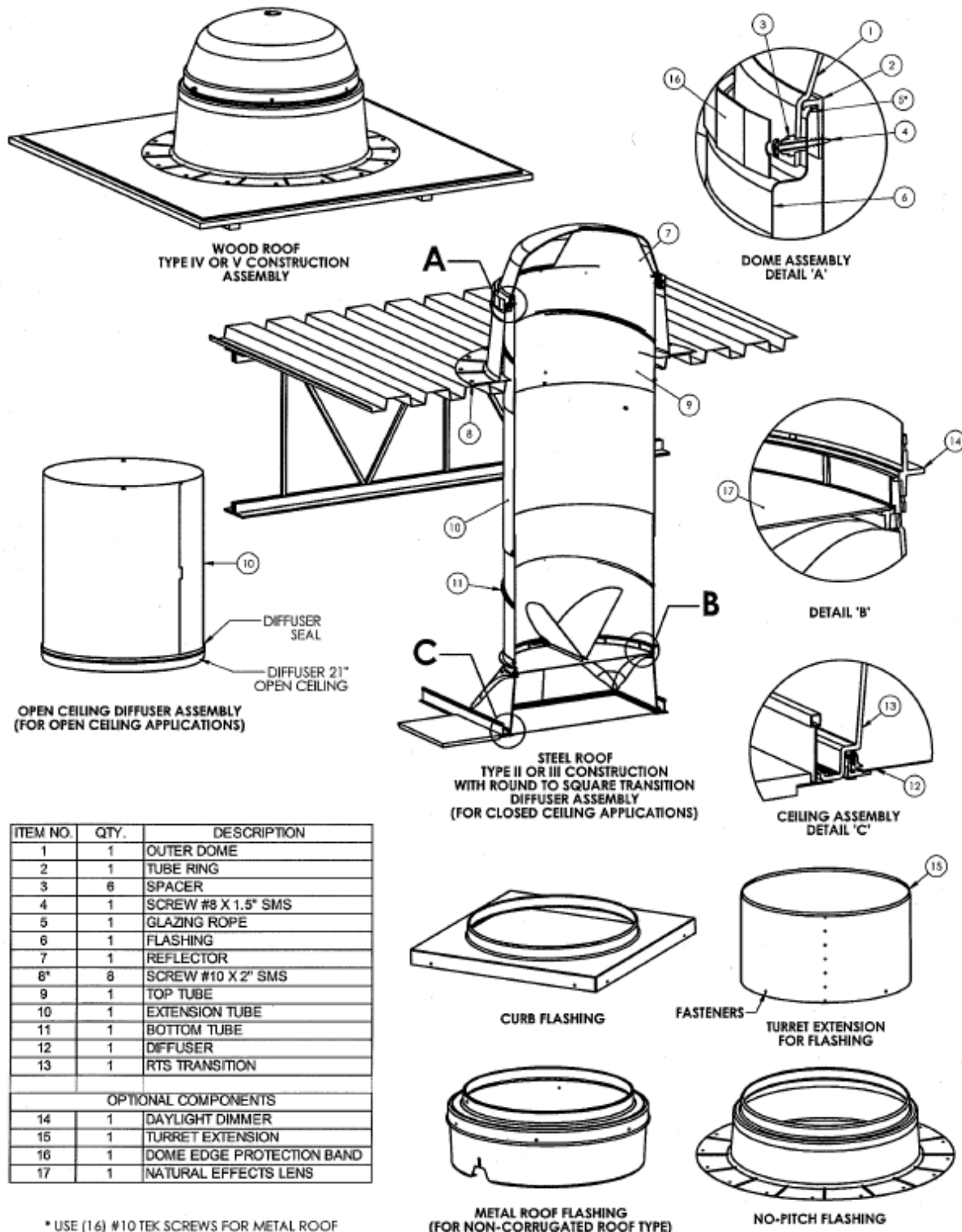


FIGURE 3 - 330 DS SOLATUBE WITH DETAILS

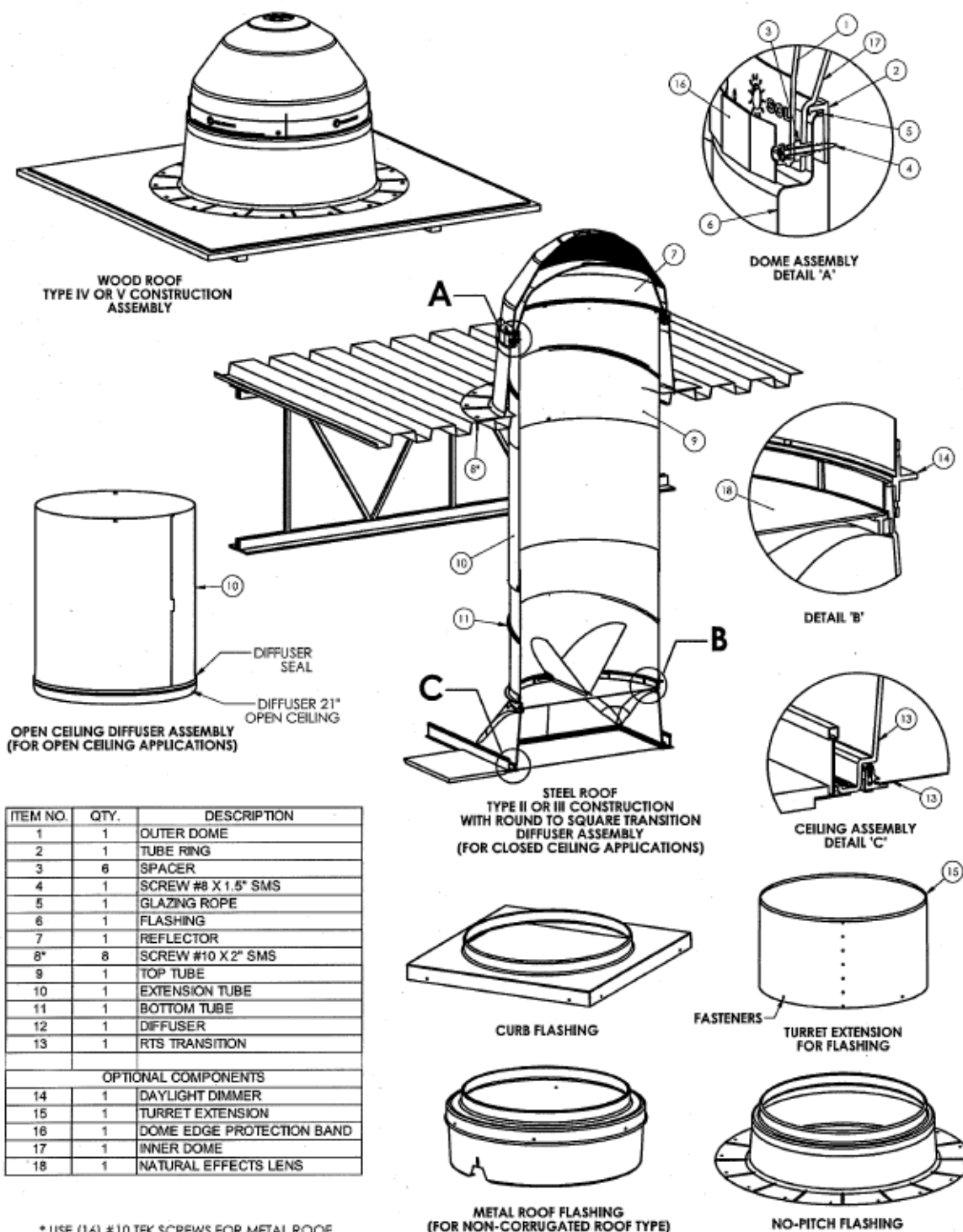
