

SECTION 08 63 00  
METAL-FRAMED SKYLIGHTS

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION:**

Section specifies field erected aluminum framed thermally broken self-flashed curb mount double domed skylights.

**1.2 RELATED WORK:**

- A. Field installed joint sealants in connection with metal framed skylights: Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.

**1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE:**

A. Qualifications:

1. Approval is required of products or service of proposed manufacturer, suppliers and installers, and will be based upon submission by Contractor of certification that:
  - a. Manufacturers Qualifications: Manufacturer with five years continuous documented experience in design and fabrication and installation of metal framed skylights of type and size required for that project.
  - b. Installer Qualifications: An experienced installer with five years continuous documented experience who has specialized in installing metal-framed skylights similar to those indicated for this Project and who is acceptable in writing to manufacturer.
  - c. Manufacturer's product submitted has been in satisfactory and efficient use on minimum of three installations similar and equivalent to this project for past three years.
  - d. Testing Agency Qualifications: ISO 9000 Refer to Performance Requirements and Field Quality Control articles for testing requirements.
  - e. Product Options: Information on Drawings and in Specifications establishes requirements for aesthetic effects and performance characteristics of metal-framed skylights. Aesthetic effects are indicated by dimensions, arrangements, alignment, and profiles of components and assemblies as they relate to sightlines, one another, and adjoining construction. Performance characteristics are

indicated by criteria subject to verification by one or more methods including preconstruction testing, field testing, or in-service performance:

1) Do not modify intended aesthetic effects. If modifications are proposed, submit comprehensive explanatory data for review.

f. Welding: Welding shall be performed by certified welders qualified in accordance with AWS D1.2, using procedures, materials and equipment of the type required for this work.

**1.4 SUBMITTALS:**

A. In accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.

B. Manufacturer's Literature and Product Data:

1. Manufacturers standard details and fabrication methods.
2. Data on finishing, components, and accessories.
3. Instructions: Submit detail specifications and instructions for installation, and adjustments.
4. Recommendations for maintenance and cleaning of exterior surfaces.

C. Shop Drawings: Show elevations of skylights at 1:50 (1/4 inch) scale, metal gages, details of construction, methods of anchorage, glazing details, and details of installation.

**1.5 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING:**

A. Refer to AAMA CW 10 for care and handling of architectural aluminum from shop to site.

B. Inspect materials delivered to site for damage. Unload and store with minimum handling. Provide storage space in dry location with adequate ventilation, free from dust or water, and easily accessible for inspection and handling. Stack materials on non-absorptive strips or wood platforms. Do not cover frames with tarps, polyethylene film, or similar coverings. Protect finished surfaces during shipping and handling using manufacturer's standard method, except that no coatings or lacquers shall be applied to surfaces to which caulking and glazing compounds must adhere.

**1.6 PROJECT CONDITIONS:**

Field Measurements: Where metal-framed skylights are indicated to fit to other construction, verify dimensions of other construction by field measurements before fabrication and indicate measurements on Shop Drawings. Coordinate fabrication schedule with construction progress to avoid delaying Work.

**1.7 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS:**

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to extent referenced. Publications are referred to in text by basic designation only.
- B. American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA):
  - 501-05.....Methods of Test for Exterior Walls
  - 503-08.....Field Testing of Metal Storefronts,  
Curtain walls and Sloped Glazing Systems
  - 2605-11.....Superior Performing Organic Coatings on  
Architectural Aluminum Extrusions and  
Panels
  - CW 10-04.....Curtain Wall Manual No. 10 Care and  
Handling of Architectural Aluminum from  
Shop to Site
  - CW 13-85.....Curtain Wall Manual #13 Structural  
Sealant Glazing Systems
- C. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
  - A36/A36M-08.....Carbon Structural Steel
  - A123/A123M-09.....Zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on  
Iron and Steel Products
  - A193/A193M-10.....Alloy-Steel and Stainless Steel Bolting  
Materials for High Temperature Service
  - A307-10.....Carbon Steel Bolts and Studs, 60,000 psi  
Tensile Strength
  - B209-07.....Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and  
Plate
  - B211/B211M-03.....Aluminum-Alloy Bar, Rod and Wire
  - B221/B221M-08.....Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Extruded  
Bars, Rods, Wire, Shapes, and Tubes

- B316/B316M-10.....Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Rivet and Cold-Heading Wire and Rods
- C864-05.....Dense Elastomeric Compression Seal Gaskets, Setting Blocks and Spacers
- C920-11.....Elastomeric Joint Sealants
- E283-04.....Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen
- E330-02(R2010).....Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls and Doors by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference
- E331-00(R2009).....Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference
- E1105-00(R2008).....Field Determination of Water Penetration of Installed Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors by Uniform or Cyclic Static Air Pressure Differences
- D. American Welding Society (AWS):
  - D1.2/D1.2M-08.....Structural Welding Code-Aluminum
- E. Glass Association of North America (GANA):
  - 2010 Edition.....GANA Glazing Manual
  - 2008 Edition.....GANA Sealant Manual
  - 2009 Edition.....GANA Laminated Glazing Reference Manual
  - 1999 Edition.....GANA Fully Tempered Heavy Glass Door and Entrance Systems Design Guide.
- F. National Association of Architectural Metal Manufacturers (NAAMM):
  - AMP 500-06.....Metal Finishes Manual
- G. International Organization for Standardization ISO:
  - ISO 9000.....International Quality Management System Standards and Guidelines

