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**Twin City Fan & Blower Guide Specification  
Mixed Flow HVAC Fans: Model QCLB, Belt Driven**

**Twin City Fan & Blower Model QCLB**, **Mixed Flow Fans**, combine the benefits of axial flow and centrifugal flow fans. The QCLB mixed flow fans have the advantage of compact design and straight-through airflow as well as the preferred acoustic characteristics and high pressure capability. QCLB fans offer superior air and sound performance and the AMCA certified rating seal for air and sound.

Mixed flow fans offer the economy of operation with a higher and broader efficiency range. The lower operating speed for a given performance provides longer and more reliable operation.

Model QCLB is available in belt driven configurations. The QCLB mounts both vertically and horizontally, allowing for numerous applications with multiple mounting arrangements. Model QCLB is available as UL/cUL 705 listed for electrical.

**Application**

The QCLB Mixed Flow Fan is a popular choice for many air supply, return, and exhaust air applications in the HVAC industry for both constant and variable air volume systems. The efficiency and sound characteristics of mixed flow fans are often desired in buildings such as hospitals, libraries, theaters, and general offices. The heavy-duty construction of QCLB fans also makes them suitable for many industrial applications handling ambient air.

Sizes (wheel diameters): 12.25 to 73.00 inches (311 mm to 1,854 mm)

Airflow: Up to 105,000 CFM (178,400 m3/hour)

Static Pressure: Up to 4.5 inches wg (1,100 Pa)

Twin City Fan & Blower (TCF) is an industry leading designer and manufacturer of high quality commercial and industrial fans and is a division of Twin City Fan Companies, Ltd. Our extensive product line includes centrifugal fans and blowers, axial fans, and power roof ventilators. For the commercial market, TCF supplies ventilation fans for retail and office buildings, restaurants, schools, hospitals, and government buildings. TCF’s industrial fans are used in a wide variety of process applications for numerous industries including Petrochemical, Nuclear, Cement, Steel, and Air Pollution Control. Special materials, construction, coatings, and accessories are available to fit any application requirements.

TCF has completed thousands of successful installations across the globe and has a proven track record for tackling the most technically complex applications within the fan industry. TCF is also known for its technical design capabilities, comprehensive testing services, and responsive sales team. Due to the company’s extensive expertise and long-standing reputation for proven quality, TCF products continue to be specified around the globe.

TCF occupies over 1,000,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space across ten facilities in the U.S, with expanded manufacturing and service operations located in South America, Europe, India, China, and Singapore. Headquarters are located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, which houses the management, sales and marketing, accounting, human resources, material management, engineering personnel, as well as a state-of-the-art AMCA accredited testing lab.

We recommend you consult with your Twin City Fan & Blower Sales Representative, who can be contacted through: Twin City Fan & Blower, Minneapolis MN; (763) 551-7600; email: [tcf\_sales@tcf.com](mailto:tcf_sales@tcf.com); [www.tcf.com](http://www.tcf.com).

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SECTION 23 34 13.03 – MIXED-FLOW HVAC FANS

1. GENERAL
   * + 1. SUMMARY
          1. Section includes inline mixed flow fans, belt driven.
       2. REFERENCE STANDARDS
          1. American Bearing Manufacturers Association (ABMA): [www.americanbearings.org](http://www.americanbearings.org/):

ABMA 9 – Load Ratings and Fatigue Life for Ball Bearings

ABMA 11 – Load Ratings and Fatigue Life for Roller Bearings

* + - * 1. Air Movement and Control Association International, Inc. (AMCA): [www.amca.org](http://www.amca.org):

AMCA Standard 204 - Balance Quality and Vibration Levels for Fans

AMCA Standard 205 - Energy Efficiency Classification for Fans

AMCA Standard 210 / ASHRAE 51 - Laboratory Methods of Testing Fans for Certified Aerodynamic Performance Rating