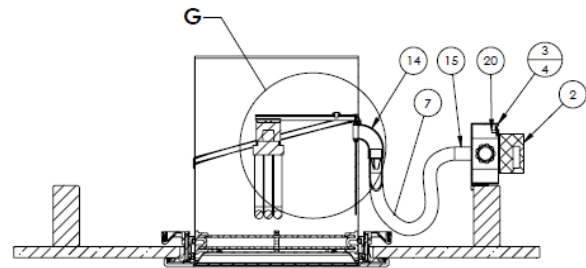
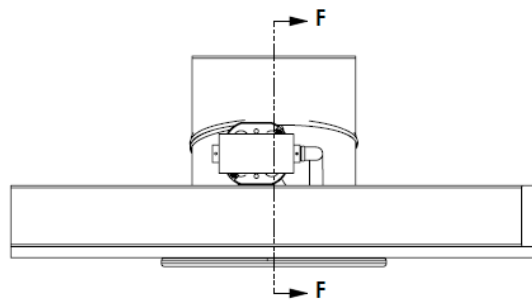
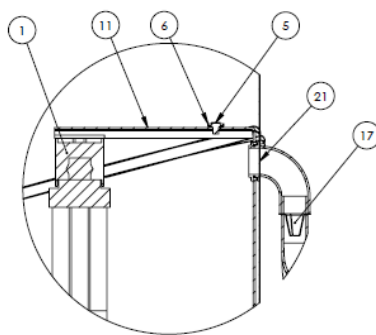


