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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

A. Section Includes:

- 1. Manual volume dampers.
- 2. Fire dampers.
- 3. Turning vanes.
- 4. Duct-mounted access doors.
- 5. Flexible connectors.
- 6. Flexible ducts.
- 7. Duct accessory hardware.

B. Related Sections:

- 1. Division 23 Section "HVAC Gravity Ventilators" for roof-mounted ventilator caps.
- 2. Division 28 Section "Fire Detection and Alarm" for duct-mounted fire and smoke detectors.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

A. Product Data: For each type of product indicated.

- 1. For duct silencers, include pressure drop and dynamic insertion loss data. Include breakout noise calculations for high transmission loss casings.

B. 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. Control damper installations.

- d. Fire-damper, smoke-damper, combination fire- and smoke-damper, ceiling, and corridor damper installations, including sleeves; and duct-mounted access doors and remote damper operators.
 - e. Wiring Diagrams: For power, signal, and control wiring.
- C. 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.
- D. Source quality-control reports.
- E. Operation and Maintenance Data: For air duct accessories to include in operation and maintenance manuals.

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- 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 AMCA 500-D testing for damper rating.

1.5 EXTRA MATERIALS

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

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. 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.
- B. Galvanized Sheet Steel: Comply with ASTM A 653/A 653M.
 - 1. Galvanized Coating Designation: G90.
 - 2. Exposed-Surface Finish: Mill phosphatized.
- C. Stainless-Steel Sheets: Comply with ASTM A 480/A 480M, Type 304, and having a No. 2 finish for concealed ducts and No. 4 finish for exposed ducts.

- D. 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.
- E. Extruded Aluminum: Comply with ASTM B 221, Alloy 6063, Temper T6.
- F. Reinforcement Shapes and Plates: Galvanized-steel reinforcement where installed on galvanized sheet metal ducts; compatible materials for aluminum and stainless-steel ducts.
- G. 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.

2.2 MANUAL VOLUME DAMPERS

- A. Standard, Steel, Manual Volume Dampers:
 - 1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:
 - a. Air Balance Inc.; a division of Mestek, Inc.
 - b. Greenheck.
 - c. McGill AirFlow LLC.
 - d. Nailor Industries Inc.
 - e. Ruskin Company.
 - f. Vent Products Company, Inc.
 - g. Rossi HVAC Hardware.
 - 2. Standard leakage rating, with linkage outside airstream.
 - 3. Suitable for horizontal or vertical applications.
 - 4. Frames:
 - a. Hat-shaped, galvanized or stainless-steel channels, 0.064-inch minimum thickness to match ductwork.
 - b. Mitered and welded corners.
 - c. Flanges for attaching to walls and flangeless frames for installing in ducts.
 - 5. Blades:
 - a. Multiple or single blade.
 - b. Parallel- or opposed-blade design.
 - c. Stiffen damper blades for stability.
 - d. Galvanized or stainless-steel, 0.064 inch thick.
 - 6. Blade Axles: Galvanized steel or stainless steel to match ductwork.

7. Bearings:
 - a. Oil-impregnated bronze or molded synthetic or stainless-steel sleeve suited for application.
 - b. Dampers in ducts shall have axles full length of damper blades and bearings at both ends of operating shaft.
8. Bars and Brackets: Galvanized steel bracket, 3/8" square aluminum bar.
9. Hardware:
 - a. Handle:
 - 1) Self-locking damper/quadrant handle
 - 2) Twist knob damper handle (flat or 1.5"/2" standoff)
 - b. Bracket: Cold Rolled Steel (ASTM A-1008), 18 gauge nominal thickness. Single cut and formed bracket for use with 1.5" or 2.0" insulation wrapping or any other such stand-off applications. Finished with a white Chromate plating process which provides durable corrosion resistance. Auto Planting ASTM B-633 Type II (white) class FE/ZN8 or SC2 Thickness of 0.0003.
 - c. Handle and Thumb Trigger: Polyamide 66 (PA66), Flame Retardant, Glass Reinforced, "Zytel". PA66 is the material outlined for use in all Non-Metallic Components as specified in the UL 1995 Standards Code for Heating & Cooling (CSA-C22.2 No. 238 UL 1995) with the required flammability rating of 5VA.
 - d. Compression Spring: Stainless Steel Type 302-OD 0.25 wire 0.026 free length of 7/8" (0.875"). Only required with self-locking damper handle.
 - e. Retaining Spring: Ext. Self-Lock TX-75ST-ZF Carbon Steel SAE 1074 with Zink Bright Plating. C-Scale Rockwell Hardness 47 to 51. Only required with self-locking damper handle.

B. Standard, Aluminum, Manual Volume Dampers:

1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:
 - a. Air Balance Inc.; a division of Mestek, Inc.
 - b. Greenheck.
 - c. McGill AirFlow LLC.
 - d. Nailor Industries Inc.
 - e. Ruskin Company.
 - f. Vent Products Company, Inc.
 - g. Rossi HVAC Hardware.
2. Standard leakage rating, with linkage outside airstream.
3. Suitable for horizontal or vertical applications.

