

# VARIFLEX®

# mobile acoustic partitions *ENGINEERING QUIET*



# Overview

ABSORPTION PANELS can be included for extra sound absorption

### Acoustics

Acoustic insulation offered by Aluglass Bautech's VARIFLEX<sup>®</sup> mobile acoustic partitions Noise through ceiling and ceiling void limited by sound break

External noise disturbance can be limited by **ACOUSTIC DOORS**, **WINDOWS** and suitable ceilings.

External noise can be reduced by the selection

of appropriate wall

construction.

Noise through the venue doors can be limited by using VARIKUST<sup>®</sup> acoustic doors and VARIKUST<sup>®</sup> acoustic fire doors

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### Acoustic rating selection table

	Room 1	louder									
Room 2	Activity	Meeting 50dB (BN) 75dB (Peak)	Discussion <sup>50dB</sup> (BN) 80dB (Peak)	Conference 50dB (BN) 85dB (Peak)	Audiovisual (AV) presentation <sup>50dB (BN)</sup> 90dB (Peak)	Studio Recording <sup>35dB (BN)</sup> 85dB (Peak)					
	Meeting	40dB 44dB		47dB	≥ 47dB	48dB					
er	Discussion	44dB	44dB	47dB	≥ 47dB	48dB					
louder	Conference	47dB	47dB	47dB	≥ 47dB	n/a					
10	AV presentation	≥ 47dB	≥ 47dB	≥ 47dB	44dB	51dB					
$\mathbf{\nabla}$	Studio recording	48dB	48dB	n/a	51dB	51dB					

## Which Variflex<sup>®</sup> system to use?

System	Acoustic rating (Rw)	Max height (mm)
	40dB	4800
VX83	44dB	4800
	47dB	4200
	46dB	7000
VX110	48dB	7000
	51dB	6000
VX164	49dB	12000
VX104	52dB	10000

	Rw' (dB)	How much speech is isolated?						
	28	normal speech can be perceived easily						
١	32	loud speech can be perceived easily						
	40	loud speech can be perceived, but not understood						
$\ $	44	loud speech can be perceived only as a murmur						
/	47	must strain to perceive loud speech						
	50	only some loud speech can be barely perceived						
	52	loud speech cannot be perceived						



# **Element details**

### The inside of an element

#### 1.Horizontal seal

To achieve optimum sound attenuation, a double-shell construction is used. Working on the jack principle, telescopic, flexible, spring-loaded double seals press against the ceiling track and floor; the spring sections taking up any normal ceiling deflection. Each panel exerts a load of 80-150kp (kilo pond) on the floor screed, which is not sufficient to overload the floor (particulary when the panels are parked) but is sufficient to give the Varflex system enough stability to avoid its displacement, even when subjected to pressure.

#### Corner block

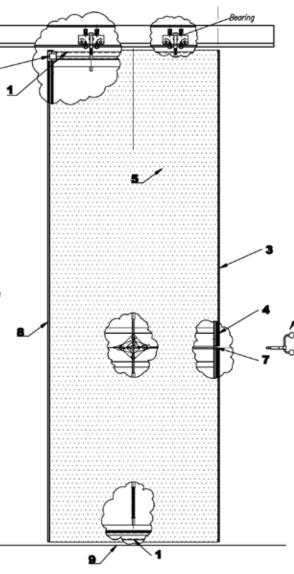
Special corner sections act as corner seals and serve to increase the stability of the wall.

#### <u>3. Vertical</u>

A 4-way PVC lipped profile based on a tangue and groove principle ensures good sealing against sound penetration.

#### 4. Magnetic strip

A 4-pole magnetic edge strip bonds adjacent elements with a force of 7kp (kilo pond) per linear meter. The modules are aligned by the magnetic strips.



#### 5. Facing panels

To achieve optimum sound attenuation, 16mm thick chipboard facing panels with a variety of limp mass laminates attached to the inside face of the panels, to suit the acoustic requirements, are suspended on each of the frames. These are acoustically decoupled to allow the panels to vibrate independently. Panels can be covered in a wide variety of wall finishes from natural timber veneers, wall papers, laminate surfaces etc., and individual facing panels can be interchanged. Decorative and fire retardant or non-combustible panels to various standards are available upon request, subject to confirmation.

