

SECTION 12 32 00  
MANUFACTURED WOOD CASEWORK

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION:**

- A. This section specifies plastic laminate casework as detailed on the construction documents, including related components and accessories required to form integral units. Wood casework items shown on the construction documents, but not specified below are to be included as part of the work under this section, and applicable portions of the specification are to apply to these items.

**1.2 RELATED WORK:**

- A. Sealants: Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.  
B. Color of Casework Finishes: Section 09 06 00, SCHEDULE OF FINISHES.  
C. Resilient Base: Section 09 65 13, RESILIENT BASE AND ACCESSORIES.  
D. Standard Manufactured Metal Casework: Section 12 31 00, MANUFACTURED METAL CASEWORK.  
E. Countertop Construction and Materials and Items Installed in Countertops: Section 12 36 00, COUNTERTOPS.  
F. Plumbing Requirements Related to Casework: Division 22, PLUMBING.

**1.3 SUBMITTALS:**

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.  
B. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:  
1. Casework hardware.  
C. Samples:  
1. Plastic laminate.  
D. Shop Drawings (1/2 full size):  
1. Each casework type, showing details of construction, including materials, hardware and accessories.  
2. Fastenings and method of installation.  
E. Certification:  
1. Manufacturer's qualifications specified.  
2. Installer's qualifications specified.

**1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE:**

- A. Approval by VA COR is required of manufacturer and installer based upon certification of qualifications specified.

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B. Manufacturer's qualifications:

1. Manufacturer is regularly engaged in design and manufacture of modular plastic laminate casework, casework components and accessories of scope and type similar to indicated requirements for a period of not less than five (5) years.
2. Manufacturer has successfully completed at least three (3) projects of scope and type similar to indicated requirements.
3. Submit manufacturer's qualifications and list of projects, including owner contact information.

C. Installer Qualifications:

1. Installer has completed at least three (3) projects in last five (5) years in which these products were installed.
2. Submit installer qualifications.

**1.5 WARRANTY:**

- A. Construction Warranty: Comply with FAR clause 52.246-21 "Warranty of Construction".
- B. Manufacturer Warranty: Manufacturer shall warranty their wood casework for a minimum of five (5) years from date of installation and final acceptance by the Government. Submit manufacturer warranty.

**1.6 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 basic designation only.
- B. ASTM International (ASTM):
  - A240/A240M-14.....Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications
  - A1008/A1008M-13.....Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High Strength Low Alloy
  - C1036-11E1 (R2012).....Flat Glass
- C. Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA):
  - A156.1-13.....Butts and Hinges
  - A156.9-10.....Cabinet Hardware
  - A156.5-14.....Auxiliary Locks and Associated Products
  - A156.11-14.....Cabinet Locks

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- D. Composite Panel Association (CPA):
  - A208.1-09.....Particleboard
  - A208.2-09.....Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) for Interior Applications
- E. U.S. Department of Commerce Product Standards (Prod. Std):
  - PS 1-09.....Construction and Industrial Plywood
- F. Hardwood, Plywood and Veneer Association (HPVA):
  - HP-1-09.....Hardwood and Decorative Plywood
- G. Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI):
  - Architectural Woodwork Standards, Edition 2 Certification Program - 2014
- H. American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME):
  - A112.18.1-12.....Plumbing Fixture Fittings
- I. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):
  - LD 3-05.....High Pressure Decorative Laminates
- J. Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL):
  - 437-08 (R2013).....Key Locks
- K. Scientific Equipment and Furniture Association (SEFA):
  - 2.3-10.....Installation of Scientific Laboratory Furniture and Equipment

**PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

**2.1 PLASTIC LAMINATE:**

- A. NEMA LD 3.
- B. Exposed decorative surfaces, both sides of cabinet doors, and for items having plastic laminate finish. General purpose Type HGL.
- C. Cabinet Interiors Including Shelving: Both of following options to comply with NEMA LD 3 as a minimum.
  - 1. Plastic laminate clad plywood or particleboard, MDF (excluding shelves).
  - 2. Thermally fused melamine.
- D. Backing sheet on bottom of plastic laminate covered wood tops. Backer Type BKL.
- E. Post Forming Fabrication, Decorative Surface: Post forming Type HGP.

**2.2 PARTICLEBOARD:**

- A. CPA A208.1, Type 1, Grade M or medium density.

