

SECTION 23 33 46

FLEXIBLE DUCTS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SUMMARY

A. Section Includes:

1. Flexible ducts, insulated.
2. Flexible duct connectors.

1.2 ACTION SUBMITTALS

A. Product Data:

1. Flexible ducts, insulated.
2. Flexible duct connectors.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 ASSEMBLY DESCRIPTION

- A. Comply with NFPA 90A and NFPA 90B.
- 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 must be free of pitting, seam marks, roller marks, stains, discolorations, and other imperfections.
- C. Comply with the Air Duct Council's (formerly, Air Diffusion Council) "ADC Flexible Air Duct Test Code - FD 72-R1" and "Flexible Duct Performance & Installation Standards."
- D. Comply with ASTM E96/E96M.

2.2 FLEXIBLE DUCTS, INSULATED

- A. Standard: Product is to be UL 181 listed and bearing the UL label.
- B. Flexible Ducts, Insulated - Class 1, Polymer Film Supported by Helically Wound, Spring-Steel Wire; Fibrous-Glass Insulation:
 - 1. Pressure Rating: 4 inch wg positive and 0.5 inch wg negative.
 - 2. Maximum Air Velocity: 4000 fpm.

3. Temperature Range: Minus 20 to plus 175 deg F.
4. Insulation R-Value: Comply with ASHRAE/IES 90.1 .
5. Vapor-Barrier Film: Polyethylene .

2.3 FLEXIBLE DUCT CONNECTORS

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

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION OF FLEXIBLE DUCTS

- A. Install flexible ducts in accordance with applicable details in the following publications:
 1. ADC's "Flexible Duct Performance & Installation Standards" for flexible ducts.
 2. NAIMA AH116.
 3. SMACNA's "HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible" for metal ducts.
 4. SMACNA's "Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standards" for fibrous-glass ducts.
- B. Install in indoor applications only. Do not install flexible duct in locations where it will be exposed to UV lighting.
- C. Connect diffusers to ducts directly or with maximum 60-inch lengths of flexible duct clamped or strapped in place.
- D. Connect flexible ducts to metal ducts with draw bands .
- E. Installation:
 1. Install ducts fully extended.
 2. Do not bend ducts across sharp corners.
 3. Bends of flexible ducting must not exceed a minimum of one-duct diameter.
 4. Avoid contact with metal fixtures, water lines, pipes, or conduits.
 5. Install flexible ducts in a direct line, without sags, twists, or turns.
 6. Install in accordance with ADC instructions.
- F. Supporting Flexible Ducts:
 1. Support flexible duct at manufacturer's recommended intervals, but at no greater distance than 4 ft.. Provide sufficient support so that maximum centerline sag is 1/2 in. per ft. between supports. A connection to rigid duct or equipment may be considered a support joint.
 2. Install extra supports at bends placed approximately one-duct diameter from center line of the bend.
 3. Ducts may rest on ceiling joists or truss supports. Spacing between supports must not exceed the maximum spacing in accordance with manufacturer's written installation instructions.

4. Vertically installed ducts must be stabilized by support straps at a maximum of 72 inches o.c.

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