FIGURE 4 - 750 DS SOLATUBE WITH DETAILS



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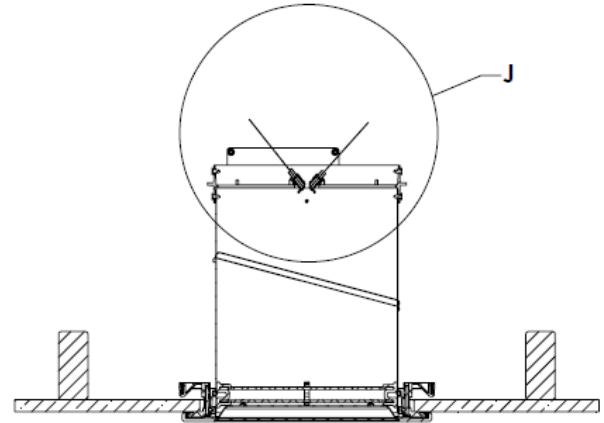
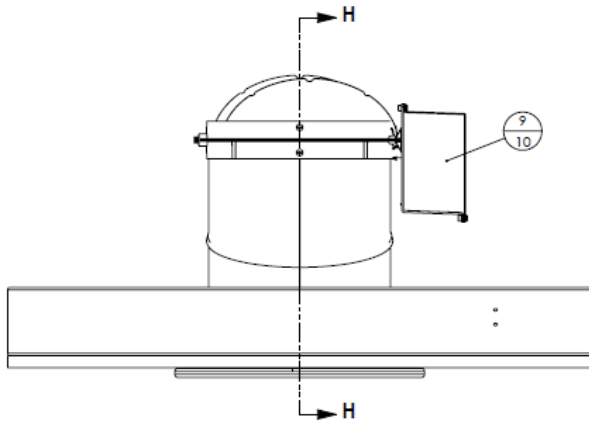
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ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	LAMP HOLDER 4-PIN	1
2	BALLAST, ELECTRIC 26W	1
3	JUNCTION BOX 4" W/BRACKET	1
4	JUNCTION BOX 4" COVER	1
5	SCREW #8-32 X 1/4"	1
6	WASHER #8 GROUND CUP	1
7	CONDUIT FLEXIBLE 3/8" X 48"	1
8	WIRE LEAD BLACK 18 AWG 62" (NOT SHOWN)	1
9	WIRE LEAD WHITE 18 AWG 62" (NOT SHOWN)	1
10	WIRE LEAD GREEN 18 AWG 62" (NOT SHOWN)	1
11	BRACKET CFL 26 WATT	1
12	ZIP TIE, HELICAL WRAP (NOT SHOWN)	1
13	WASHER FENDER 1/4" X 1-1/4" (NOT SHOWN)	1
14	CONNECTOR 90 DEG 3/8	1
15	CONNECTOR STRAIGHT 3/8	1
16	SCREW HEX #8 X .75" (NOT SHOWN)	4
17	BUSHING ANTI-SHORT RED	1
18	NUT WIRE 73B (NOT SHOWN)	6
19	SLEEVE CRIMP 10-18 GA (NOT SHOWN)	1
20	SCREW GROUND 10-32 X .375	1
21	CONDUIT FOAM SEAL 1/8" H X 3/4" W	4

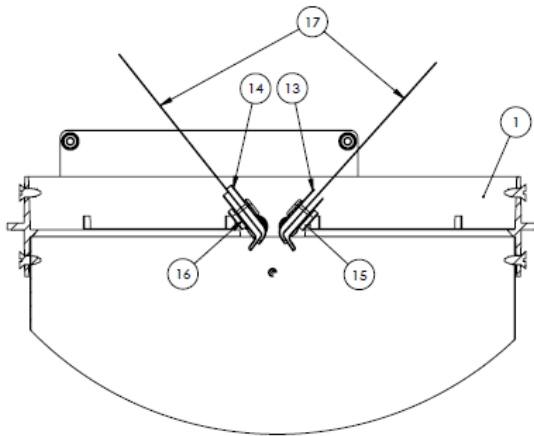
Notes:

1. Universal light kit shown assembled to bottom tube.
2. See Figure 1 for upper assembly
3. Evaluation of these light fixtures for compliance to electrical codes is not part of this report.

