

DIVISION 23 – HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIR CONDITIONING  
SECTION 23 33 00 – AIR DUCT ACCESSORIES

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 WORK INCLUDES

A. Base Bid

1. Ventilating Contractor
  - a. Manual volume dampers.
  - b. Fire dampers.
  - c. Ceiling radiation dampers.
  - d. Smoke dampers.
  - e. Flange connectors.
  - f. Turning vanes.
  - g. Remote damper operators.
  - h. Duct-mounted access doors.
  - i. Flexible connectors.
  - j. Flexible ducts.
  - k. Duct accessory hardware.

1.2 SUBMITTALS

A. Shop Drawings: For duct accessories. Include plans, elevations, sections, details and attachments to other work.

1. Detail duct accessories fabrication and installation in ducts and other construction. Include dimensions, weights, loads, and required clearances; and method of field assembly into duct systems and other construction. Include the following:
  - a. Special fittings.
  - b. Manual volume damper installations.
  - c. Fire-damper, smoke-damper, combination fire- and smoke-damper and ceiling damper installations, including sleeves; and duct-mounted access doors and remote damper operators.
  - d. Wiring Diagrams: For power, signal, and control wiring.

B. INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS

1. Coordination Drawings: Reflected ceiling plans, drawn to scale, on which ceiling-mounted access panels and access doors required for access to duct accessories are shown and coordinated with each other, using input from Installers of the items involved.
2. Source quality-control reports.

C. CLOSEOUT SUBMITTALS

1. Operation and Maintenance Data: For air duct accessories to include in operation and maintenance manuals.

D. MAINTENANCE MATERIAL SUBMITTALS

1. Furnish extra materials that match products installed and that are packaged with protective covering for storage and identified with labels describing contents.
  - a. Fusible Links: Furnish quantity equal to 10 percent of amount installed.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 ASSEMBLY DESCRIPTION

- A. Comply with NFPA 90A, "Installation of Air Conditioning and Ventilating Systems," and with NFPA 90B, "Installation of Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning Systems."
- B. Comply with SMACNA's "HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible" for acceptable materials, material thicknesses, and duct construction methods unless otherwise indicated. Sheet metal materials shall be free of pitting, seam marks, roller marks, stains, discolorations, and other imperfections.

2.2 MATERIALS

- A. Galvanized Sheet Steel: Comply with ASTM A 653/A 653M.
  1. Galvanized Coating Designation: **G60**.
  2. Exposed-Surface Finish: Mill phosphatized.
- B. Aluminum Sheets: Comply with **ASTM B 209**, Alloy 3003, Temper H14; with mill finish for concealed ducts and standard, 1-side bright finish for exposed ducts.
- C. Reinforcement Shapes and Plates: Galvanized-steel reinforcement where installed on galvanized sheet metal ducts; compatible materials for aluminum and stainless-steel ducts.
- D. Tie Rods: Galvanized steel, **1/4-inch** minimum diameter for lengths **36 inches** or less; **3/8-inch** minimum diameter for lengths longer than **36 inches**.

2.3 MANUAL VOLUME DAMPERS

- A. Standard, Steel, Manual Volume Dampers:
  1. Standard leakage rating.
  2. Suitable for horizontal or vertical applications.
  3. Frames:
    - a. Frame: Hat-shaped.
    - b. Mitered and welded corners.
    - c. Flanges for attaching to walls and flangeless frames for installing in ducts.

4. Blades:
  - a. Multiple or single blade.
  - b. Parallel- or opposed-blade design.
  - c. Stiffen damper blades for stability.
5. Blade Axles: Galvanized steel.
6. Bearings:
  - a. Dampers in ducts with pressure classes of **3-inch wg** or less shall have axles full length of damper blades and bearings at both ends of operating shaft.
7. Tie Bars and Brackets: Galvanized steel.