AMCA Publication 211 - Certified Ratings Program - Product Rating Manual for Fan Air Performance

AMCA Standard 300 - Reverberant Room Method for Sound Testing of Fans

AMCA Publication 311 - Certified Ratings Program - Product Rating Manual For Fan Sound Performance

* + - * 1. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA): [www.nema.org](http://www.nema.org)

NEMA MG 1 – Motors and Generators

* + - * 1. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org):

NFPA 70 - National Electric Code

* + - * 1. Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD): https://www.oshpd.ca.gov/

OSHPD Special Seismic Certification Preapproval OSP-0271-10

ICC-ES AC 156 – Acceptance Criteria for Seismic Certification by Shake-Table Testing of Nonstructural Components

* + - * 1. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL): [www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com):

UL/cUL 705 - Standard for Power Ventilators

* + - 1. ACTION SUBMITTALS
         1. Product Data: Include the following:

Rated capacities and operating characteristics.

Fan Performance Data: Fan performance curves with flow, static pressure and horsepower.

Sound Performance Data: Fan sound power levels in eight octave bands and, A-weighted overall sound power level or sone values.

Motor ratings and electrical characteristics.

Furnished specialty components.

Specified accessories.

Dimensioned standard drawings indicating dimensions, weights, and attachments to other work.

Specifier: If Contractor will be required to provide engineering drawings and calculations for vibration, seismic, or high wind design, insert requirements here.

* + - 1. INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS
         1. Source quality-control reports.
         2. Field quality-control reports.
         3. ISO-9001 certificate.
      2. CLOSEOUT SUBMITTALS
         1. Operation and Maintenance Data: Include routine maintenance, adjustment requirements, safety information, and troubleshooting guide.
      3. QUALITY ASSURANCE
         1. Manufacturer Qualifications: Approved ISO 9001-compliant manufacturer listed in this Section with minimum 10 years' experience in manufacture of similar products in successful use in similar applications, and with an ASME NQA-1 compliant Program.

Specifier: Retain paragraph below if Owner allows substitutions but requires strict control over qualifying of substitutions.

Approval of Comparable Products: Submit the following in accordance with project substitution requirements, within time allowed for substitution review:

Product data, including certified independent test data indicating compliance with requirements.

Project references: Minimum of 5 installations not less than 5 years old, with Owner contact information.

Sample warranty.

Substitutions following award of contract are not allowed except as stipulated in Division 01 General Requirements.

Approved manufacturers must meet separate requirements of Submittals Article.

* + - * 1. AMCA Compliance:

Provide fan types tested in accordance with AMCA Standard 210 (air performance) and AMCA Standard 300 (sound performance) in an AMCA-accredited laboratory.

Provide fan units rated according to AMCA Standard 211 (air performance) and AMCA Standard 311 (sound performance).

Provide fan units rated according to AMCA Standard 205 (fan efficiency grade).

* + - 1. COORDINATION
         1. Coordinate sizes and locations of supports required for fan units.
         2. Coordinate sizes and locations of equipment supports, roof curbs, and roof penetrations.
      2. FIELD CONDITIONS
         1. Handling and Storage: Handle and store fan units in accordance with manufacturer's published instructions. Examine units upon delivery for damage. Store units protected from weather.
      3. WARRANTY

Specifier: Consult TCF for available special Project-specific warranties.

* + - * 1. Manufacturer's Warranty: Manufacturer's standard form in which manufacturer agrees to furnish replacement components for fan units that demonstrate defects in workmanship or materials under normal use within warranty period specified.

Warranty Period: 12 months from startup or 18 months from shipment by manufacturer, whichever first occurs.