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**2.3 MEDIUM DENSITY FIBERBOARD (MDF) :**

- A. Fully waterproof bond conforming to CPA A208.1 and CPA A208.2.

**2.4 HARDWARE:**

A. Hinged Doors:

1. Provide doors 915 mm (36 inches) and more in height with three (3) hinges and doors less than 915 mm (36 inches) in height is to have two (2) hinges. Each door is to close against two (2) rubber bumpers.
2. Hinges: Fabricate hinges with minimum 1.8 mm (0.072 inch) thick chromium plated steel leaves, and with minimum 3.5 mm (0.139 inch) diameter stainless steel pin. Hinges to be five (5) knuckle design with 63 mm (2-1/2 inch) high leaves and hospital type tips.
3. Fasteners: Provide full thread wood screws to fasten hinge leaves to door and cabinet frame. Finish screws to match finish of hinges.

B. Drawer and Door Pulls:

1. Doors and drawers to have 5/16" diameter pulls, fabricated of either chromium-plated brass, chromium plated steel, stainless steel, or anodized aluminum. Drawer and door pulls to be of a design that can be operated with a force of 22.2 N (5 pounds) or less, with one (1) hand and not require tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist.

C. Drawer Slides:

1. Full extension steel slides with nylon ball-bearing rollers.
2. Slides to have positive stop.
3. Equip drawers with rubber bumpers.

D. Shelf Standards (Except For Fixed Shelves):

1. Bright zinc-plated steel for recessed mounting with screws, 16 mm (5/8 inch) wide by 5 mm (3/16 inch) high providing 13 mm (1/2 inch) adjustment, complete with shelf supports.

**2.5 PVC EDGING**

- A. 3mm durable, impact resistant PVC edges that are machine applied utilizing waterproof hot melt adhesive.

**2.5 MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS:**

- A. When two (2) or more units are required, use products of one (1) manufacturer.

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- B. Manufacturer of casework assemblies is to assume complete responsibility for the final assembled unit.
- C. Provide products of a single manufacturer for parts which are alike.

**2.6 FABRICATION:**

- A. Casework to be of the flush overlay design and, except as otherwise specified, be of Premium Grade construction and of component thickness in conformance with AWI Quality Standards.
- B. Fabricate casework of plastic laminated covered plywood or particleboard as follows:
  - 1. Where shown, doors, drawers, shelves and all semi-concealed surfaces to be plastic laminated.
- C. Support Members for Tops of Tables and Countertops:
  - 1. Construct as detailed on construction documents.
  - 2. Provide miscellaneous steel members and anchor as shown on construction drawings.

**2.7 PRODUCTS OF OTHER COMPONENTS DIRECTLY RELATED TO CASEWORK:**

- A. Refer to Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS for work related to sealants used in conjunction with joints of countertops, casework systems, and adjacent materials.
- B. Refer to Section 09 65 13, RESILIENT BASE AND ACCESSORIES for work related to rubber base adhered to casework systems.
- C. Refer to Section 09 22 16, NON-STRUCTURAL METAL FRAMING for backing plates used in conjunction with wall assemblies for the attachment of casework systems.
- D. Refer to Section 12 36 11, COUNTERTOPS for plastic laminate, and methyl methacrylic polymer countertops and/or shelving used in conjunction with casework systems. When countertop materials are provided by the casework manufacturer, they are to include the following features:
  - 1. Capable of being suspended from vertical support rails or horizontal wall strips or service modules.
  - 2. Provided with rounded corners and impact resistant material on exposed edges.
  - 3. Capable of being easily relocated and installed without tools.
  - 4. Capable of being suspended and easily changed under counter mounted storage units.

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5. Provide leveling adjustment capability so units can be brought into a level position.
  6. Secured using fasteners. Show detail on shop drawings.
- E. Refer to Division 22, PLUMBING for the following work related to casework systems:
1. Sinks, faucets and other plumbing service fixtures, and piping systems.

**PART 3 - EXECUTION**

**3.1 COORDINATION:**

- A. Begin only after work of other trades is complete, including wall and floor finish completed, ceilings installed, light fixtures and diffusers installed and connected and area free of trash and debris.
- B. Verify location and size of mechanical and electrical services as required and perform cutting of components of work installed by other trades.
- C. Verify reinforcement of walls and partitions for support and anchorage of casework.
- D. Coordinate with other Divisions and Sections of the specification for work related to installation of casework systems to avoid interference and completion of service connections.

