

SECTION 089100

ALUMINUM LOUVERS

PART 1 GENERAL**1.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Work of this Section, as shown or specified, shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

1.2 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. The Work of this Section includes all labor, materials, equipment, and services necessary to complete the aluminum louvers as shown on the drawings and/or specified herein, including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:
 - 1. Aluminum louvers.
 - 2. Blank off panels.
 - 3. Bird screens.

1.3 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Joint Sealers - Section 079200.
- B. Steel Doors and Frames - Section 081113, for louvers in steel doors.
- C. HVAC - Division 23, for louvers connected to ductwork.

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Performance Requirements
 - 1. Structural Performance: Provide exterior metal louvers capable of withstanding the effects of loads and stresses from wind and normal thermal movement without evidencing permanent deformation of louver components including blades, frames, and supports; noise or metal fatigue caused by louver blade rattle or flutter or permanent damage to fasteners and anchors.
 - a. Wind Load: Uniform pressure (velocity pressure) of 30 lbf/sq. ft., acting inward or outward.
 - 2. Thermal Movements: Provide louvers that allow for thermal movements resulting from the following maximum change (range) in ambient and surface temperatures by preventing buckling, opening of joints, overstressing of components, and other detrimental effects.
 - a. Temperature Change (Range): 120 deg. F., ambient; 180 deg. F, material surfaces.
 - 3. Louver shall be rated by AMCA and bear their label.

- B. Comply with SMACNA "Architectural Sheet Metal Manual" recommendations for fabrication, construction details and installation procedures, except as otherwise indicated.
- C. Field Measurements: Verify size, location and placement of louver units prior to fabrication.
- D. Shop Assembly: Coordinate field measurements and shop drawings with fabrication and shop assembly to minimize field adjustments, splicing, mechanical joints and field assembly of units. Preassemble units in shop to greatest extent possible and disassemble as necessary for shipping and handling limitations. Clearly mark units for reassembly and coordinated installation.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's specifications, certified test data, where applicable, and installation instructions for required products, including finishes.
- B. Shop Drawings: Submit shop drawings for fabrication and erection of louver units and accessories. Include plans, elevations and details of sections and connections to adjoining work. Indicate materials, finishes, fasteners, joinery and other information to determine compliance with specified requirements.
- C. Samples: Submit six (6) inch square samples of each required finish. Prepare samples on metal of same gauge and alloy to be used in work. Where normal color and texture variations are to be expected, include two (2) or more units in each sample showing limits of such variations.

1.6 PRODUCT HANDLING

- A. Protection: Use all means necessary to protect the materials of this Section before, during and after installation and to protect the installed work and materials of all other trades.
- B. Replacements: In the event of damage, immediately make all repairs and replacements necessary.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 LOUVERS

- A. Manufacturer: Construction Specialties, Inc., Model # A4097.
 - 1. Horizontal, Drainable-Blade Louver
 - a. Louver Depth: 4 inches.
 - b. Frame and Blade Nominal Thickness: Not less than 0.080".
 - c. Mullion Type: Exposed.
 - d. Louver Performance Ratings:
 - 1). Free Area: Not less than 8.0 sq. ft. for 48" wide by 48" high louver.
 - 2). Point of Beginning Water Penetration: Not less than 1040 fpm.
 - 3). Air Performance: Not more than 0.20 in. H₂O intake pressure drop at the point of beginning water penetration and 0.18 in. H₂O exhaust pressure drop at 1000 fpm free-area velocity.

2.2 LOUVER MATERIAL

- A. Provide extruded aluminum louvers conforming to ASTM B 221; heads, sills, jambs and mullions to be one-piece structural members of Alloy 6063-T5. Closed cell PVC compression gaskets to be provided between bottom of mullion or jamb and top of sill to insure lead tight connections. Concealed structural supports to be designed by the louver manufacturer to carry a wind load of not less than forty (40) lbs. per square foot. All fasteners to be stainless steel.
- B. High-Performance Organic Finish: AA-C12C42R1x (Chemical Finish: Cleaned with inhibited chemicals; Chemical Finish: Acid-chromate-fluoride-phosphate conversion coating; Organic Coating: As specified below). Prepare, pretreat, and apply coating to exposed metal surfaces to comply with coating and resin manufacturer's written instructions.
 - 1. Fluoropolymer Two-Coat System: Manufacturer's standard two-coat, thermocured system consisting of specially formulated inhibitive primer and fluoropolymer color topcoat containing not less than 70 percent polyvinylidene fluoride resin by weight; complying with AAMA 2605-98.
 - 2. Custom color and gloss as selected by the Commissioner.
- C. Louvers shall be furnished with 1/2" mesh, 0.063" diameter aluminum wire intercrimp bird screen secured in removable extruded aluminum frames.
- D. Provide aluminum blank off panels behind louvers where shown on mechanical drawings, fabricated from 1/8" thick aluminum face sheets, finish to match louvers; reinforce as required to form rigid assembly. Blank off panels shall be insulated with thermafiber insulation of thickness needed to insure an R value of eleven (11).
- E. Fastenings: Fasteners for exterior application shall be stainless steel. Provide types, gauges and lengths to suit unit installation conditions. Use Phillips flat head machine screws for exposed fasteners, unless otherwise indicated.
- F. Anchors and Inserts: Use non-ferrous metal or hot dip galvanized anchors and inserts for exterior installations and elsewhere as required for corrosion resistance. Use steel or lead expansion bolt devices for drilled in place anchors. Furnish inserts, as required, to be set into concrete or masonry work.
- G. Bituminous Paint: SSPC-Paint 12 (cold applied asphalt mastic).

2.3 FABRICATION, GENERAL

- A. Fabricate frames including integral sills to suit adjacent construction with tolerances for installation, including application of sealants in joints between louvers and adjoining work.
- B. Include supports, anchorages, and accessories required for complete assembly.
- C. Provide sill extensions made of same material as louvers, where indicated, or required for drainage to exterior and to prevent water penetrating to interior.
- D. Join frame members to one another and to stationary louver blades by welding, except where indicated otherwise or where field bolted connections between frame members are necessary by size of louvers. Maintain equal blade spacing, including separation between blades and frames at head and sill, to produce uniform appearance.

PART 3 EXECUTION**3.1 INSPECTION**

- A. Examine the areas and conditions where aluminum louvers are to be installed and correct any conditions detrimental to the proper and timely completion of the work. Do not proceed with the work until unsatisfactory conditions are corrected to permit proper installation of the work.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Coordinate setting drawings, diagrams, templates, instructions and directions for the installation of anchorages which are to be embedded in masonry construction. Coordinate the delivery of such items to the project site.

3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Locate and place louver units plumb, level and in proper alignment with adjacent work.
- B. Use concealed anchorages wherever possible. Provide brass or lead washers fitted to screws where required to protect metal surfaces and to make a weathertight connection.
- C. Form tight joints with exposed connections accurately fitted together. Provide reveals and openings for sealants and joint fillers, as indicated.
- D. Repair finishes damaged by cutting, welding, soldering and grinding operations required for fitting and jointing. Restore finishes and prime coats of paint so that there is no evidence of corrective work. Return items which cannot be refinished in the field to the shop, make the required alterations, and refinish the entire unit, or provide new units, at Contractor's option.
- E. Protect aluminum surfaces from corrosion by application of a heavy coating of bituminous paint on surfaces which will be in contact with concrete, masonry or dissimilar metals.
- F. Provide concealed gaskets, flashings, joint fillers and insulations, and install as the work progresses to make the installations weathertight.

END OF SECTION