1. PRODUCTS
   * + 1. MANUFACTURER
          1. Basis-of-Design Manufacturer: Provide fan units manufactured by **Twin City Fan & Blower**, Minneapolis MN; (763) 551-7600; email: [tcf\_sales@tcf.com](mailto:tcf_sales@tcf.com); website: [www.tcf.com](http://www.tcf.com).
          2. Source Limitations: Obtain mixed flow fans from a single manufacturer.
       2. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS
          1. Fan Performance Ratings: [Project site elevation- based] [Sea level elevation-based].
          2. AMCA Compliance: Provide units that bear the AMCA-Certified Ratings Seal.
          3. Compliance:

Classified under AMCA Standard 205.

Provide units that comply with requirements of UL 705.

* + - * 1. Electrical Components, Devices, and Accessories: Listed and labeled as defined in NFPA 70.
      1. MIXED FLOW FANS
         1. Description: Belt - Driven, Mixed Flow Axial Fans: Axial fan units, configured for horizontal or vertical flow of relatively clean air for Heating, Ventilating, and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) applications.

Basis of Design Product: **Twin City Fan & Blower, Model QCLB**.

Permanently attach nameplate displaying serial number and unit information.

* + - * 1. Fan Capacities, Characteristics, and Configuration: Refer to Drawing schedule.

Specifier: Select steel option in following paragraph for all cases except spark-resistant construction Types A or B.

* + - * 1. Fan Wheel/Impeller: Provide fabricated wheel/impeller with die-formed, single-thickness blades, continuously welded to wheel backplate and wheel outer rim. Hub to be keyed to shaft.

Materials of Construction: Manufacturer's standard, based on wheel size and pressure class.

Statically and dynamically balance wheel.

Minimum Balance Quality Grade: G6.3, in accordance with AMCA Standard 204.

* + - * 1. Fan Shaft: AISI C1045 hot rolled steel, accurately turned, ground, polished, and ring gauged. Select shaft diameter so that first critical speed is minimum 1.43 times maximum speed for each fan class.

Apply petroleum based rust prevention coating.

* + - * 1. Bearings: Manufacturer's standard field-lubricated ball or roller bearings, based on fan size and mounting orientation, with grease lines extended to outside fan housing.

Minimum Average Bearing Life: AMBA L-10 = 80,000 hours at maximum operating speed.

Specifier: In the following paragraphs, the standard inner cylinder, straightening vanes and housing material is steel. Select optional aluminum material when spark-resistant construction, Type A, or all aluminum construction are required.

* + - * 1. Inner Cylinder: [Steel] [Aluminum] rigidly constructed to support fan shaft and bearings, with removable discharge cone.

Specifier: To allow for fan shaft, bearing, and sheave service, design duct access door adjacent to discharge end of fan.

Design fan to allow for servicing fan shaft, bearings, and sheave by removing discharge cone.

* + - * 1. Straightening Vanes: [Steel] [Aluminum] aerodynamically designed to recover velocity pressure and convert it to static pressure in downstream ductwork.
        2. Housing: Formed [steel] [aluminum] with continuously welded seams and aerodynamic inlet. Provide punched inlet and outlet flanges.
        3. Belt Drives:

Drive Components: V-belt drive, rated for minimum 150 percent of motor nameplate horsepower, with machined, cast-iron sheaves, and heat resistant, oil resistant, static-free V-belts.

Motor 10 HP and Smaller: Adjustable pitch.

Motor 15 HP and Larger: Fixed pitch.

Motor and Drive Assembly: Motor to be rigidly mounted on adjustable mounting plate with drives isolated from airstream. Provide belt shield tubes.

Specifier: Retain first following subparagraph for indoor fans. Retain second following subparagraph for outdoor fans, when required.

Belt Guard: OSHA compliant. Steel, totally enclosed and sealed.

Weather Cover: Provide steel weather cover to shield motor and belt-drive from weather. Fabricate with rainproof ventilation slots.

* + - * 1. Motors: Comply with NEMA MG-1 for designation, temperature rating, service factor, enclosure type, and efficiency requirements for motors specified in Division 23 section "Common Motor Requirements for HVAC Equipment."

