

SECTION 23 30 00 - AIR DISTRIBUTION

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. Provide Air Distribution Materials as specified herein and as shown on the Drawings.
- B. Material characteristics and size shall be as indicated on the Drawings.
- C. Related Work: The requirements of Section 23 05 00, Common HVAC Materials and Methods, also apply to this section.

1.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Air Distribution Equipment Rating: In accordance with AMCA certified rating procedures and bearing the AMCA label.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit catalog data, construction details and performance characteristics for all manufactured materials.
- B. Submit operating and maintenance data.
- C. For adhesives and sealants used on the interior of the building (inside the waterproofing system), include printed statement of volatile organic compound (VOC) content.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 SHEET METAL

- A. Quality Assurance: Galvanized steel sheet metal except where otherwise indicated. Metal gauges, joints and reinforcement in accordance with Mechanical Code, ASHRAE and SMACNA standards. Ductwork shall be fabricated to the following pressure classifications:
 - 1. Return and exhaust ducts: 2" negative.
 - 2. Supply ducts from fan discharge diffuser: 1" positive.
- B. Duct Sealing Tapes: Provide one of the following UL listed ductwork sealing tape systems.
 - 1. Two-part sealing system with woven fiber, mineral gypsum impregnated tape and non-flammable adhesive. Hardcast "DT" tape and "FTA-20" adhesive, United "Uni-Cast" system, or accepted substitute.
 - 2. For joints and seams exposed to the weather in lieu of soldering, United "Uni-Cast" system or approved.
 - 3. Sealing systems with VOC content are not allowed.

4. Sealants and Primers – General: Provide only products having lower volatile organic compound (VOC) content than required by South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule No. 1168.
- C. Optional Duct Joints for Sheet Metal Ducts: "Ductmate System" by Ductmate Industries, Inc., Ward Duct Connectors, Inc., Mez Industries, or acceptable substitute. Spiramir self-sealing round duct connector system meeting Class 3 leakage standards with EPDM o-ring seal.
- D. Exposed to View Spiral Seam Duct and Fittings: Round and flat oval spiral seam duct shall be manufactured of galvanized steel sheet metal with spiral lock seam. Matching fittings shall be manufactured of galvanized steel with continuous welded seams. Gauge shall be per SMACNA Duct Construction Standard third addition table for appropriate pressure, and reinforcement or at least 26 gauge.

2.2 ACCESSORIES

- A. Manual Volume Dampers: Construct of material two gauges heavier than duct in which installed; single plate up to 12" wide; multiple over 12" wide. Hem both edges 1/2" and flange sides 1/2". Use Young, Duro-Dyne, MAT, or accepted substitute damper accessories. Young numbers are shown.
 1. No. 605 bearing set with No. 403 regulator for dampers up to 24" long.
 2. For dampers over 24" long use No. 660 3/8" rod, No. 656 end bearing and No. 403 regulator.
 3. Where damper regulators are not readily accessible, use No. 660 or No. 661 rod extensions and No. 301 and No. 315 concealed damper regulators or MAT cable operated dampers as required.

Location of all volume dampers is not necessarily shown on Drawings; minimum required is one in each supply, return or exhaust main, and one in each branch.

- B. Access Doors In Sheet Metal Work:
 1. Hollow core double construction of same or heavier gauge material as duct in which installed. Use no door smaller than 12" by 12" for simple manual access or smaller than 18" by 24" where personnel must pass through infrequently. Use 24" by 60" minimum for filters and more frequent maintenance. Use Ventlok or accepted substitute hinges and latches on all doors.
 - a. 100 series hinges and latches on low pressure system doors up to 18" maximum dimension.
 - b. 200 series on larger low pressure system doors and 333 series on high pressure systems.
 2. Construct doors up to 18" maximum dimension with 1" overlap, furr and gasket with 3/4" by 1/8" sponge rubber. Fit larger doors against 1-1/2" by 1/8" or angle frame and gasket with 3/4" by 1/8" sponge rubber or felt.
- C. Anti-Backdraft Dampers: Connected, gasket-edged aluminum blades set in 14 gauge or heavier steel frame; brass, nylon or Teflon bearings; equip with spring helper with tension adjustment feature or with adjustable counterweight and adjust to open when not more than 0.10" wg pressure is applied. Ruskin CBS-4, Greenheck, Pacific Air Products, Air Balance, Controlair or accepted substitute.

- D. Opposed Blade Volume Damper: Install opposed blade volume damper in each zone supply duct on discharge of multi-zone units and where indicated on Drawings. Young No. 817 or accepted substitute.
- E. Flexible Connections: Neoprene impregnated fiberglass connection. Ventglass, Duro-Dyne, or accepted substitute.
- F. Control Dampers: Construct of aluminum frame and blades with continuous full length axle shafts and/or operating "jackshafts" as required to provide coordinate tracking of all blades. Interlocking multi-blade type, except where either dimension is less than 10", a single blade may be used. Opposed blade type on all modulating dampers and parallel blades on all two position dampers. Provide with metal jamb seal and neoprene blade seals. Damper assembly rated for maximum air leakage of 4 CFM per square foot at 1" WG pressure or less and with interconnecting blade linkages in the side channels of the frame.

