

SECTION 23 34 00 HVAC FANS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. Fans for heating, ventilating and air conditioning.
- B. Product Definitions: AMCA Publication 99, Standard I-66.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- B. Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- C. Section 13 05 41, SEISMIC RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS.
- D. Section 23 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR HVAC AND STEAM GENERATION.
- E. Section 23 05 12, GENERAL MOTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR HVAC AND STEAM GENERATION EQUIPMENT.
- F. Section 23 05 41, NOISE AND VIBRATION CONTROL FOR HVAC PIPING AND EQUIPMENT.
- G. Section 23 05 93, TESTING, ADJUSTING, AND BALANCING FOR HVAC.
- H. Section 23 09 23, DIRECT-DIGITAL CONTROL SYSTEM FOR HVAC.
- I. Section 23 73 00, INDOOR CENTRAL-STATION AIR-HANDLING UNITS.
- J. Section 23 73 10, INDIRECT EVAPORATIVE COOLERS.
- K. Section 23 82 00, CONVECTION HEATING AND COOLING UNITS.
- L. Section 23 82 16, AIR COILS.
- M. Section 26 29 11, MOTOR CONTROLLERS.
- N. Section 26 29 23, VARIABLE FREQUENCY MOTOR CONTROLLERS.

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Refer to paragraph, QUALITY ASSURANCE, in Section 23 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR HVAC AND STEAM GENERATION.
- B. Fans and power ventilators shall be listed in the current edition of AMCA 261, and shall bear the AMCA performance seal.
- C. Operating Limits for Centrifugal Fans: AMCA 99 (Class I, II, and III).
- D. Fans and power ventilators shall comply with the following standards:
 - 1. Testing and Rating: AMCA 210.
 - 2. Sound Rating: AMCA 300.
- E. Vibration Tolerance for Fans and Power Ventilators: Section 23 05 41, NOISE AND VIBRATION CONTROL FOR HVAC PIPING AND EQUIPMENT.
- F. Performance Criteria:
 - 1. The fan schedule shall show the design air volume and static pressure. Select the fan motor HP by increasing the fan BHP by 10 percent to account for the drive losses and field conditions.
 - 2. Select the fan operating point as follows:
 - a. Forward Curve and Axial Flow Fans: Right hand side of peak pressure point
 - b. Air Foil, Backward Inclined, or Tubular: At or near the peak static efficiency
- G. Safety Criteria: Provide manufacturer's standard screen on fan inlet and discharge where exposed to operating and maintenance personnel.
- H. Corrosion Protection:
 - 1. Except for fans in fume hood exhaust service, all steel shall be mill-galvanized, or phosphatized and coated with minimum two coats, corrosion resistant enamel paint. Manufacturers paint and paint system shall meet the minimum specifications of: ASTM D1735 water fog; ASTM B117 salt spray; ASTM D3359 adhesion; and ASTM G152 and G153 for carbon arc light apparatus for exposure of non-metallic material.

2. Fans for general purpose fume hoods, or chemical hoods, and radioisotope hoods shall be constructed of materials compatible with the chemicals being transported in the air through the fan.
- I. Spark resistant construction: If flammable gas, vapor or combustible dust is present in concentrations above 20% of the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL), the fan construction shall be as recommended by AMCA's Classification for Spark Resistant Construction. Drive set shall be comprised of non-static belts for use in an explosive.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, and SAMPLES.
- B. Manufacturers Literature and Data:
 1. Fan sections, motors and drives.
 2. Centrifugal fans, motors, drives, accessories and coatings.
 - a. In-line centrifugal fans.
 - b. Tubular Centrifugal Fans.
 - c. Up-blast kitchen hood exhaust fans.
 - d. Industrial fans.
 - e. Utility fans and vent sets.
 3. Prefabricated roof curbs.
 4. Packaged evaporative cooler air units.
 5. Vane axial fans.
 6. Tube-axial fans.
 7. Plug fans.
- C. Certified Sound power levels for each fan.
- D. Motor ratings types, electrical characteristics and accessories.
- E. Roof curbs.
- F. Belt guards.

- G. Maintenance and Operating manuals in accordance with Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- H. Certified fan performance curves for each fan showing cubic feet per minute (CFM) versus static pressure, efficiency, and horsepower for design point of operation.

