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PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 Summary

- A. Furnish and install louvers, bird screens, blank-off panels, structural supports and attachment brackets as shown on the drawings, as specified, and as needed for a complete and proper installation.
- B. The louvers to be furnished include the following:
 - 1. Standard fixed extruded louvers.
- C. Related sections include:
 - 1. Division 7 Section "Joint Sealants" for sealants installed in perimeter joints between louver frames and adjoining construction.

1.02 References

- A. Air Movement and Control Association International, Inc.
 - 1. AMCA Standard 500 Laboratory Methods of Testing Louvers for Rating
 - 2. AMCA Publication 501 Application Manual for Louvers
- B. The Aluminum Association Incorporated
 - 1. Aluminum Standards and Data
 - 2. Specifications and Guidelines for Aluminum Structures
 - 3. Designation System for Aluminum Finishes.
- C. American Society of Civil Engineers
 - 1. Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures
- D. American Society for Testing and Materials
 - 1. ASTM B209
 - 2. ASTM B211
 - 3. ASTM B221
- E. Architectural Aluminum Manufacturers Association
 - 1. AAMA 800 Voluntary Specifications and Test Methods for Sealants
 - 2. AAMA 605.2 Voluntary Specification for High Performance Organic Coatings on Aluminum Extrusions and Panels.
 - 3. AAMA TIR Metal Curtain Wall Fasteners
 - 4. AAMA 2605-98 Superior Performing Organic Coatings on Aluminum Extrusions and Panels

1.03 Submittals

- A. Product Data
 - 1. Air flow and water entrainment performance test results.
 - 2. Material types and thickness.
- B. Shop Drawings
 - 1. Include elevations, sections and specific details for each louver.
 - 2. Show anchorage details and connections for all component parts.
 - 3. Include signed and sealed structural calculations.
- C. Samples
 - 1. Submit color chips for approval.

1.04 Quality Assurance

- A. Single subcontract responsibility: Subcontract the work to a single firm that has had not less than six years experience in the design and manufacturing of work similar to that shown and required.
- B. Performance Requirements: Provide AMCA test data as required to confirm that the louvers have the specified air and water performance characteristics.

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- C. Structural Requirements: Design all materials to withstand wind and snow loads as required by the applicable building code. Maximum allowable deflection for the louver structural members to be 1/180 or 0.75 inch, whichever is less. Maximum allowable deflection for the louver blades to be 1/120 or 0.50 inch across the weak axis, whichever is less.
- D. Professional Engineer Requirements: Drawings and structural calculations to be signed and sealed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the state of New Jersey.
- E. Warranty: Provide written warranty to the owner that all products will be free of defective materials or workmanship for a period of one year from date of installation.

1.05 Delivery, Storage and Handling

- A. Delivery: At the time of delivery all materials shall be visually inspected for damage. Any damaged boxes, crates, louver sections, etc. shall be noted on the receiving ticket and immediately reported to the shipping company and the material manufacturer.
- B. Storage:
 - 1. Material may be stored flat, on end or on its side.
 - 2. Material may be stored either indoors or outdoors.
 - 3. If stored outdoors the material must be raised sufficiently off the ground to prevent it being flooded.
 - 4. If stored out doors the material must be covered with a weather proof flame resistant sheeting or tarpaulin.
- C. Handling:
 - 1. Material shall be handled in accordance with sound material handling practices and in such a way as to minimize racking.
 - 2. Louver sections may be hoisted by attaching straps to the jambs and lifting the section while it is in a vertical position.
 - 3. Louver sections should only be lifted and carried by the jambs. Heads, sills and blades are not to be used for lifting or hoisting louver sections.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 Manufacturers

- A. The louvers and related materials herein specified and indicated on the drawings shall be as manufactured by:
 - Construction Specialties, Inc.
 - 49 Meeker Avenue
 - Cranford, New Jersey 07016
 - Telephone: 800-631-7379
- B. Products equal to the C/S materials may be offered providing that the manufacturer and materials are pre-approved at least 10 working days before the bid date.