B. Standard, Aluminum, Manual Volume Dampers:

1. Standard leakage rating.
2. Suitable for horizontal or vertical applications.
3. Frames: Hat-shaped with flanges for attaching to walls and flangeless frames for installing in ducts.
4. Blades:
  - a. Multiple or single blade.
  - b. Parallel- or opposed-blade design.
  - c. Stiffen damper blades for stability.
  - d. Roll-Formed Aluminum Blades: **0.10-inch** thick aluminum sheet.
  - e. Extruded-Aluminum Blades: **0.050-inch** thick extruded aluminum.
5. Blade Axles: Galvanized steel.
6. Bearings:
  - a. Dampers in ducts with pressure classes of **3-inch wg** or less shall have axles full length of damper blades and bearings at both ends of operating shaft.
7. Tie Bars and Brackets: Aluminum.

C. Damper Hardware:

1. Zinc-plated, die-cast core with dial and handle made of **3/32-inch** thick zinc-plated steel, and a **3/4-inch** hexagon locking nut.
2. Include center hole to suit damper operating-rod size.
3. Include elevated platform for insulated duct mounting.

## 2.4 FIRE DAMPERS

- A. Type: Static; rated and labeled according to UL 555 by an NRTL.
- B. Closing rating in ducts up to **4-inch wg** static pressure class and minimum **2000-fpm** velocity.
- C. Fire Rating: 1-1/2 hours.
- D. Frame: Curtain type with blades outside airstream; fabricated with roll-formed, **0.034** thick galvanized steel; with mitered and interlocking corners.

- E. Mounting Sleeve: Factory- or field-installed, galvanized sheet steel.
  - 1. Minimum Thickness: **0.05** thick, as indicated, and of length to suit application.
  - 2. Exception: Omit sleeve where damper-frame width permits direct attachment of perimeter mounting angles on each side of wall or floor; thickness of damper frame must comply with sleeve requirements.
- F. Mounting Orientation: Vertical or horizontal as indicated.
- G. Blades: Roll-formed, interlocking, **0.024-inch** thick, galvanized sheet steel. In place of interlocking blades, use full-length, **0.034-inch** thick, galvanized-steel blade connectors.
- H. Horizontal Dampers: Include blade lock and stainless-steel closure spring.
- I. Heat-Responsive Device: Replaceable, **165 deg F (74 deg C)** [**212 deg F (100 deg C)**] **<Insert temperature>** rated, fusible links.
- J. Heat-Responsive Device: [**Electric**] [**Pneumatic**], [**resettable**] [**replaceable**] link and switch package, factory installed, [**165 deg F (74 deg C)**] [**and**] [**212 deg F (100 deg C)**] **<Insert temperature>** rated.

## 2.5 CEILING RADIATION DAMPERS

- A. [<Double click here to find, evaluate, and insert list of manufacturers and products.>](#)
- B. General Requirements:
  - 1. Labeled according to UL 555C by an NRTL.
  - 2. Comply with construction details for tested floor- and roof-ceiling assemblies as indicated in UL's "Fire Resistance Directory."
- C. Frame: Galvanized sheet steel, round or rectangular, style to suit ceiling construction.
- D. Blades: Galvanized sheet steel with refractory insulation.
- E. Heat-Responsive Device: Replaceable, [**165 deg F**] rated, fusible links.
- F. Fire Rating: 2 hours.

## 2.6 SMOKE DAMPERS

- A. General Requirements: Label according to UL 555S by an NRTL.
- B. Smoke Detector: Integral, factory wired for single-point connection.
- C. Frame: Hat-shaped, **0.094-inch** thick, galvanized sheet steel, with mechanically attached corners and mounting flange.
- D. Blades: Roll-formed, horizontal, interlocking, **0.034-inch** thick, galvanized sheet steel.