1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. Air Movement and Control Association International, Inc. (AMCA):
 - 99-86Standards Handbook
 - 210-06Laboratory Methods of Testing Fans for Aerodynamic Performance Rating
 - 261-09Directory of Products Licensed to bear the AMCA Certified Ratings Seal - Published Annually
 - 300-08Reverberant Room Method for Sound Testing of Fans
- C. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
 - B117-07aStandard Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus
 - D1735-08Standard Practice for Testing Water Resistance of Coatings Using Water Fog Apparatus
 - D3359-08Standard Test Methods for Measuring Adhesion by Tape Test
 - G152-06Standard Practice for Operating Open Flame Carbon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Non-Metallic Materials
 - G153-04Standard Practice for Operating Enclosed Carbon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Non-Metallic Materials
- D. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
 - NFPA 96-08Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations
- E. National Sanitation Foundation (NSF):

37-07Air Curtains for Entrance Ways in Food and Food
Service Establishments

F. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):

181-2005Factory Made Air Ducts and Air Connectors

1.6 EXTRA MATERIALS

A. Provide one additional set of belts for all belt-driven fans.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURERS

In other part 2 articles where subparagraph titles below introduce a list of manufacturers, they're subject to compliance with requirements.

2.2 FAN SECTION (AIR HANDLING UNIT FAN)

A. Refer to specification Section 23 73 00, INDOOR CENTRAL-STATION AIR-HANDLING UNITS.

2.3 CENTRIFUGAL FANS

A. MANUFACTURERS:

1. Trane Company
2. McQuay International
3. Engineered Air
4. Approved Equal

B. Standards and Performance Criteria: Refer to Paragraph, QUALITY ASSURANCE. Record factory vibration test results on the fan or furnish to the Contractor.

C. Fan arrangement, unless noted or approved otherwise:

1. DWDI fans: Arrangement 3.
2. SWSI fans: Arrangement 1, 3, 9 or 10, exhaust fans Arrangement 3 shall not be acceptable.

D. Construction: Wheel diameters and outlet areas shall be in accordance with AMCA standards.

1. Housing: Low carbon steel, arc welded throughout, braced and supported by structural channel or angle iron to prevent vibration or pulsation, flanged outlet, inlet fully streamlined. Provide lifting clips,

and casing drain. Provide manufacturer's standard access door. Provide 12.5 mm (1/2 inches) wire mesh screens for fan inlets without duct connections.

2. Wheel: Steel plate with die formed blades welded or riveted in place, factory balanced statically and dynamically.
3. Shaft: Designed to operate at no more than 70 percent of the first critical speed at the top of the speed range of the fans class.
4. Bearings: Heavy duty ball or roller type sized to produce a B10 life of not less than 50,000 hours, and an average fatigue life of 200,000 hours. Extend filled lubrication tubes for interior bearings or ducted units to outside of housing.
5. Belts: Oil resistant, non-sparking and non-static.
6. Belt Drives: Factory installed with final alignment belt adjustment made after installation.
7. Motors and Fan Wheel Pulleys: Adjustable pitch for use with motors through 15HP, fixed pitch for use with motors larger than 15HP. Select pulleys so that pitch adjustment is at the middle of the adjustment range at fan design conditions.
8. Motor, adjustable motor base, drive and guard: Furnish from factory with fan. Refer to Section 23 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR HVAC AND STEAM GENERATION for specifications. Provide protective sheet metal enclosure for fans located outdoors.
9. Furnish variable speed fan motor controllers where shown on the drawings. Refer to Section, 26 29 23 VARIABLE FREQUENCY MOTOR CONTROLLERS and for Motor Starters Refer to Section 26 29 11 MOTOR CONTROLLERS. Refer to Section 23 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR HVAC AND STEAM GENERATION for controller/motor combination requirements.

2.4 POWER EXHAUST VENTILATOR (MODULAR AIR HANDLING UNITS)

- A. Manufacturers:
 1. Twin City Fan & Blower
 2. Greenheck Fan Corporation
 3. Loren Cook Company
 4. Approved Equal

- B. Standards and Performance Criteria: Refer to Paragraph, QUALITY ASSURANCE.
- C. Type: Centrifugal fan, backward inclined blades. Provide down-blast or up-blast type as indicated.
- D. Construction: Steel or aluminum, completely weatherproof, for curb mounting, exhaust cowl or entire drive assembly readily removable for servicing, aluminum bird screen on discharge, UL approved safety disconnect switch, conduit for wiring, vibration isolators for wheel, motor and drive assembly. Provide self acting back draft damper. Provide electric motor operated damper where indicated.
- E. Motor and Drive: Refer to Section 23 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR HVAC AND STEAM GENERATION. Bearings shall be pillow block ball type with a minimum L-50 life of 200,000 hours. Motor shall be located out of air stream.
- F. Prefabricated Roof Curb: As specified in paragraph 2.3 of this section.
- G. Up-blast Type: Top discharge exhauster, motor out of air stream. For kitchen hood exhaust applications, provide grease trough on base and threaded drain. The mounting height of the kitchen up-blast exhaust fan shall be in compliance with NFPA 96. (Provide vented curb extension if required to maintain required clearances.)