2.02 Materials

- A. Aluminum Extrusions: ASTM B211, Alloy 6063-T5, 6063-T6 or 6061-T6.
- ~~B.~~ Aluminum Sheet: ASTM B3209, Alloy 1100, 3003 or 5005.

2.03 Fabrication, General

- A. Provide C/S louver models, bird screens, blank-off panels, structural supports and accessories as specified and/or shown on the drawings. Materials, sizes, depths, arrangements and material thickness to be as indicated or as required for optimal performance with respect to strength; durability; and uniform appearance.
- B. Louvers to be mechanically assembled using stainless steel or aluminum fasteners.
- C. Include supports, anchorage, and accessories required for complete assembly.

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2.04 Louvers

C/S 6" (152.4) Deep Step Blade Fixed Extruded Mullion Louver Model A6110

1. **Material:** Heads, sills, jambs and mullions to be one piece structural aluminum members with integral caulking slot and retaining beads. Mullions shall be sliding interlock. Blades to be one piece aluminum extrusions with reinforcing bosses. Material thickness to be as follows: Heads, sills, jambs and mullions: 0.081" (2.06mm). Blades: 0.081" (2.06mm).
2. **AMCA Performance:** A 4' x 4' unit shall conform to the following:

Free Area	7.68 sq. ft. (0.713 sq. m.)
Free area velocity at the point of beginning water penetration m/min)	775 FPM (236.3 m/min)
Intake Pressure drop at the point of beginning water penetration mm)	0.11 in. H ₂ O (2.81 mm)
Exhaust pressure drop at 1000 FPM free area velocity (305 m/min) mm)	0.16 in. H ₂ O (4.06 mm)

2.05 Finishes

- A. General: Comply with NAAMM "Metal Finishes Manual" for finish designations and application recommendations, except as otherwise indicated. Apply finishes in factory. Protect finishes on exposed surfaces prior to shipment. Remove scratches and blemishes from exposed surfaces that will be visible after completing finishing process. Provide color as indicated or, if not otherwise indicated, as selected by architect.
- B. Powder Coating
 1. All louvers shall be finished with C/S Powder Coat, a coating to be 1.5 to 3 mil. thick full strength **100% resin Fluoropolymer coating. Finish to allow zero VOCs** to be emitted into facility of application. Finish to adhere to a 4H Hardness rating.
 2. All finishing procedures shall be one continuous operation in the plant of the manufacturer. **The coating shall meet or exceed all requirements of AAMA specification 2605-5** "Voluntary Specification for High Performance Organic Coatings on Architectural extrusions and Panels."
 3. The louver manufacturer shall supply an industry standard **20-year limited warranty against failure or excessive fading** of the Fluoropolymer Powder Coat finish. This limited warranty shall begin on the date of material shipment.

OR

B.Two Coat Metallic Fluorocarbon Coating

1. Louvers to be finished with a minimum 1.0 mil (0.025mm) thick full strength 70% resin, 2 coat Fluoropolymer system.
2. All aluminum shall be thoroughly cleaned, etched and given a chromated conversion pre-treatment before application of the MICA II coating. The coating shall consist of a primer and a pearlescent pigmented PFV₂ topcoat. It shall receive a bake cycle of 17 minutes at 450⁰F. All finishing procedures shall be one continuous operation in the plant of the manufacturer.

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3. Manufacturer to furnish an extended 20 limited warranty for the Kynar/Hylar coating. This limited warranty shall begin on the date of material shipment.

OR

B. Three Coat Pearlescent Fluorocarbon Coating

1. Louvers to be finished with a minimum 1.4 mil (0.035mm) thick full strength 70% resin, 3 coat Fluoropolymer system.
2. All aluminum shall be thoroughly cleaned, etched and given a chromated conversion pre-treatment before application of the Kynar/Hylar coating. The coating shall consist of a primer, a high metallic color coat and a clear PVF₂ topcoat. It shall receive a bake cycle of 17 minutes at 450⁰F. All finishing procedures shall be one continuous operation in the plant of the manufacturer.
3. Manufacturer to furnish an extended 20 limited warranty for the Kynar/Hylar coating. This limited warranty shall begin on the date of material shipment.