4. Frames: Hat-shaped, 0.10-inch thick, aluminum sheet channels; frames with flanges for attaching to walls and flangeless frames for installing in ducts.
5. 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.
6. Blade Axles: Stainless steel.
7. Bearings:
 - a. Stainless-steel sleeve.
 - b. Dampers in ducts shall have axles full length of damper blades and bearings at both ends of operating shaft.
8. Bars and Brackets: Aluminum bracket, 3/8" square aluminum bar.
9. Hardware:
 - a. Handle:
 - 1) Self-locking damper/quadrant handle
 - 2) Twist knob damper handle (flat or 1.5"/2" standoff)
 - b. Bracket: Cold Rolled Steel (ASTM A-1008), 18 gauge nominal thickness. Single cut and formed bracket for use with 1.5" or 2.0" insulation wrapping or any other such stand-off applications. Finished with a white Chromate plating process which provides durable corrosion resistance. Auto Planting ASTM B-633 Type II (white) class FE/ZN8 or SC2 Thickness of 0.0003.
 - c. Handle and Thumb Trigger: Polyamide 66 (PA66), Flame Retardant, Glass Reinforced, "Zytel". PA66 is the material outlined for use in all Non-Metallic Components as specified in the UL 1995 Standards Code for Heating & Cooling (CSA-C22.2 No. 238 UL 1995) with the required flammability rating of 5VA.
 - d. Compression Spring: Stainless Steel Type 302-OD 0.25 wire 0.026 free length of 7/8" (0.875"). Only required with self-locking damper handle.
 - e. Retaining Spring: Ext. Self-Lock TX-75ST-ZF Carbon Steel SAE 1074 with Zink Bright Plating. C-Scale Rockwell Hardness 47 to 51. Only required with self-locking damper handle.

2.3 FIRE DAMPERS

- A. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:

1. Air Balance Inc.; a division of Mestek, Inc.
 2. Greenheck Fan Corporation.
 3. McGill AirFlow LLC.
 4. Prefco; Perfect Air Control, Inc.
 5. Ruskin Company.
- B. Type: Dynamic; rated and labeled according to UL 555 by an NRTL. Static rated dampers will not be accepted.
- C. Closing rating in ducts up to 4-inch wg static pressure class and minimum 2000-fpm velocity. If higher duct velocities exist, provide dampers rated for actual flow.
- D. Fire Rating: 1-1/2 or 3 hours, as required by Code for the fire rating of the construction penetrated. Refer to Architectural Drawings for ratings.
- E. Frame: Curtain type with blades outside airstream Type B or multiple-blade type; fabricated with roll-formed, 0.034-inch- thick galvanized steel; with mitered and interlocking corners.
- F. Mounting Sleeve: Factory- or field-installed, galvanized sheet steel.
1. Minimum Thickness: Manufacturer's standard to meet NRTL rating, 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.
- G. Mounting Orientation: Vertical or horizontal as indicated.
- H. Blades: Roll-formed, interlocking, 0.034-inch thick, galvanized sheet steel. In place of interlocking blades, use full-length, 0.034-inch thick, galvanized-steel blade connectors.
- I. Horizontal Dampers: Include blade lock and stainless-steel closure spring.
- J. Heat-Responsive Device: Replaceable, 165 deg F rated, fusible links.
- K. Overall damper size is shown on contract drawings. If overall size exceeds the maximum individual damper size, provide multiple dampers to meet the overall size shown. All internal structural supports shall be provided per manufacturers guidelines to maintain the integrity of the damper installation.

2.4 TURNING VANES

- A. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:
1. Ductmate Industries, Inc.
 2. Duro Dyne Inc.

3. SEMCO Incorporated.

- B. 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.
- 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.

2.5 DUCT-MOUNTED ACCESS DOORS

- A. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:
 - 1. Buckley.
 - 2. Greenheck Fan Corporation.
 - 3. McGill AirFlow LLC.
 - 4. Pottorff; a division of PCI Industries, Inc.
 - 5. Ventfabrics, Inc.
 - 6. Ruskin.
- B. Duct-Mounted Access Doors: Fabricate access panels according to SMACNA's "HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible"; "Duct Access Doors and Panels," and "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. Hinges and Latches: 1-by-1-inch butt or piano hinge and cam latches.
 - d. 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: Two hinges and two sash locks.
 - c. Access Doors up to 24 by 48 inches: Three hinges and two compression latches with outside and inside handles.
 - d. Access Doors larger than 24 by 48 inches: Four hinges and two compression latches with outside and inside handles.

2.6 DUCT ACCESS PANEL ASSEMBLIES

- A. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:
 - 1. Flame Gard, Inc.
 - 2. 3M.
- B. Labeled according to UL 1978 by an NRTL.
- C. Panel and Frame: Minimum thickness 0.0528-inch carbon, 0.0428-inch stainless steel.
- D. Fasteners: Carbon or stainless steel. Panel fasteners shall not penetrate duct wall.
- E. Gasket: Comply with NFPA 96; grease-tight, high-temperature ceramic fiber, rated for minimum 2000 deg F.
- F. Minimum Pressure Rating: 10-inch wg, positive or negative.