- E. Leakage: Class I.
- F. Rated pressure and velocity to exceed design airflow conditions.
- G. Mounting Sleeve: Factory-installed, **0.039-inch** thick, galvanized sheet steel; length to suit wall or floor application.
- H. Damper Motors: Modulating action.
- I. Comply with NEMA designation, temperature rating, service factor, enclosure type, and efficiency requirements for motors specified in Section 230513 "Common Motor Requirements for HVAC Equipment."
  1. 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.
  2. Controllers, Electrical Devices, and Wiring: Comply with requirements for electrical devices and connections specified in Section 230923 "Direct Digital Control (DDC) System for HVAC."
  3. Permanent-Split-Capacitor or Shaded-Pole Motors: With oil-immersed and sealed gear trains.
  4. Spring-Return Motors: Equip with an integral spiral-spring mechanism where indicated. Enclose entire spring mechanism in a removable housing designed for service or adjustments.
  5. Electrical Connection: 115 V, single phase, 60 Hz.

## 2.7 COMBINATION FIRE AND SMOKE DAMPERS

- A. Type: Dynamic; rated and labeled according to UL 555 and UL 555S by an NRTL.
- B. Closing rating in ducts up to **4-inch wg** static pressure class and minimum **2000-fpm** velocity.
- C. Fire Rating: 1-1/2.
- D. Frame: Hat-shaped, **0.094-inch** thick, galvanized sheet steel, with mechanically attached corners and mounting flange.
- E. Heat-Responsive Device: Resettable **165 deg F** rated, fusible links.
- F. Heat-Responsive Device: Electric resettable link and switch package, factory installed, rated.
- G. Smoke Detector: Integral, factory wired for single-point connection.
- H. Blades: Roll-formed, horizontal, interlocking, **0.063-inch** thick, galvanized sheet steel.
- I. Leakage: Class I.
- J. Rated pressure and velocity to exceed design airflow conditions.
- K. Mounting Sleeve: Factory-installed, **0.039-inch** thick, galvanized sheet steel; length to suit wall or floor application.

- L. Master control panel for use in dynamic smoke-management systems.
- M. Damper Motors: Modulating action.
- N. Comply with NEMA designation, temperature rating, service factor, enclosure type, and efficiency requirements for motors specified in Section 230513 "Common Motor Requirements for HVAC Equipment."
  - 1. Spring-Return Motors: Equip with an integral spiral-spring mechanism where indicated. Enclose entire spring mechanism in a removable housing designed for service or adjustments. Size for running torque rating of **150 in. x lbf** and breakaway torque rating of **150 in. x lbf**.
  - 2. Electrical Connection: 115 V, single phase, 60 Hz.

## 2.8 TURNING VANES

- A. Manufactured Turning Vanes for Metal Ducts: Curved blades of galvanized sheet steel; support with bars perpendicular to blades set; set into vane runners suitable for duct mounting.
- B. Manufactured Turning Vanes for Nonmetal Ducts: Fabricate curved blades of resin-bonded fiberglass with acrylic polymer coating; support with bars perpendicular to blades set; set into vane runners suitable for duct mounting.
- C. General Requirements: Comply with SMACNA's "HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible"; Figures 4-3, "Vanes and Vane Runners," and 4-4, "Vane Support in Elbows."
- D. Vane Construction: Single wall.
- E. Vane Construction: Single wall for ducts up to **48 inches** wide and double wall for larger dimensions.

## 2.9 REMOTE DAMPER OPERATORS

- A. Description: Cable system designed for remote manual damper adjustment.
- B. Tubing: Brass.
- C. Cable: Stainless steel.

## 2.10 DUCT-MOUNTED ACCESS DOORS

- A. Duct-Mounted Access Doors: Fabricate access panels according to SMACNA's "HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible"; Figures **7-2 (7-2M)**, "Duct Access Doors and Panels," and 7-3, "Access Doors - Round Duct."
  - 1. Door:
    - a. Double wall, rectangular.
    - b. Galvanized sheet metal with insulation fill and thickness as indicated for duct pressure class.

- c. Vision panel.
  - d. Hinges and Latches: **1-by-1-inch** butt or piano hinge and cam latches.
  - e. Fabricate doors airtight and suitable for duct pressure class.
- 2. Frame: Galvanized sheet steel, with bend-over tabs and foam gaskets.
  - 3. Number of Hinges and Locks:
    - a. Access Doors Less Than **12 Inches** Square: No hinges and two sash locks.
    - b. Access Doors up to **18 Inches** Square: Continuous and two sash locks.