FIGURE 5 - TYPICAL SOLATUBE LIGHT KIT ASSEMBLY FOR 160DS & 290DS



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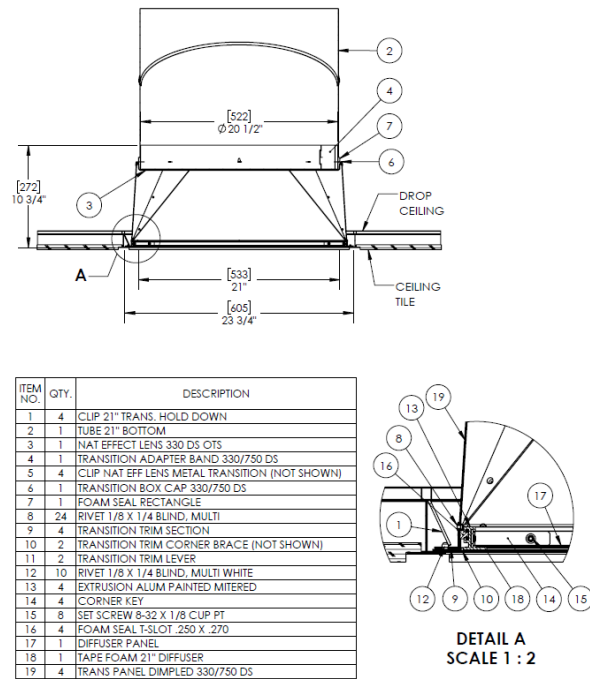
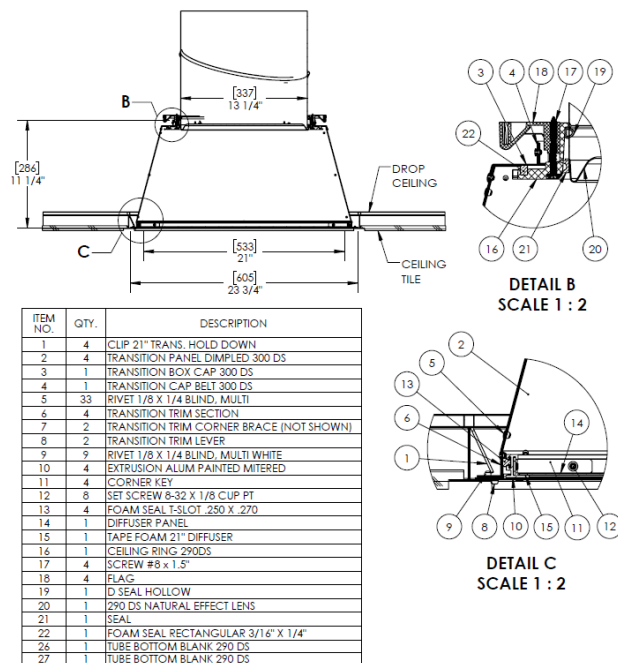
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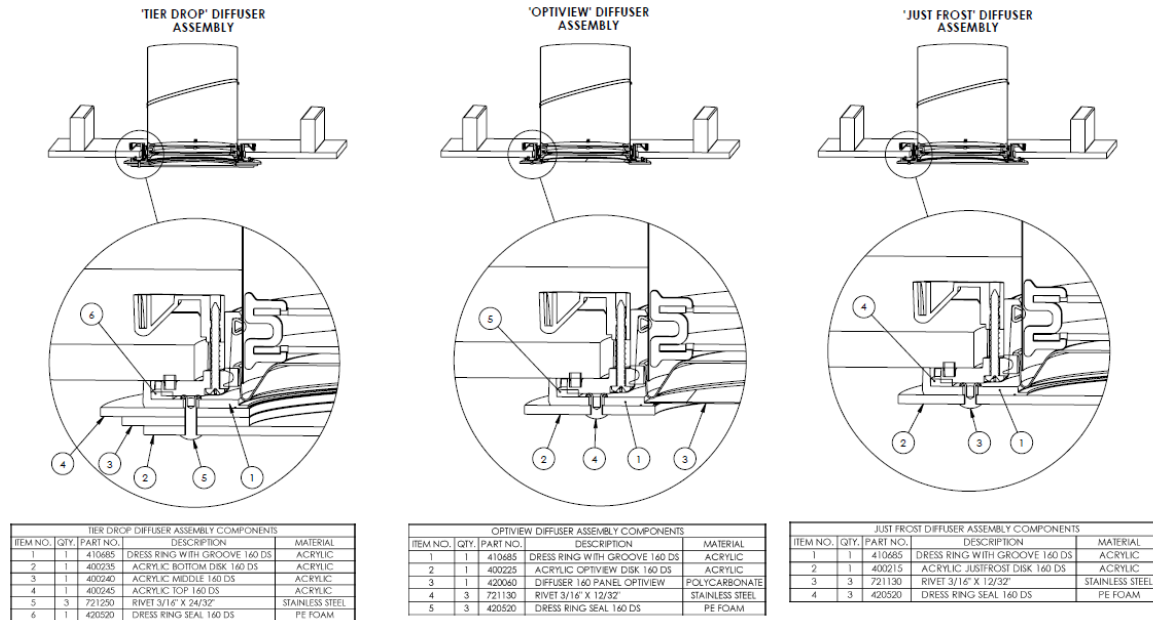
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	RING 10" DAYLIGHT DIMMER	1
2	POWER SUPPLY (NOT SHOWN)	1
3	RETAINER, E-RING, 5/16 (NOT SHOWN)	4
4	PCB, MOTOR CONTROL (NOT SHOWN)	1
5	MOTOR GEARED (NOT SHOWN)	1
6	CAM, DRIVE MECHANISM (NOT SHOWN)	1
7	DOG, DRIVE MECHANISM (NOT SHOWN)	1
8	LID, DRIVE MECHANISM (NOT SHOWN)	1
9	MOUNT, JUNCTION BOX	1
10	COVER, JUNCTION BOX	1
11	SPACER, NYLON 1/2"	1
12	CABLE CLAMP, DLD (NOT SHOWN)	1
13	CLIP, RIGHT	2
14	CLIP, LEFT	2
15	CLIP, BACK RIGHT	2
16	CLIP, BACK LEFT	2
17	DISK, 10" DIMMER	2
18	SCREW TRILOB #4 X 3/16 (NOT SHOWN)	4
19	SCREW TRILOB #6 X 3/8 (NOT SHOWN)	8
20	SCREW TRILOB #8 X 3/8 (NOT SHOWN)	8
21	SCREW TRILOB #8 X 1.0" (NOT SHOWN)	4
22	SCREW TRILOB #12 X 1/2 (NOT SHOWN)	2