2.3 GRILLES, REGISTERS AND DIFFUSERS

- A. Description: Provide grilles, registers and diffusers as shown on the Drawings.
- B. Finishes:
 - 1. Steel: Flat white enamel prime coat, factory applied on ceiling diffusers. Others are to have a baked enamel finish, color as selected by Architect.
 - 2. Aluminum: Anodized clear finish unless indicated otherwise.
- C. Manufacturers: Carnes, Krueger, Titus, Price, Metal Aire, Nailor, and Tuttle & Bailey are accepted substitutes where only Titus model numbers are listed. Where other manufacturer's products are listed and/or "accepted substitute" is indicated, only the products or an accepted substitute for that item shall be provided.
- E. Sidewall Supply Grille or Register: Double deflection grille with face bars parallel to long dimension on ceiling type and horizontal on wall type; bars to be individually adjustable, spaced on 0.66" to 0.75" centers; key operated opposed blade volume damper. Titus 300RL.
- H. Heavy Duty, Adjustable Bars Low Return Grille: All welded construction with heavy 14 gauge, adjustable round edge steel horizontal face bars at 1/2" on centers and reinforced every 6" to 8". Titus 33 series.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION

- A. Air Handling Equipment Installation and Arrangement: Install and arrange as shown on Drawings. Comply with the manufacturer's recommendations for installation, connection, and start-up.
- B. Equipment Access Panels: Locate free of all obstructions such as ceiling bars, electrical conduit, lights, ductwork, etc.

- C. Filters: Install specified filters or accepted substitute temporary construction filters in supply units and systems prior to start-up or use for drying and/or temporary heat. Replace prior to acceptance of project.

3.2 INSTALLATION OF GRILLES, REGISTERS AND DIFFUSERS

- A. Size and air handling characteristics shall be as shown on the Drawings.
- B. Locate, arrange, and install grilles, registers and diffusers as shown on the Drawings. Locate registers in tee-bar ceilings with diffusers centered on the tile unless indicated otherwise.

3.3 DUCTWORK INSTALLATION

- A. Duct systems shall be assembled, transported, stored and installed in accordance with current SMACNA Duct Cleanliness for New Construction Guidelines. Duct Cleanliness Level is Intermediate.
- B. Support: Install ductwork with 1" wide strap cradle hangers not more than 8' on centers or as required by code. Support terminal units independent of adjacent ductwork. Attach to available building construction according to good practices for materials involved. Manufactured hanger system acceptable in lieu of fabricated hangers at contractors option. Ductmate "Clutcher" system or approved. Support flexduct where shown to be used for lengths beyond 4' per above requirements. Comply with SMACNA Duct Construction Standard Figure 3-9 and 3-10.
- C. Fan and Air Handling Unit Flexible Connections: Install neoprene impregnated fiberglass connections in ductwork at all rotating equipment. Ventglass, Duro-Dyne or accepted substitute.
- D. Elbows and Fittings: Construct elbows with throat radius equal to duct width in plane of turn or make them square and provide double wall, air foil turning vanes.
- E. Fittings: Make transitions and take-offs as shown on Drawings. Provide volume dampers and splitter dampers as indicated on Drawings and as specified. Saddle tees are not allowed.
- F. Manual Volume Dampers: Location of all volume dampers are not necessarily shown on the Drawings. Provide a minimum of one volume damper in each supply, return or exhaust branch. Install dampers in fiberglass ductwork (where fiberglass ductwork is allowed) with galvanized sheet metal sleeves of sheet metal gauges required for metal duct systems of the same dimensions.
- G. Sleeves: Provide galvanized sheet metal plaster ring around ductwork penetrating exposed finished walls. Sleeve and flash all duct penetrations through exterior walls in an air tight and weatherproof manner.
- H. Plenums: Construct sheet metal plenums and partitions of not lighter than 18 gauge galvanized steel and reinforce with 1-1/2" by 1/2" by 1/8" angles as required to prevent drumming or breathing.

- I. Access: Install necessary access opening and covers for cleaning, wiring or servicing motors, filters, fans, both entering and leaving air sides of coils, fire and/or smoke dampers and to other equipment located within or blocked by sheet metal work.
- J. Sealing: Caulk, seal, grout and/or tape ductwork and plenums to make airtight at seams, joints, edges, corners and at penetrations. Solder all seams, joints, etc., on all ductwork exposed to the weather. Install specified tape in accordance with manufacturer's requirements using degreaser on surfaces to be taped and wiped to eliminate moisture.

3.4 NEW DUCTWORK CLEANING

- A. Store all ductwork materials on pallets or above grade, protected from weather, dirt/mud and other construction dust.
- B. Remove all accumulated dust, dirt, etc. from each duct section as it is being installed.
- C. Clean all diffusers, grilles and registers just prior to project final completion.
- D. Cover all ductwork terminations during construction to prevent accumulation of dust and debris.

END OF SECTION