Motor Sizes: Minimum size as indicated. If not indicated, large enough so driven load will not require motor to operate in service factor range above 1.0.

Motor Speed: Based upon performance requirements and application.

Specifier: Select motor electrical data in following subparagraphs, or show this data on the drawing fan schedule. Do not show the data in both places.

Specifier: Select either 60 Hz or 50 Hz electrical data from the following subparagraphs. Do not mix voltages between 50 Hz and 60 Hz paragraphs.

Electrical Data:

Voltage: [115] [208] [230] [460] [575] [\_\_\_\_\_] V; [1] [3] phase; 60 Hz.

Voltage: [190] [380] [\_\_\_\_\_] V; [1] [3] phase; 50 Hz.

Specifier: Select motor enclosure type in first following subparagraph.

Enclosure Type: [Open, Drip Proof (ODP)] [Totally Enclosed Fan Cooled (TEFC)] [Explosion Proof (EXP)].

Provide motors that comply with the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA).

Specifier: For motors controlled by VFDs, retain the following subparagraph.

When required, provide premium efficiency motor, suitable for inverter duty, for motors controlled by Variable Frequency Drive (VFD).

Specifier: If factory disconnect is required, select NEMA enclosure rating in following paragraph, and select one subparagraph below to specify factory or field mounting. For NEMA 7/9, disconnect is only shipped loose.

Provide unfused disconnect switch, NEMA [1] [3R] [4] [4X] [7/9], selected in accordance with Division 26 section "Enclosed Switches."

Ship disconnect switch loose for field mounting and wiring.

Factory mount and wire disconnect switch.

* + - * 1. Motor Mounting Platform: Heavy-duty motor mounting platform that allows adjustment of drive belt tension. Provide eight standard locations around fan unit circumference for placement of motor mounting platform. Motor location per drawing schedule.

Specifier: Retain paragraph and subparagraph below when isolation is required, and coordinate options with project design.

* + - * 1. Vibration Isolation:

Provide isolation of fan from connected piping, duct work and foundation in accordance with fan manufacturer's requirements, and Division 23, Section "Vibration and Seismic Controls for HVAC Piping and Equipment."

Specifier: Retain the following paragraphs for fans mounted to a foundation only. Select options as required. Consult TCF for assistance.

For fans mounted directly to foundation, provide [spring] [neoprene-in-shear] vibration isolators [and seismic restraints].

Spring Isolators: Select for [1 inch (25.4 mm)] [2 inch (51 mm)] deflection.

Specifier: Retain the following paragraphs for fans suspended from ceiling only. Select options as required. Consult TCF for assistance.

For fans suspended from the ceiling, provide [spring] [neoprene-in-shear] vibration isolators [and seismic restraints].

Spring Isolators: Select for [1 inch (25.4 mm)] [2 inch (51 mm)] deflection.

Suspension rods, nuts, bolts and supporting angles are to be provided by the customer.

Thrust Restraint: Provide thrust restraint support member when fan is horizontally mounted and not anchored to building structure.

* + - * 1. Finishes:

After fabrication, deburr, clean and chemically pretreat metal parts by phosphatization.

Apply two coats of following finish:

Specifier: The first paragraph below is manufacturer's standard finish. Those that follow are optional finishes. Select finish that is required.

If fans specified for the project have different finishes, include the finish for each fan on the Drawings and delete here.

Air-dried enamel.

High-temperature aluminum paint.

Asphaltum.

Vinyl PVC.

Zinc.

Air-dried epoxy.

Synthetic resin, Santile 855.

Air-dried phenolic, Heresite VR 506.

Epoxy, Carboguard 890 series.

Phenolic epoxy, Plasite 7122L

Baked phenolic, Heresite P 413

Coal tar epoxy.

High-Build baked epoxy, Skotchkote 324.

* + - * 1. Accessories:

Specifier: Accessories listed in subparagraphs below are optional TCF features for this unit. Consult TCF representative for recommended options based upon Project requirements.

