

**SECTION 23 05 41**  
**NOISE AND VIBRATION CONTROL FOR HVAC PIPING AND EQUIPMENT**

**PART 1 - GENERAL****1.1 DESCRIPTION**

Noise criteria, vibration tolerance and vibration isolation for HVAC and plumbing work.

**1.2 RELATED WORK**

- A. Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA and SAMPLES.
- B. Section 23 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR HVAC.
- C. Section 23 31 00, HVAC DUCTS and CASINGS.
- D. Section 23 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF HVAC SYSTEMS.
- E. Section 23 21 23, HYDRONIC PUMPS.

**1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Refer to article, QUALITY ASSURANCE in specification Section 23 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR HVAC.
- B. Noise Criteria:
  - 1. Noise levels in all 8 octave bands due to equipment and duct systems shall not exceed following NC levels:

TYPE OF ROOM	NC LEVEL
Ante Rooms	35
Corridors(Public)	40
Decontamination	45
Detergent and Water Treatment	45
Endo Processing/High Level Disinfection	40
EMS	40
General Work Rooms	40
HAC	40
Laboratories	45
Locker Rooms	45
Multi-Purpose Rooms	35
Offices, Large Open	40
Offices, Small Private	35
Prep/Assembly/Sterile Processing	40
Sterilizer Equipment Room	45
Storage Rooms	35
Toilet Rooms	40

2. For equipment which has no sound power ratings scheduled on the plans, the contractor shall select equipment such that the foregoing noise criteria, local ordinance noise levels, and OSHA requirements are not exceeded. Selection procedure shall be in accordance with ASHRAE Fundamentals Handbook, Chapter 8, Sound and Vibration.
3. An allowance, not to exceed 5db, may be added to the measured value to compensate for the variation of the room attenuating effect between room test condition prior to occupancy and design condition after occupancy which may include the addition of sound absorbing material, such as, furniture. This allowance may not be taken after occupancy. The room attenuating effect is defined as the difference between sound power level emitted to room and sound pressure level in room.
4. In absence of specified measurement requirements, measure equipment noise levels three feet from equipment and at an elevation of maximum noise generation.

C. Seismic Restraint Requirements:

1. Equipment:

- a. All mechanical equipment not supported with isolators external to the unit shall be securely anchored to the structure. Such mechanical equipment shall be properly supported to resist a horizontal force of 20 percent of the weight of the equipment furnished.
  - b. All mechanical equipment mounted on vibration isolators shall be provided with seismic restraints capable of resisting a horizontal force of 50 percent of the weight of the equipment furnished.
2. Piping: Refer to specification Section 23 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR HVAC.
  3. Ductwork: Refer to specification Section 23 31 00, HVAC DUCTS AND CASINGS.

- D. Allowable Vibration Tolerances for Rotating, Non-reciprocating Equipment: Not to exceed a self-excited vibration maximum velocity of 5 mm per second (0.20 inch per second) RMS, filter in, when measured with a vibration meter on bearing caps of machine in vertical, horizontal and axial directions or measured at equipment mounting feet if bearings are

concealed. Measurements for internally isolated fans and motors may be made at the mounting feet.

#### **1.4 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submit in accordance with specification Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, and SAMPLES.
- B. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
  - 1. Vibration isolators:
    - a. Floor mountings
    - b. Hangers
    - c. Thrust restraints
  - 2. Bases
  - 3. Hoses
  - 4. Grommets
  - 5. Acoustical Sealant
  - 6. Resilient Penetration Sleeves/Seals
- C. Isolator manufacturer shall furnish with submittal load calculations for selection of isolators, including supplemental bases, based on lowest operating speed of equipment supported.
- D. Seismic Requirements: Submittals are required for all equipment anchors, supports and seismic restraints. Submittals shall include weights, dimensions, standard connections, and manufacturer's certification that all specified equipment will withstand seismic Lateral Force requirements as shown on drawings.

