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## Atrium Launches New Silent Guard® Specification and Education Tools

*New design specification tools and education programs greatly enhance support to architects, builders and remodelers engaged in building projects employing advanced noise suppression technologies*

DALLAS – Atrium Companies, Inc., one of the largest manufacturers of residential vinyl and aluminum windows and patio doors in North America, today announced the launch of several new design specification and education tools in support of its Silent Guard® vinyl window and patio door product line. In launching new Building Information Modeling (BIM) architectural design and specification tools, a new Virtual Sound Lab, and a new Continuing Education (CE) course module, Atrium further reinforces its position as a national leader in noise suppression vinyl window and patio door technologies for residential and light commercial construction activity.

Silent Guard® BIM models are offered on the Revit Architecture® design and specification platform, utilizing the latest 3-dimensional computer aided design methodology now in growing use by architectural firms. The Silent Guard® Virtual Sound Lab allows users to select various outside noise sources, and audibly demonstrates the noise suppression capability across vinyl window choices starting with a standard dual-glazed window, and compares that performance to a Silent Guard® window configured with various noise reduction glazing options available. The Atrium CE module, entitled "The Use of Acoustic Fenestration in Building Design," is registered with the American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES). Credit earned on completion of this course will be reported to CES Records for all AIA members.

"Silent Guard® Acoustical Windows deliver cutting edge technology in residential and light commercial vinyl sound control windows," said Kevin O'Meara, chairman and chief executive officer. "As a leader in the acoustical window market, our new tools and programs launched today further reinforce our commitment to deliver exceptional value in noise suppression, outstanding thermal efficiency and years of maintenance-free ownership, all backed by one of the strongest warranties in the business."

"The Silent Guard® product line is designed with STC/OITC performance ratings to meet a wide range of acoustical design requirements, enabling architects, builders and remodelers to deliver windows that affordably meet or beat their project's desired noise abatement performance," said Mark Gallant, senior vice president of marketing. "With Atrium's national presence and superior distribution systems, the company is able to deliver Silent Guard® products to any market that needs a high-value, acoustic window and patio door solution."

For more information on Silent Guard® acoustical products and to access their new support programs, visit [www.Silent-Guard.com](http://www.Silent-Guard.com).

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### About Atrium Companies, Inc.

For more than 50 years, Atrium Companies, Inc. ([atrium.com](http://atrium.com)) has offered the highest quality window and door products to builders, contractors and distributors in the residential construction industry. Dedicated to meeting the needs of its customers, the Atrium family of brands provides a versatile range of window and patio door products, including vinyl and aluminum models, as well as replacement and new construction product lines. A variety of window styles also is available through the Atrium family, including single- and double-hung, horizontal slider, casement, tilt-and-turn and architectural shapes. Specialty products range from hurricane-impact solutions with Atrium's SafeHarbor® impact-resistant windows and patio doors, to innovative noise abatement Silent Guard® sound suppression windows and patio doors. The company's portfolio of brands includes its flagship Atrium Windows and Doors brand, Superior Windows and Doors, Thermal Industries, HR Windows, Champion Window, North Star Vinyl Windows and Doors, and Darby Door.

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