<u>6. Operating handle</u> Operating the Variflex system is carried out using a special crank handle.

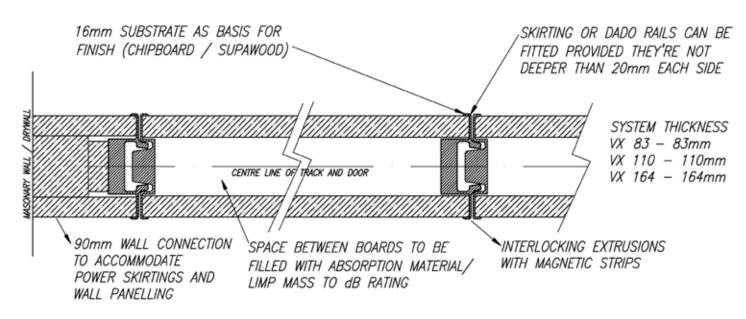
<u>7. Releasing of the Elements</u> The magnetic force which bonds adjacent panels together can be broken by a gentle pulling motion.

#### 8. Frames

The element framework is made up of aluminium hollow sections and steel tube profiles. The rigid,non-deflecting framework, together with the 16mm chipboard facing panels,gives a module of high strength, exceptional sound attenuation and trouble free operation.

9. No floor guides are required.

### Wall and element connection



# Sound test

### Sound test example conducted on an in-situ product after installation

#### STANDARDISED LEVEL DIFFERENCE ACCORDING TO ISO 162283-1 2014 FIELD MEASUREMENTS OF AIRBORNE SOUND INSULATION BETWEEN ROOMS

TEST DATE			31-08-15	
PRODUCT			VX110 - 48dB	
ALUGLASS ACC	DUSTIC RATI	NG	48dB	
PRODUCT DES	CRIPTION		VX110 System with White Board	
			Finish and Limp Mass Treatment	
			Wall A	
TEST DESCRIP	TION AND CO	DMMENT	Some Noise Transmission evident through	
			automated sliding doors - particularly	
			when one is open - this reduced the	
			acoustic separation between the spaces	
			by between 8 and 10dB.	
			Within the supplied system the Telescopic	
			remains the greatest contributor to sound	
			transmission between the spaces.	
PARTITION / DO	OR AREA			m <sup>2</sup>
RECEIVING RO	OM VOLUME		290	m <sup>3</sup>
SOURCE ROOM	1 VOLUME		348	m <sup>3</sup>
TEST EQUIPME	<u>NT USED</u>			
Source			enerator / Aluglass Omni-directional Speaker	-
Measurement			Omnidirectional Test Microphone (Class 2)	
		on Iphone 5S	calibrated with Quest Calibrator (Class 1)	

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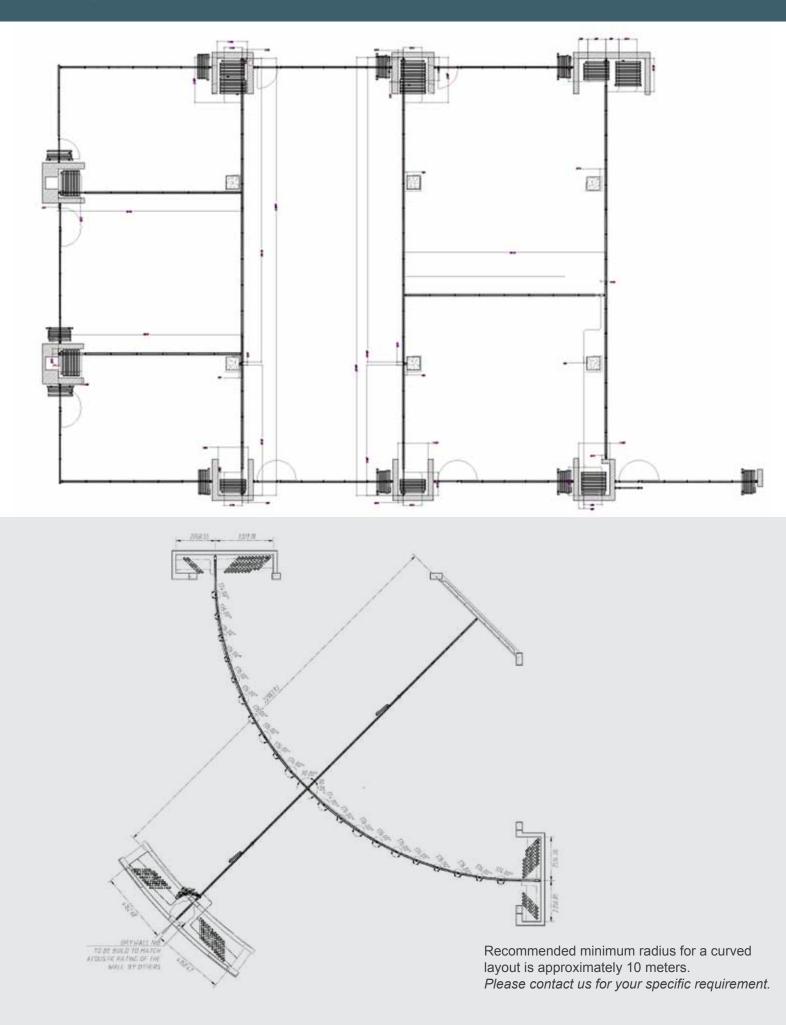
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# Layout examples