OR

B. Clear Anodize

1. Louvers to be given a one hour 215R1 Architectural Class I anodic coating of 0.7 mil (0.018mm) thickness (Aluminum Association designation AA-C22A41).
2. The thickness of the coating shall be tested in accordance with ASTM B244-68.
3. The coating shall be sealed to pass the ASTM B136-77 Modified Dye Stain Test.

OR

B. Bronze Anodic

1. Louvers to be given a Bronze Anodic Architectural Class 1 coating of 0.7 mil (0.018mm) minimum thickness; and a minimum weight of 27 mg. per sq. in.
2. The thickness of the coating shall be tested in accordance with ASTM B244-68.
3. The coating shall be sealed to pass the ASTM B136-77 Modified Dye Stain Test.

2.06 Bird Screens

- A. Unless otherwise indicated, all louvers to be furnished with mill finish bird or insect screens.
- B. Screens to be 5/8" (15.9mm) mesh, 0.050" (1.27mm) thick expanded and flattened aluminum bird screen secured within 0.055" (1.40mm) thick extruded aluminum frames. Frames to have mitered corners and corner locks.

OR

- B. Screens to be 18 x 16 aluminum mesh 0.011" (0.279mm) diameter wire insect screens secured within 0.055" (1.40mm) thick extruded aluminum frames. Frames to have mitered corners and corner locks.

OR

- B. Screens to be 1/2" (12.7mm) mesh, 0.063" (1.60mm) diameter aluminum wire intercrimp bird screen secured within 0.055" (1.40mm) thick extruded aluminum frames. Frames to have mitered corners and corner locks.

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- B. Screens to be 3/4" (19.0mm) mesh, 0.092" (2.34mm) diameter aluminum wire intercrimp bird screen secured within 0.055" (1.40mm) thick extruded aluminum frames. Frames to have mitered corners and corner locks.

OR

- B. Screens to be 1" (25.4mm) mesh, 0.092" (2.34mm) diameter aluminum wire intercrimp bird screen secured within 0.055" (1.40mm) thick extruded aluminum frames. Frames to have mitered corners and corner locks.

2.07 Blank Offs

- A. Furnish where indicated on the drawings blank-off panels fabricated by the louver manufacturer.

- B. Blank-off panels to be 1" (25.4mm) thick and fully thermally broken to prevent interior condensation. Panels to be fabricated with an expanded polystyrene (EPS) core having an R value of 4 ($^0F \cdot ft^2 \cdot h / Btu$). Panels to be faced on both sides with 0.040" (1.02mm) thick Pebblette grain Acrovyn sheet. Panel perimeter frame to be 0.040" (1.02mm) thick formed Acrovyn channels. Panel frame to be mitered at the corners. Panel color to be selected by the architect from the 16 standard Acrovyn colors.

OR

- B. Blank-off panels to be 2" (50.8mm) thick and fully thermally broken to prevent interior condensation. Panels to be fabricated with an expanded polystyrene (EPS) core having an R value of 8 ($^0F \cdot ft^2 \cdot h / Btu$). Panels to be faced on both sides with 0.040" (1.02mm) thick Pebblette grain Acrovyn sheet. Panel perimeter frame to be 0.040" (1.02mm) thick formed Acrovyn channels. Panel frame to be mitered at the corners. Panel color to be selected by the architect from the 16 standard Acrovyn colors.

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- B. Blank-off panels to be 1" (25.4mm) thick and fully thermally broken to prevent interior condensation. Panels to be fabricated with an extruded polystyrene core having an R value of 5 ($^0F \cdot ft^2 \cdot h / Btu$). Panels to be faced on both sides with 0.040" (1.02mm) thick Pebblette grain Acrovyn sheet. Panel perimeter frame to be 0.040" (1.02mm) thick formed Acrovyn channels. Panel frame to be mitered at the corners. Panel color to be selected by the architect from the 16 standard Acrovyn colors.