### 1.9 WARRANTY

Warranty metal skylight against leaks, and structural failure, and subject to terms of "Warranty of Construction", FAR clause 52.246-21, except that warranty period shall be extended to 5 years.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION:

#### A. Design Requirements:

1. System shall meet or exceed all performance requirements specified.
2. Extruded aluminum members with a system of alternate serrations for attachment of exterior caps and glazing supports.
3. Integral guttering system within skylight framing members for positive drainage of condensation. Integral weeping system to drain to exterior.
4. Flush glazed exterior joints as indicated on contract drawings.
5. All structural silicone shall be factory applied.
6. Glazing Requirement: Plastic Sheets: Monolithic, formable, transparent (colorless) or translucent (white) sheets with good weather and impact resistant.  
Co-Polyester: Thermo-formable, monolithic co-polyester sheets manufactured by the extrusion process, category C-1 or CC-1, type. UV resistant, burglar resistance rated per UL 972 with average impact strength of 12 to 16 ft-lb/inch (638 to 850 J/m) of width when tested according to ASTM D 256, Test Method A (Izod). Outer dome thermoformed clear co-polyester. Inner dome white co-polyester

#### C. Performance Requirements:

1. Structural Members: Of sizes to support design loads as indicated on structural Contract Drawings and as outlined below.
2. Deflection of framing member in a direction normal to plane of glazing when subjected to a uniform load deflection test in accordance with ASTM E330, Procedure B, and per above specified structural design loads as indicated on structural

contract drawings, shall not exceed 1/175 nor 25 mm (1 inch) of its clear span for clear spans less than 6000 mm (20 feet) or 1/240 of clear spans greater than 6000 mm (20 feet).

3. Air Infiltration: When tested in accordance with ASTM E283, shall not exceed 0.03 L/S per sqm (0.06 cfm per square foot) of fixed skylight surface.
4. Water Penetration: No water shall penetrate when skylight is tested in accordance with ASTM E331 at a differential static pressure of 20 percent of inward acting design wind pressure, with a minimum of 300Pa (6.24 psf).

## 2.2 MATERIALS:

### A. Framework:

1. Principle Supporting Members: 3 mm (0.125 inch) minimum thickness extruded aluminum, alloy 6063-T5, 6063-T6, or 6061-T6 per ASTM B221M. Profiles as indicated on Contract Drawings.
2. Snap-on Covers and Miscellaneous Non-supporting Trim: 1.5 mm (0.062 inch) minimum thickness extruded aluminum, alloy 6063-T5 per ASTM B221M.
3. Principle Formed Metal Members: 3 mm (0.125 inch) minimum thickness aluminum, alloy 5052, 5005, or 6061-T6 per ASTM B209M.
4. Internal Reinforcement: ASTM A36M, steel shapes as required for strength and mullion size limitations, hot-dip galvanized after fabrication in accordance with ASTM A123.

### B. Glazing Strips: ASTM C864:

1. Glazing and glazing material as specified above.
2. Extruded EDPM rubber designed to comply with the following specifications:
  - a. Hardness: 55+/-5 Durometer.
  - b. Tensile Strength: 12410 kPa (1800 psi) minimum.
  - c. Elongation: 500 percent minimum.
  - d. Color: Black
3. Heat Aging Characteristics:
  - a. 70 hours at 100 degrees C (212 degrees F).
  - b. Hardness Change: +5 Durometer.

- c. Tensile Change: -10 percent
- d. Elongation Change: -20 percent
- 4. Weather resistance at 1 part ozone per million, 500 hours at 20% elongation: No cracks.
- 5. No visual checks, cracks or breaks after completion of tests.
- C. Setting Blocks:
  - 1. Extruded Type II silicone rubber designed to permit adhesion and comply with the following specifications; comply with ASTM C864:
    - a. Hardness: 80+/- Durometer
    - b. Color: Black
- D. Fasteners:
  - 1. For Exterior Cap Retainers: ASTM A193 B8 300 series stainless steel screws.
  - 2. For Framework Connections: ASTM B211M 2024-T4 aluminum, ASTM A193 B8 300 series stainless steel, and ASTM B316 aluminum rivets, as required by connection.
  - 3. For Anchoring Skylight to Support Structure: ASTM A307 zinc plated steel fasteners.
- E. Flashings: Comply with Section 07 60 00, FLASHING AND SHEET METAL.
- F. Glazing:
  - 1. As indicated above.
  - 2. Glazing Sizes and Clearances:
    - a. Accommodate up to 25 mm (1 inch) glazing.
    - b. Sizes indicated are nominal. Verify actual sizes required by measuring frames. Coordinate dimensions for Glazing and Glazing holding members to meet applicable minimum clearances as recommended by Glazing manufacturer. Do not nip Glazing to remove flares or to reduce oversized dimensions. All cutting shall occur in factory.