## 2.11 FLEXIBLE CONNECTORS

- A. Materials: Flame-retardant or noncombustible fabrics.
- B. Coatings and Adhesives: Comply with UL 181, Class 1.
- C. Metal-Edged Connectors: Factory fabricated with a fabric strip **3-1/2 inches** wide attached to two strips of **2-3/4-inch** wide, **0.028-inch** thick, galvanized sheet steel or **0.032-inch** thick aluminum sheets. Provide metal compatible with connected ducts.
- D. Indoor System, Flexible Connector Fabric: Glass fabric double coated with neoprene.
  - 1. Minimum Weight: **26 oz./sq. yd.**
  - 2. Tensile Strength: **480 lbf/inch** in the warp and **360 lbf/inch** in the filling.
  - 3. Service Temperature: **Minus 40 to plus 200 deg F.**

## 2.12 FLEXIBLE DUCTS

- A. Insulated, Flexible Duct: UL 181, Class 1, 2-ply vinyl film supported by helically wound, spring-steel wire; fibrous-glass insulation; aluminized vapor-barrier film.
  - 1. Pressure Rating: **10-inch wg** positive and **1.0-inch wg** negative.
  - 2. Maximum Air Velocity: **4000 fpm.**
  - 3. Temperature Range: **Minus 10 to plus 160 deg F.**
  - 4. Insulation R-value: Comply with ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1.
- B. Flexible Duct Connectors:
  - 1. Clamps: Nylon strap in sizes **3 through 18 inches**, to suit duct size.

## 2.13 DUCT ACCESSORY HARDWARE

- A. Instrument Test Holes: Cast iron or cast aluminum to suit duct material, including screw cap and gasket. Size to allow insertion of pitot tube and other testing instruments and of length to suit duct-insulation thickness.
- B. Adhesives: High strength, quick setting, neoprene based, waterproof, and resistant to gasoline and grease.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Install duct accessories according to applicable details in SMACNA's "HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible" for metal ducts and in NAIMA AH116, "Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standards," for fibrous-glass ducts.
- B. Install duct accessories of materials suited to duct materials; use galvanized-steel accessories in galvanized-steel and fibrous-glass ducts, stainless-steel accessories in stainless-steel ducts, and aluminum accessories in aluminum ducts.
- C. Install volume dampers at points on supply, return, and exhaust systems where branches extend from larger ducts. Where dampers are installed in ducts having duct liner, install dampers with hat channels of same depth as liner, and terminate liner with nosing at hat channel.
  - 1. Install steel volume dampers in steel ducts.
- D. Set dampers to fully open position before testing, adjusting, and balancing.
- E. Install test holes at fan inlets and outlets and elsewhere as indicated.
- F. Install fire dampers according to UL listing.
- G. Install duct access doors on sides of ducts to allow for inspecting, adjusting, and maintaining accessories and equipment.
- H. Install access doors with swing against duct static pressure.
- I. Access Door Sizes:
  - 1. One-Hand or Inspection Access: **8 by 5 inches**.
  - 2. Two-Hand Access: **12 by 6 inches**.
  - 3. Head and Hand Access: **18 by 10 inches**.
  - 4. Head and Shoulders Access: **21 by 14 inches**.
- J. Install flexible connectors to connect ducts to equipment.
- K. Connect terminal units to supply ducts directly. Do not use flexible ducts to change directions.
- L. Connect diffusers or light troffer boots to ducts with maximum **60-inch** lengths of flexible duct clamped or strapped in place.
- M. Connect flexible ducts to metal ducts with draw bands.
- N. Install duct test holes where required for testing and balancing purposes.

### 3.2 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Tests and Inspections:



1. Operate dampers to verify full range of movement.
2. Inspect locations of access doors and verify that purpose of access door can be performed.
3. Operate fire, smoke, and combination fire and smoke dampers to verify full range of movement and verify that proper heat-response device is installed.
4. Inspect turning vanes for proper and secure installation.
5. Operate remote damper operators to verify full range of movement of operator and damper.

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