2.7 FLEXIBLE CONNECTORS

- A. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:
 - 1. Ductmate Industries, Inc.
 - 2. Duro Dyne Inc.
 - 3. Ventfabrics, Inc.
- B. Materials: Flame-retardant or noncombustible fabrics.
- C. Coatings and Adhesives: Comply with UL 181, Class 1.
- D. Metal-Edged Connectors: Factory fabricated with a fabric strip 3-1/2 inches 5-3/4 inches wide attached to 2 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.
- E. 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.

2.8 FLEXIBLE DUCTS

- A. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:

1. Buckley.
2. Flexmaster U.S.A., Inc.
3. McGill AirFlow LLC.

B. Noninsulated, Flexible Duct: UL 181, Class 0, interlocking spiral of aluminum foil.

1. Pressure Rating: 8-inch wg positive or negative.
2. Maximum Air Velocity: 5000 fpm.
3. Temperature Range: Minus 100 to plus 435 deg F.

C. Insulated, Flexible Duct: UL 181, Class 1, multiple layers of aluminum laminate supported by helically wound, spring-steel wire; fibrous-glass insulation; polyethylene or 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 20 to plus 210 deg F.
4. Insulation R-value: Comply with ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1.

D. Flexible Duct Connectors:

1. Clamps: Stainless-steel band with cadmium-plated hex screw to tighten band with a worm-gear action in sizes 3 through 18 inches, to suit duct size.

2.9 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.

B. Install duct accessories of materials suited to duct materials; use galvanized-steel accessories in galvanized-steel, stainless-steel accessories in stainless-steel ducts, and aluminum accessories in aluminum ducts.

C. Install backdraft dampers at inlet of exhaust fans or exhaust ducts as close as possible to exhaust fan unless otherwise indicated on plans.

- D. Install volume dampers at points on supply, return, outdoor air and exhaust systems where branches extend from larger ducts. Install volume dampers at takeoffs to diffuser and grilles. Install volume dampers at takeoffs to specialized equipment and terminal units such as chilled beams. Install volume dampers at locations required to properly balance system to achieve specified airflows. 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.
 2. Install aluminum volume dampers in aluminum ducts.
 3. Install stainless steel volume dampers in stainless steel ducts.
- E. Set dampers to fully open position before testing, adjusting, and balancing.
- F. Install test holes at fan inlets and outlets and elsewhere as indicated.
- G. Install fire dampers according to UL listing. Install fire dampers per manufacturers installation instructions. Install fire dampers in locations as required by Code for the fire rating of the construction penetrated. Refer to Architectural drawings for ratings.
1. Less than 3 hour rating: 1-1/2 hr.
 2. 3-hour rating or greater: 3 hr.
- H. Connect ducts to duct silencers rigidly.
- I. Install duct access doors on sides of ducts to allow for inspecting, adjusting, and maintaining accessories and equipment at the following locations:
1. On both sides of duct coils.
 2. Upstream from duct filters.
 3. At outdoor-air intakes and mixed-air plenums.
 4. At drain pans and seals.
 5. Downstream from control dampers, backdraft dampers, and equipment.
 6. Adjacent to and close enough to fire or smoke dampers, to reset or reinstall fusible links. Access doors for access to fire or smoke dampers having fusible links shall be pressure relief access doors where duct pressure can be greater than +3.00" SP or can be less than -3.00" SP, or velocity can be greater than 2000 FPM and shall be outward operation for access doors installed upstream from dampers and inward operation for access doors installed downstream from dampers.
 7. At each change in direction and at maximum 50-foot spacing for duct cleaning.
 8. Upstream from turning vanes.
 9. Upstream or downstream from duct silencers.
 10. Control devices requiring inspection.
 11. Elsewhere as indicated.
 12. Grease ducts in accordance with NFPA 96 and applicable codes.
- J. Install access doors with swing against duct static pressure.

- K. Access Door Sizes: Sized suitably to allow inspection, adjusting, maintenance, or service for the component requiring access.
 - 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.
 - 5. Body Access: 25 by 14 inches.
 - 6. Body plus Ladder Access: 25 by 17 inches.
- L. Label access doors according to Division 23 Section "Identification for HVAC Piping and Equipment" to indicate the purpose of access door.
- M. Install flexible connectors to connect ducts to equipment.
 - 1. Air Systems Below 10,000 CFM: 3-1/2 inch metal-edge connector.
 - 2. Indoor Air Systems: Indoor system flexible connector.
- N. For fans developing static pressures of 5-inch wg and more, cover flexible connectors with loaded vinyl sheet held in place with metal straps.
- O. Connect terminal units to supply ducts directly or with maximum 12-inch lengths of flexible duct. Do not use flexible ducts to change directions.
- P. Connect diffusers or light troffer boots to ducts directly or with maximum 60-inch lengths of flexible duct clamped or strapped in place. Do not use flexible ducts to change directions.
- Q. Connect flexible ducts to metal ducts with clamps.
- R. 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. Inspect turning vanes for proper and secure installation.

END OF SECTION 233300