**3.2 INSTALLATION:**

- A. Install casework in accordance with manufacturer's written instructions.
  1. Install in available space; arranged for safe and convenient operation and maintenance.
  2. Align cabinets for flush joints except where shown otherwise.
  3. Install with bottom of wall cabinets in alignment and tops of base cabinets aligned level, plumb, true, and straight to a tolerance of 3.2 mm in 2438 mm (1/8 inch in 96 inches).
  4. Install corner cabinets with hinges on corner side with filler or spacers sufficient to allow opening of drawers.
- B. Support Rails:
  1. Install true to horizontal at heights shown on construction documents; maximum tolerance for uneven floors is plus or minus 13 mm (1/2 inch).

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2. Shim as necessary to accommodate variations in wall surface not exceeding 5 mm (3/16 inch) at fastener.

C. Wall Strips:

1. Install true to vertical and spaced as shown on construction documents.
2. Align slots to assure that hanging units will be level.

D. Plug Buttons:

1. Install plug buttons in predrilled or prepunched perforations not used.
2. Use chromium plate plug buttons or buttons finish to match adjacent surfaces.

E. Seal junctures of casework systems with mildew-resistant silicone sealants as specified in Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.

**3.3. CLOSURES AND FILLER PLATES:**

- A. Close openings larger than 6 mm (1/4 inch) wide between cabinets and adjacent walls with flat, steel closure strips, scribed to required contours, or machined formed steel fillers with returns, and secured with sheet metal screws to tubular or channel members of units, or bolts where exposed on inside.
- B. Secure filler plates to casework top members, unless shown otherwise on construction documents.
- C. Secure filler plates more than 152 mm (6 inches) in width top edge to a continuous 25 x 25 mm (1 x 1 inch) 0.889 mm (1/16 inch) thick steel formed steel angle with screws.
- D. Anchor angle to ceiling with toggle bolts.
- E. Install closure strips at exposed ends of pipe space and offset opening into concealed space.
- F. Finish closure strips and fillers with same finishes as cabinets.

**3.4 FASTENINGS AND ANCHORAGE:**

- A. Do not anchor to wood ground strips.
- B. Provide hat shape metal spacers where fasteners span gaps or spaces.
- C. Use 6 mm (1/4 inch) diameter toggle or expansion bolts, or other appropriate size and type fastening device for securing casework to walls or floor. Use expansion bolts shields having holding power beyond tensile and shear strength of bolt and breaking strength of bolt head.
- D. Use 6 mm (1/4 inch) diameter hex bolts for securing cabinets together.

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- E. Use 6 mm (1/4 inch) by minimum 38 mm (1-1/2 inch) length lag bolt anchorage to wood blocking for concealed fasteners.
- F. Use not less than No. 12 or 14 wood screws with not less than 38 mm (1-1/2 inch) penetration into wood blocking.
- G. Space fastening devices 305 mm (12 inches) on center with minimum of three (3) fasteners in 915 or 1220 mm (3 or 4 foot) unit width.
- H. Anchor floor mounted cabinets with a minimum of four (4) bolts through corner gussets. Anchor bolts may be combined with or separate from leveling device.
- I. Secure cabinets in alignment with hex bolts or other internal fastener devices removable from interior of cabinets without special tools. Do not use fastener devices which require removal of tops for access.
- J. Where units abut end to end, anchor together at top and bottom of sides at front and back. Where units are back to back, anchor backs together at corners with hex bolts placed inconspicuously inside casework.
- K. Where type, size, or spacing of fastenings is not shown on construction documents or specified, show on shop drawings proposed fastenings and method of installation.

**3.5 ADJUSTMENTS:**

- A. Adjust equipment to insure proper alignment and operation.
- B. Replace or repair damaged or improperly operating materials, components or equipment.

**3.6 CLEANING:**

- A. Immediately following installation, clean each item, removing finger marks, soil and foreign matter.
- B. Remove from job site trash, debris and packing materials.
- C. Leave installed areas clean of dust and debris.

**3.7 INSTRUCTIONS:**

- A. Provide operational and cleaning manuals and verbal instructions in accordance with Article INSTRUCTIONS, SECTION 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- B. Provide in service training both prior to and after facility opening. Coordinate in service activities with COR.
- C. Commencing at least seven (7) days prior to opening of facility, provide one (1) four (4) hour day of on-site orientation and technical

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instruction on use and cleaning procedures application of products and  
systems specified herein.

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