Belt Guard Painted Yellow

Specifier: Retain paragraph below for roof mounted units only.

Roof Curb: Canted, [12 inches (305 mm)] [[\_\_\_\_\_] inches (\_\_\_\_\_ mm)] high, unvented, [with 1-1/2 inch (38 mm) thick insulation].

Specifier: In the following paragraph, the standard material is steel. Select optional aluminum when all aluminum fan construction is required.

Curb Cap: One-piece, weather-tight construction, to adapt from square roof curb to round fan inlet. pre-punched mounting holes for correct attachment to roof curb. Fabricate from [steel] [aluminum] and include flange to mate with fan unit inlet flange.

Specifier: In the following paragraph, the standard material is steel. Select optional aluminum when all aluminum fan construction is required.

Discharge Cap: Provide [steel] [aluminum] discharge cap with integral butterfly damper flaps operated by fan flow.

Fusible Link: Holds butterfly dampers on discharge cap open when fusible link melts at 165 deg. F (74 deg. C).

Magnetic Damper Latches: Provide where required to keep dampers closed while fan is not running.

Inlet Safety Screen: Flat type, welded wire safety screen.

Outlet Safety Screen: Welded wire screen, mounted at fan outlet.

[Bolted] [Quick-open, latched] access door.

Specifier: Retain the following paragraph if optional duct flanges matching fan housing flanges are required.

Provide slip-on companion flanges with factory punched holes to match fan flanges for making connections to ductwork.

Specifier: Retain following paragraph when spark-resistant construction is required. Select applicable subparagraph.

Spark Resistant Construction: Mount bearings outside flow airstream, and provide sealed metal belt tubes.

AMCA Type A: Provide non-ferrous metal parts in contact with flowing airstream, and aluminum rub ring where shaft penetrates fan housing. Maximum operating temperature: 250 deg. F (121 deg. C).

AMCA Type B: Provide non-ferrous fan wheel impeller and aluminum rub ring where shaft penetrates fan housing. Maximum operating temperature: 250 deg. F (121 deg. C).

AMCE Type C: Provide construction that will not permit shaft or fan wheel impeller to contact or strike ferrous metal parts.

UL/cUL 705 Compliant Assembly: Provide components required for UL/cUL 705 compliance. Affix UL 705 labeling and nameplate to finished unit.

Specifier: Retain the following subparagraph when reduced leakage is required. This seal does not make the inner cylinder gas-tight.

Provide shaft seal, consisting of a PTFE wear pad/plate and rubber checkseal at the wheel end of the inner cylinder, to limit airstream infiltration.

Specifier: Where flow measurement is required, retain following subparagraph. This flow measurement device can be used with instrumentation provided by Twin City Fans, or instrumentation provided as the work of a separate contract.

Piezometer Ring: Provide piezometer ring type differential pressure device with [nylon] [copper] tubing connections for field-installed flow measuring instrumentation.

Pressure Transducer without Display: Provide piezometer ring and transducer to convert differential pressure readings to 4 - 20 mA DC signal proportional to flow.

Specifier: When required, retain enclosure option in following paragraph.

Pressure Transducer/Transmitter with Display [NEMA 4X Enclosure]: Provide piezometer ring and transducer with local digital display to convert differential pressure readings to 4 - 20 mA DC signal proportional to flow. Include two independently adjustable SPDT dry-contact outputs.

Specifier: Retain the following paragraph when OSHPD Seismic Certification is required for the project

Available accessories when OSHPD Seismic Certification is required are limited to the following:

• Belt Guard • Belt Tube

• Shaft Seal-std. type • Piezometer Ring

• Painted Finish • Spark Resistant Construction Type C

• Access Door: Hinged, Bolted

• Flange: Inlet, Outlet; Punched, Unpunched

• Weather Cover: Std. Type, Hinged type

• Outlet Screen: Aluminum, Carbon steel, Stainless Steel

• Extended Lube Lines: Std. type, Copper

• Disconnect Switch: NEMA 1, NEMA 3R, NEMA 4X

OSHPD Seismic Certification: Provide unit construction compliant with California’s Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development seismic certification of equipment and components.