### 2.3 FABRICATION

- A. Skylight components shall be of materials and thickness indicated or specified. Details indicated are representative of required design and profiles. Unless specifically indicated or specified

- otherwise, methods of fabrication and assembly shall be at discretion of manufacturer. Perform fitting and assembling of components in shop to maximum extent practicable. Anchorage devices shall permit adjustment in three directions. There shall be no exposed fasteners.
- B. Construct skylight(s) using a continuous aluminum curb with expansion joints as required.
  - C. Insofar as practicable, fit and assemble work in manufacturer's shop. Work that cannot be permanently assembled shall be shop-assembled, marked and disassembled before shipment to job site.
  - D. Design rafter bars for snap-in type glazing strips.
  - E. Attach snap-on cap retainers using stainless steel fasteners into a system of alternate serrations, at a maximum spacing of 300 mm (12 inches) on center.
  - F. Design snap-on cap retainer fasteners to provide not more than 187 g/mm (10 pounds per linear inch) of compression on glazing strips and glazing edge.
  - G. Use snap-on type caps to conceal snap-on cap retainer fasteners.
  - H. Where applicable, shop rivet or weld aluminum clips to framing members or field bolt at installation.
  - I. Set glazing with exterior EDPM glazing strips.
  - J. Use silicone setting blocks to support Glazing and to provide edge clearances and Glazing bites as outlined below, in accordance with GANA recommendations:
    - 1. Set blocks not less than 150 mm (6 inches) from edge of Glazing for support of unit.
    - 2. Glazing Bite: Not less than 13 mm (1/2 inch) nor more than 16 mm (5/8 inch) on any side of Glazing unit.
    - 3. Maintain 6 mm (1/4 inch) edge clearance between Glazing and adjacent metal framework.
    - 4. Use rubber spacers to maintain separation of Glazing and adjacent metal framework.
  - K. Locate weep holes in curb to positively drain condensation to exterior of skylight at each rafter connection.

- L. Dissimilar Metals: Separate dissimilar metals with bituminous paint or other separator that will prevent galvanic action.
- M. Fasteners: Conceal fasteners wherever possible. Countersink heads of exposed fasteners.

**2.4 METAL FINISHES:**

//A. Anodized Aluminum:

- 1. AA-C22A41 - Chemically etched medium matte, with clear anodic coating, Class 1 Architectural, 0.7-mil thick.

B. Sealants:

- 1. Structural Flush Glazed Joints: High performance silicone sealant applied in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- 2. Non-structural Flush Glazed Joints and Weather Seal Joints: Silicone sealants applied in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

**PART 3 - EXECUTION**

**3.1 EXAMINATION:**

Prior to installation of skylight system, arrange for representative(s) of skylight manufacturer to examine structure and substrate to determine that they are properly prepared, sized and ready to receive skylight work included herein.

**3.2 INSPECTION AND PREPARATION:**

Contact between aluminum and dissimilar metals shall receive a protective coating of asphaltic paint for prevention of electrolytic action and corrosion.

**3.3 INSTALLATION:**

- A. Install skylight frame, glazing and accessory items as needed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Install skylight system by factory trained mechanics.
- C. Erect system plumb and true in proper alignment and relation to established lines and grades as shown on approved shop drawings.
- D. Anchor skylight to structure in strict accordance with approved Shop Drawings.

- E. Use high-performance silicone sealants to seal horizontal joints between Glazing panels and silicone sealant to wet seal joints between snap-on cap retainers and Glazing.
- F. Apply sealing materials in strict accordance with sealant manufacturer's instructions. Before application, remove mortar dirt, dust, moisture and other foreign matter from surfaces it will contact. Mask adjoining surfaces to maintain a clean, neat appearance. Tool sealing compounds to fill joint and provide a smooth finish.

**3.4 TOLERANCES:**

- A. All parts of work, when completed, shall be within the following tolerances:
  - 1. Maximum variation from plane or location shown on approved shop drawings: 3 mm per 3600 mm (1/8 inch per 12 feet) of length, or 10 mm (3/8 inch) in total length.
  - 2. Maximum offset from true alignment between two members abutting end-to-end, edge-to-edge in line: .75 mm (1/32 inch).

**3.5 CLEANING:**

- A. Install skylight frame and associated metal to avoid soiling or smudging finish.
- B. Clean metal surfaces promptly after installation, exercising care to avoid damage to coatings.
- C. Remove excess glazing and sealant compounds, dirt, and other substances.
- D. Follow recommendations of skylight manufacturer in selection of cleaning agents. Do not use cleaning agents containing ammonia or other compounds that might damage finished metal surfaces.
- E. Clean Glazing just prior to time of final acceptance of building, subsequent to completion of installation.

**3.7 PROTECTION:**

Protect finished surfaces from damage during erection, and after completion of work. Strippable plastic coatings on colored anodized finish are not acceptable.

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