2.5 SUPPLY FANS(MODULAR AIR HANDLING UNITS)

- A. Manufacturers:
 - 1. Twin City Fan & Blower
 - 2. Greenheck Fan Corporation
 - 3. Loren Cook Company
 - 4. Approved Equal
- B. The supply air fan shall be an AMCA certified, Class II, heavy duty, centrifugal plenum type with non-overloading wheel, of the scheduled size.
- C. Fans shall be centrifugal plenum type, as manufactured by Twin City Fan & Blower. Fans shall have a sharply rising pressure characteristic extending through the operating range and continuing to rise beyond the peak efficiency to ensure quiet and stable operation. Fans shall have a non-overloading design with self-limiting horsepower characteristics and shall reach a peak in the normal selection area. All fans shall be capable

of operating over the minimum pressure class limits as specified in AMCA's Standard 2408-69.

D. Performance:

1. Fans shall be tested in accordance with AMCA 210 and AMCA 300 test standards for air moving devices and shall be guaranteed by the manufacturer to deliver rated published performance levels. Fans shall be licensed to bear the AMCA certified ratings seal for fan inlet sound, fan outlet sound, and air performance. Arrangement 3 fans shall be tested and rated with shaft, bearings, and bearing bar in the inlet and shall be licensed to bear the AMCA certified ratings seal for both sound and air.

E. Construction:

1. Fans shall be designed without a scroll type housing and shall incorporate a non-overloading type backward inclined airfoil blade wheel, heavy-gauge reinforced steel inlet plate, structural steel frame, and shaft and bearings.

F. Frame And Inlet Plate:

1. Inlet plates shall be of heavy-gauge reinforced steel construction. The inlet plate incorporates a removable spun inlet cone designed for smooth airflow into the accompanying inlet retaining ring of the fan wheel. A square, formed lip suitable for attachment of a boot connector shall surround the unit, or an option-al round inlet collar can be provided.

G. Wheel:

1. Wheels shall have a spun non-tapered style blade-retaining ring on the inlet side to allow higher efficiencies over the performance range of the fan. Fan shall have airfoil-shaped extruded aluminum blades. All hollow blade wheels shall be continuously welded around all edges. All wheels shall be statically and dynamically balanced on precision electronic balancers to a Balance Quality Grade G6.3 per ANSI/AMCA 204 or better.

H. Shaft:

1. Shafts shall be AISI 1040 or 1045 hot rolled steel, accurately turned, ground, polished, and ring gauged for accuracy. Shafts shall be sized for the first critical speed of at least 1.43 times the maximum speed. All shafts must be dial indicated for straightness after the keyways are cut and straightened as required.

I. Bearings:

1. Bearings shall be heavy duty, grease lubricated, anti-friction ball or roller, self-aligning, pillow block type and selected for a minimum bearing life (AFBMA L-10) in excess of 40,000 hours at the maximum fan RPM. All bearings shall be equipped with zerk grease fittings and, where necessary, extended lube lines for easy access for lubrication.

J. Finish And Coating:

1. The entire fan assembly, excluding the shaft, shall be thoroughly degreased and deburred before application of a rust-preventative primer. After the fan is completely assembled, a finish coat of paint shall be applied to the entire assembly. The fan shaft shall be coated with a petroleum-based rust protectant. Aluminum components shall be painted.

K. FACTORY RUN TEST:

1. All fans prior to shipment shall be completely assembled and test run as a unit at the specified operating speed or maximum RPM allowed for the particular construction type. Maximum vibration shall be within the limits of ANSI/AMCA 204 Fan Application Category BV-3. Balance readings shall be taken by electronic type equipment in the axial, vertical, and horizontal directions on each of the bearings. Records shall be maintained and a written copy shall be available upon request.

L. Vibration Isolation:

1. Fans chassis' shall be mounted on Kinetics 2" seismic vibration isolators.

- M. Fan access doors shall have safety switches that shut down fans upon opening door. No fan cage or belt guards shall be provided.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Install fan, motor and drive in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Align fan and motor sheaves to allow belts to run true and straight.
- C. Bolt equipment to curbs with galvanized lag bolts.

- D. Install vibration control devices as shown on drawings and specified in Section 23 05 41, NOISE AND VIBRATION CONTROL FOR HVAC PIPING AND EQUIPMENT.

3.2 PRE-OPERATION MAINTENANCE

- A. Lubricate bearings, pulleys, belts and other moving parts with manufacturer recommended lubricants.
- B. Rotate impeller by hand and check for shifting during shipment and check all bolts, collars, and other parts for tightness.
- C. Clean fan interiors to remove foreign material and construction dirt and dust.

3.3 START-UP AND INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Verify operation of motor, drive system and fan wheel according to the drawings and specifications.
- B. Check vibration and correct as necessary for air balance work.
- C. After air balancing is complete and permanent sheaves are in place perform necessary field mechanical balancing to meet vibration tolerance in Section 23 05 41, NOISE AND VIBRATION CONTROL FOR HVAC PIPING AND EQUIPMENT.

END OF SECTION 23 34 00