The Design will be in Accordance with ASCE 7-10 Chapter 13.

Fan will be mounted to seismic spring isolators.

* + - 1. SOURCE QUALITY CONTROL
         1. Factory Run Test: Statically and dynamically balance each wheel in accordance with AMCA Standard 204 "Balance Quality and Vibration Levels for Fans" to Fan Application Category BV-3, Balance Quality Grade G6.3. Test run assembled fan units prior to shipment at specified operating speed or maximum RPM allowed. Obtain balance readings by electronic equipment in the axial, vertical, and horizontal directions on each set of bearings.

1. EXECUTION
   * + 1. EXAMINATION
          1. Examine areas to receive fans. Notify Engineer regarding conditions that may adversely affect installation, operation, or maintenance of fans. Proceed with installation once conditions are in accordance with manufacturer's published instructions.
       2. PROTECTION
          1. Protect adjacent construction and finished surfaces during installation and testing.
          2. Except for operational testing, do not operate fan during construction.
       3. INSTALLATION
          1. Install fans in accordance with Contract documents and manufacturer's published instructions.

Specifier: Insert applicable installation requirements for vibration, seismic, and high wind design if applicable to installation.

* + - * 1. Install fan units with adequate clearances for service and maintenance.

Specifier: Coordinate duct installation and specialty arrangements with schematics on Drawings and with requirements specified in duct systems. If Drawings are explicit enough, these requirements may be reduced or omitted.

* + - * 1. Duct Connections: Drawings indicate general arrangement of ducts and duct accessories. Where indicated on Drawings, [install factory-furnished companion flanges and] make final duct connections with flexible connectors. Flexible connectors are specified in Division 23 section "Air Duct Accessories."

Install connecting ducts with adequate clearances for service and maintenance.

* + - * 1. Electrical Connections: Connect wiring in accordance with NFPA 70 and Division 26 section "Low-Voltage Electrical Power Conductors and Cables."

Ground and bond equipment according to Division 26 section "Grounding and Bonding for Electrical Systems."

* + - * 1. Equipment Identification: Label units according to Division 23 section "Identification for HVAC Piping and Equipment."
      1. FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

Specifier: Select option in paragraph below to define the party responsible for final tests and inspections to be performed.

* + - * 1. [Owner will retain] [Contractor shall retain] qualified testing agency to perform field tests and inspections.

Specifier: Retain first paragraph below to describe tests and inspections to be performed.

* + - * 1. Tests and Inspections:

Verify that unit is secured to supports, and that duct and electrical connections are complete. Verify that proper thermal-overload protection is installed in motors, starters, and disconnect switches.

Verify that cleaning and adjusting are complete.

Specifier: Retain option in following paragraph for belt driven units. Otherwise, delete option.

[Disconnect fan belt drive from motor.] Verify proper motor rotation direction, and verify fan wheel free rotation and smooth bearing operation. Reconnect fan drive system, align and adjust belts, and install belt guards.

Verify that manual and automatic volume control, and fire and smoke dampers in connected ductwork systems are in fully open position.

Disable automatic temperature-control actuators, energize motor, adjust fan to indicated rpm, and measure and record motor voltage and amperage.

Shut unit down and reconnect automatic temperature-control actuators.

Remove and replace malfunctioning units and retest as specified above.

* + - * 1. Test and adjust controls and safeties. Replace damaged and malfunctioning controls and equipment.
        2. Submit test and inspection reports.
      1. ADJUSTING AND CLEANING
         1. Adjust, clean, and maintain installed fan units in accordance with manufacturer's published instructions.

END OF SECTION