OR

- B. Blank-off panels to be 2" (50.8mm) thick and fully thermally broken to prevent interior condensation. Panels to be fabricated with an extruded polystyrene core having an R value of 10 ($^0F \cdot ft^2 \cdot h / Btu$). Panels to be faced on both sides with 0.040" (1.02mm) thick Pebblette grain Acrovyn sheet. Panel perimeter frame to be 0.040" (1.02mm) thick formed Acrovyn channels. Panel frame to be mitered at the corners. Panel color to be selected by the architect from the 16 standard Acrovyn colors.

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- B. Blank-off panels to be 1" (25.4mm) thick and fully thermally broken to prevent interior condensation. Panels to be fabricated with a rigid polyisocyanate core having an R value of 8

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- B. Blank-off panels to be 2" (50.8mm) thick and fully thermally broken to prevent interior condensation. Panels to be fabricated with a rigid polyisocyanate core having an R value of 16 ($^0F*ft^2*h/Btu$). Panels to be faced on both sides with 0.040" (1.02mm) thick Pebblette grain Acrovyn sheet. Panel perimeter frame to be 0.040" (1.02mm) thick formed Acrovyn channels. Panel frame to be mitered at the corners. Panel color to be selected by the architect from the 16 standard Acrovyn colors.

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- B. Blank-off panels to be 1" (25.4mm) thick and fully thermally broken to prevent interior condensation. Panels to be fabricated with a semi-rigid fiberglass core having an R value of ? ($^0F*ft^2*h/Btu$). Panels to be faced on both sides with 0.040" (1.02mm) thick Pebblette grain Acrovyn sheet. Panel perimeter frame to be 0.040" (1.02mm) thick formed Acrovyn channels. Panel frame to be mitered at the corners. Panel color to be selected by the architect from the 16 standard Acrovyn colors.

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- B. Blank-off panels to be 1" (25.4mm) thick and to be faced on both sides with 0.032" (0.81 mm) thick aluminum sheet. Panels to be fabricated with an expanded polystyrene (EPS) core having an R value of 4 ($^0F*ft^2*h/Btu$). Panel perimeter frame to be 0.050" (1.27mm) thick formed aluminum channels. Panel frame to be mitered at the corners. Panels to be finished with Kynar 500 minimum 1 mil (0.025mm) thick full strength 70% resin Fluoropolymer coating. Color to be selected by the architect.

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PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 Examination: Examine openings to receive the work. Do not proceed until any unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

3.02 Installation:

- A. Comply with manufacturer's instructions and recommendations for installation of the work.
- B. Verify dimensions of supporting structure at the site by accurate field measurements so that the work will be accurately designed, fabricated and fitted to the structure.
- C. Anchor louvers to the building substructure as indicated on architectural drawings.
- D. Erection Tolerances:
 - 1. Maximum variation from plane or location shown on the approved shop drawings: 1/8" per 12 feet of length, but not exceeding 1/2" in any total building length or portion thereof (non-cumulative).
 - 2. Maximum offset from true alignment between two members abutting end to end, edge-to-edge in line or separated by less than 3": 1/16" (shop or field joints). This limiting condition shall prevail under both load and no load conditions.
- E. Cut and trim component parts during erection only with the approval of the manufacturer or fabricator, and in accordance with his recommendations. Restore finish completely. Remove and replace members where cutting and trimming has impaired the strength or appearance of the assembly.
- F. Do not erect warped, bowed, deformed or otherwise damaged or defaced members. Remove and replace any members damaged in the erection process as directed.
- F. Set units level, plumb and true to line, with uniform joints.

3.03 Protection:

- A. Protect installed materials to prevent damage by other trades. Use materials that may be easily removed without leaving residue or permanent stains.

3.04 Adjusting and Cleaning:

- A. Immediately clean exposed surfaces of the louvers to remove fingerprints and dirt accumulation during the installation process. Do not let soiling remain until the final cleaning.
- B. Before final inspection, clean exposed surfaces with water and a mild soap or detergent not harmful to the material finishes. Thoroughly rinse surfaces and dry.
- C. Restore louvers and accessory components damaged during installation and construction so no evidence remains of corrective work. If results of restoration are unsuccessful, as determined by the Architect, remove damaged materials and replace with new materials.
 - 1. Touch up minor abrasions in finishes with a compatible air-dried coating that matches the color and gloss of the factory applied coating.