# Finishes

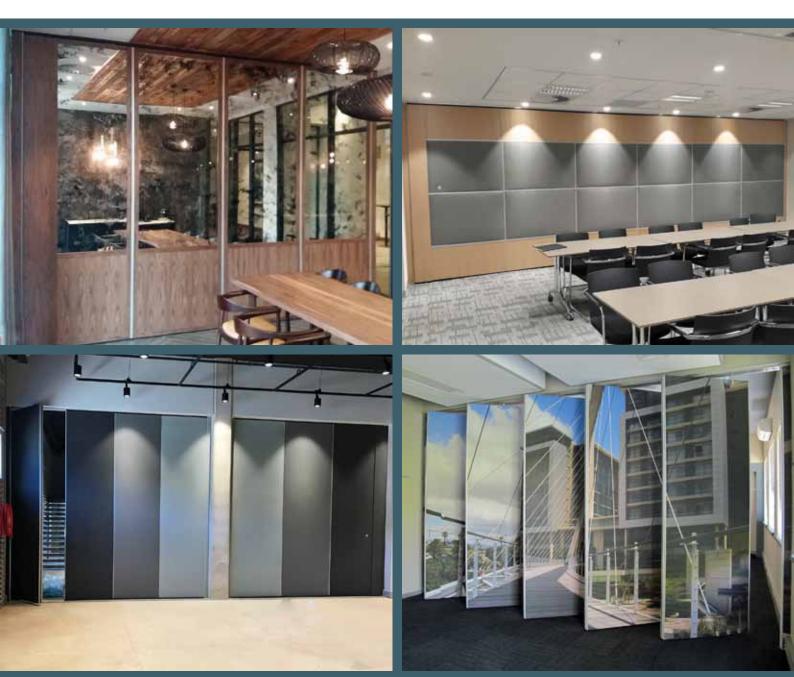
- Fabric any upholstery weight with a min. width of 1400mm
- Wallpaper with a min. width of 1400mm wide
- Laminate surfaces
- Velcromat
- Glass
- MDF sealed or painted
- Marine ply external applications
- Natural wood veneers include:

Beech, Cherry, Etimoe, Kiaat, Mahogany, Maple, Oak, Rosewood,

Walnut, Wenge (stains, waxes and oils can also be applied)

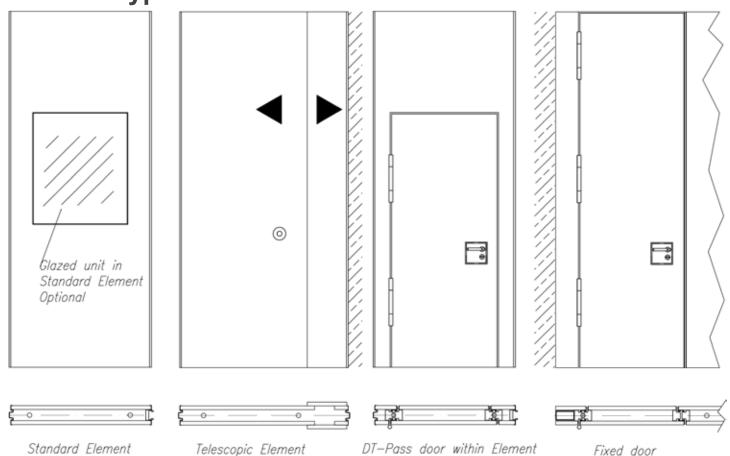
- Integrated magnetic white boards or pin boards
- Integrated absorption panels to assist with sound absorption

Special requirements can be accommodated. Please contact us for your design needs.





