

SECTION 12 36 00
COUNTERTOPS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies casework countertops with integral accessories.
For laboratory countertops see SECTION 12 31 00 MANUFACTURED METAL CASEWORK.
- B. Integral accessories include:
 - 1. Sinks.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Color and patterns of countertop: See Finish/Material Schedule on drawing A-603.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with SECTION 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Shop Drawings
 - 1. Show dimensions of section and method of assembly.
 - 2. Show details of construction at 1/2 scale.
- C. Samples:
 - 1. 150 mm (6 inch) square samples each top.
 - 2. Front edge, back splash, end splash and core with surface material and booking.

1.4 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. American Hardboard Association (AHA):
A135.4-95.....Basic Hardboard
- C. Composite Panel Association (CPA):
A208.1-09.....Particleboard
- D. American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME):
A112.18.1-05.....Plumbing Supply Fittings
A112.1.2-04.....Air Gaps in Plumbing System
A112.19.3-08 (R2004).....Stainless Steel Plumbing Fixtures (Designed for Residential Use)
- E. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
A167-99 (R2009).....Stainless and Heat-Resisting Chromium-Nickel Steel Plate, Sheet and Strip

- A1008-09.....Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural,
High Strength, Low Alloy
- D256-06.....Pendulum Impact Resistance of Plastic
- D570-98 (R2005).....Water Absorption of Plastics
- D638-08.....Tensile Properties of Plastics
- D785-08.....Rockwell Hardness of Plastics and Electrical
Insulating Materials
- D790-07.....Flexural Properties of Unreinforced and
Reinforced Plastics and Electrical Insulating
Materials
- D4690-99 (2005).....Urea-Formaldehyde Resin Adhesives
- G21-96 (R2002).....Determining Resistance of Synthetic Polymeric
Materials to Fungi
- F. Federal Specifications (FS):
- A-A-1936.....Adhesive, Contact, Neoprene Rubber
- G. U.S. Department of Commerce, Product Standards (PS):
- PS 1-95.....Construction and Industrial Plywood
- H. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):
- LD 3-05.....High Pressure Decorative Laminates
- LD 3.1-95.....Performance, Application, Fabrication, and
Installation of High Pressure Decorative
Laminates

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

A. Molded Resin:

1. Non-glare epoxy resin or furan resin compounded and cured for minimum physical properties specified:

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| Flexural strength | 70 MPa (10,000 psi) | ASTM D790 |
| Rockwell hardness | 105 | ASTM D785 |
| Water absorption, 14 hours (weight) | .01% | ASTM D570 |

2. Material of uniform mixture throughout.

1. Metals used for welding same metal as materials joined.
2. Use studs, bolts, spaces, threaded rods with nuts or screws suitable for materials being joined with metal splice plates, channels or other supporting shape.

B. Solid Polymer Material:

1. Filled Methyl Methacrylic Polymer.

2. Performance properties required:

| Property | Result | Test |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Elongation | 0.3% min. | ASTM D638 |
| Hardness | 90 Rockwell M | ASTM D785 |
| Gloss (60° Gordon) | 5-20 | NEMA LD3.1 |
| Color stability | No change | NEMA LD3 except 200 hour |
| Abrasion resistance | No loss of pattern Max wear depth 0.0762 mm (0.003 in) - 10000 cycles | NEMA LD3 |
| Water absorption weight (5 max) | 24 hours 0.9 | ASTM D-570 |
| Izod impact | 14 N·m/m (0.25 ft-lb/in) | ASTM D256 (Method A) |
| Impact resistance | No fracture | NEMA LD-3 900 mm (36") drop 1 kg (2 lb.) ball |
| Boiling water surface resistance | No visible change | NEMA LD3 |
| High temperature resistance | Slight surface dulling | NEMA LD3 |

3. Cast into sheet form and bowl form.
4. Color throughout with subtle veining through thickness.
5. Joint adhesive and sealer: Manufacturers silicone adhesive and sealant for joining methyl methacrylic polymer sheet.
6. Bio-based products will be preferred.

2.2 COUNTERTOPS

- A. Fabricate in largest sections practicable.
- B. Fabricate with joints flush on top surface.
- C. Fabricate countertops to overhang front of cabinets and end of assemblies 25 mm (one inch) except where against walls or cabinets.
- D. Provide 1 mm (0.039 inch) thick metal plate connectors or fastening devices (except epoxy resin tops).
- E. Join edges in a chemical resistant waterproof cement or epoxy cement, except weld metal tops.
- F. Fabricate with end splashes where against walls or cabinets.
- G. Splash Backs and End Splashes:
 1. Not less than 19 mm (3/4 inch) thick.
 2. Height 100 mm (4 inches) unless noted otherwise.

3. Fabricate epoxy splash back in maximum lengths practical of the same material.
- H. Drill or cutout for sinks, and penetrations.
 1. Accurately cut for size of penetration.
- I. Drill for grommet holes; holes to be a minimum of 3" with plastic ring and cover.
- J. Methyl Methacrylic Polymer Tops:
 1. Fabricate countertop of methyl methacrylic polymer cast sheet, 19 mm (3/4 inch) thick.
 2. Fabricate back splash and end splash to height shown.
 3. Fabricate skirt to depth shown.
 4. Fabricate with marine edge where sinks occur.
 5. Fabricate in one piece for full length from corner to corner up to 3600 mm (12 feet).
 6. Join pieces with adhesive sealant.
 7. Cut out countertop for lavatories, plumbing trim.
 8. Provide concealed fasteners and epoxy cement for anchorage of sinks to countertop.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Before installing countertops verify that wall surfaces have been finished as specified and that mechanical and electrical service locations are as required.
- B. Secure countertops to supporting rails of cabinets with metal fastening devices, or screws through pierced slots in rails.
 1. Where type, size or spacing of fastenings is not shown or specified, submit shop drawings showing proposed fastenings and method of installation.
 2. Use round head bolts or screws.
 3. Use epoxy or silicone to fasten the epoxy resin countertops to the cabinets.
- C. Sinks
 1. . Install methyl methacrylic polymer sinks in manufacturers recommended adhesive sealer or epoxy compound to underside of methyl methacrylic polymer countertop.
 - a. Bolt or screw to countertop to prevent separation of bowl and fracture of adhesive sealant joint.
 - b. Install drain and traps to sink.

3.2 PROTECTION AND CLEANING

- A. Tightly cover and protect against dirt, water, and chemical or mechanical injury.
- B. Clean at completion of work.

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