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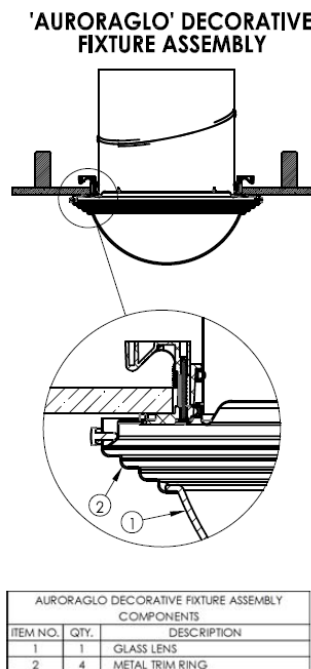
- Daylight dimmer kit shown assembled to bottom tube.
- See Figure 1 for upper assembly
- Evaluation of these light fixtures for compliance to electrical codes is not part of this report.

FIGURE 6 - TYPICAL SOLATUBE DAYLIGHT DIMMER ASSEMBLY FOR 160DS, 290DS, 330DS, & 750D

**330 DS and 750 DS****300 DS****FIGURE 7 – TYPICAL SOLATUBE METAL TRANSITION ASSEMBLY FOR 300 DS, 330 DS, AND 750 DS**



160 DS Decorative Fixture Options



290 DS Decorative Fixture Options

FIGURE 8 – SOLATUBE 160 & 290 DS DECORATIVE FIXTURES