Variflex<sup>®</sup> configuration comprising of standard elements and DT-pass doors within elements finished with Velcromat.



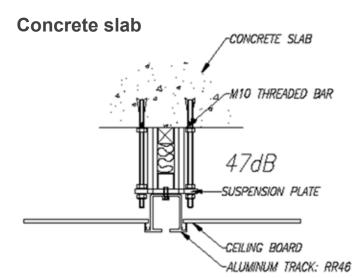
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Telescopic Element

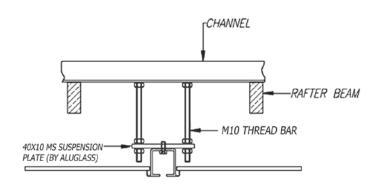
DT-Pass door within Element

Fixed door

# **Suspension details**



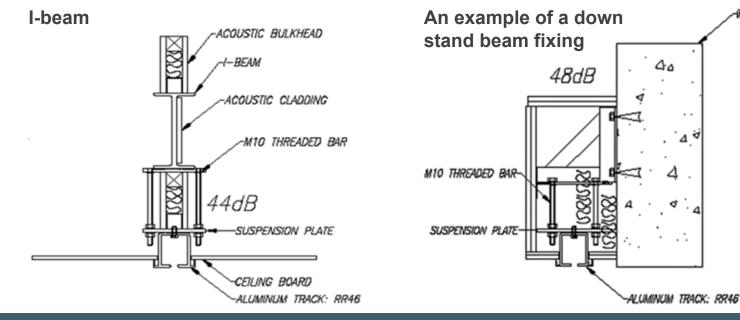
### **Roof trusses**



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A Variflex<sup>®</sup> system installed at an Educational Institution, with options to have either 1 or 2 lecture rooms.



Up to 12 meters high, the Variflex<sup>®</sup> system is suitable for all Convention Centres providing optimal flexibility.

# **VARIFLEX**<sup>®</sup> mobile acoustic partitions

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### MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED

- INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE DURBAN PHASE 1, 2 & 3
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- GABORONE CONVENTION CENTRE
- EAST LONDON CONVENTION CENTRE
- MICROSOFT OFFICES

- MARRIOTT HOTEL GHANA
- SASOL
- ESKOM

OFFICES

HOSPITALS

LABORATORIES

PLACES OF WORSHIP

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- IDC AUDITORIUM
- RAND MERCHANT BANK
- SKYRINK JOHANNESBURG
- AND MANY MORE ...

### FLEXIBLE & CREATIVE MULTIFUNCTION SPACE SOLUTIONS FOR

- CONFERENCE FACILITIES
- AUDITORIA
- TRAINING ROOMS
- EDUCATION FACILITIES SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES
- BOARDROOMS

### SPECIFICATION TEXT

Aluglass Bautech Variflex<sup>®</sup> \_\_\_\_\_(VX83 / VX110 / VX164) mobile acoustic (operable wall) partition, \_\_\_\_\_mm width x \_\_\_\_\_mm high to suit steel support up to underside of structural support (not by Aluglass Bautech) opening size \_\_\_\_\_mm width x \_\_\_\_\_mm high, comprising of tongued and grooved acoustically decoupled \_\_\_\_\_md B (see 'Which Variflex system to use?' table) panels with \_\_\_\_\_\_(veneer, fabric, chipcore, marine ply, supawood, wallpaper or carpet) finish, with mechanically retractable top and bottom seals and vertical seals formed of aluminium extrusions with lip seals and magnetic strips, panels suspended at (one roller trolley / two roller trolley) per panel on track with ball bearing and/or thrust rollers with track bolted to suspension plates in turn bolted to (concrete/ timber / steel) support structure and \_\_\_\_\_mm high bulkhead fitted to and above track in ceiling void. Elements are to park (crosswise under track / U-parking) with elements stacking (one side / two sides).



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