#### **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. American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc. (ASHRAE):
  - 2013 .....Fundamentals Handbook, Chapter 8, Sound and Vibration
- C. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
  - A123/A123M-09.....Standard Specification for Zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products
  - A307-07b.....Standard Specification for Carbon Steel Bolts and Studs, 60,000 PSI Tensile Strength
  - D2240-05(2010).....Standard Test Method for Rubber Property - Durometer Hardness

- D. Manufacturers Standardization (MSS):  
SP-58-2009.....Pipe Hangers and Supports-Materials, Design and  
Manufacture
- E. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA):  
29 CFR 1910.95.....Occupational Noise Exposure
- F. American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE):  
ASCE 7-10 .....Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other  
Structures.
- G. American National Standards Institute / Sheet Metal and Air  
Conditioning Contractor's National Association (ANSI/SMACNA):  
001-2008.....Seismic Restraint Manual: Guidelines for  
Mechanical Systems, 3rd Edition.
- H. International Code Council (ICC):  
2012 IBC.....International Building Code.
- I. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA):  
H-18-8 2010.....Seismic Design Requirements.

## **PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

### **2.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Type of isolator, base, and minimum static deflection shall be as required for each specific equipment application as recommended by isolator or equipment manufacturer but subject to minimum requirements indicated herein and in the schedule on the drawings.
- B. Elastometric Isolators shall comply with ASTM D2240 and be oil resistant neoprene with a maximum stiffness of 60 durometer and have a straight-line deflection curve.
- C. Exposure to weather: Isolator housings to be either hot dipped galvanized or powder coated to ASTM B117 salt spray testing standards. Springs to be powder coated or electro galvanized. All hardware to be electro galvanized. In addition provide limit stops to resist wind velocity. Velocity pressure established by wind shall be calculated in accordance with section 1609 of the International Building Code. A minimum wind velocity of 120 mph shall be employed.
- D. Uniform Loading: Select and locate isolators to produce uniform loading and deflection even when equipment weight is not evenly distributed.
- E. Color code isolators by type and size for easy identification of capacity.
- F. Corrosion Resistance: All springs and associated metal hardware shall be designed or treated for resistance to corrosion. Steel components

shall be PVC coated, or phosphated and painted with industrial grade enamel. All nuts, bolts and washers shall be zinc electroplated. Structural steel bases and exposed steel components of concrete inertia bases shall be cleaned of welding slag and primed with zinc-chromate or metal etching primer. A finish coat of industrial grade enamel shall be applied over the primer.

## **2.2 SEISMIC RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUIPMENTS**

- A. Bolt pad mounted equipment, without vibration isolators, to the floor or other support using ASTM A307 standard bolting material.
- B. Floor mounted equipment, with vibration Isolators: Where Type N isolators are used provide channel frame base horizontal restraints bolted to the floor, or other support, on all sides of the equipment. Size and material required for the base shall be as recommended by the isolator manufacturer.
- C. On all sides of suspended equipment, provide bracing for rigid supports and provide restraints for resiliently supported equipment.

## **2.3 VIBRATION ISOLATORS**

- A. Floor Mountings:
  - 1. Double Deflection Neoprene (Type N): Shall include neoprene covered steel support plated (top and bottom), friction pads, and necessary bolt holes.
  - 2. Spring Isolators (Type S): Shall be free-standing, laterally stable and include acoustical friction pads and leveling bolts. Isolators shall have a minimum ratio of spring diameter-to-operating spring height of 1.0 and an additional travel to solid equal to 50 percent of rated deflection.
  - 3. Spring Isolators with Vertical Limit Stops (Type SP): Similar to spring isolators noted above, except include a vertical limit stop to limit upward travel if weight is removed and also to reduce movement and spring extension due to wind loads. Provide clearance around restraining bolts to prevent mechanical short circuiting.
  - 4. Pads (Type D), Washers (Type W), and Bushings (Type L): Pads shall be natural rubber or neoprene waffle, neoprene and steel waffle, or reinforced duck and neoprene. Washers and bushings shall be reinforced duck and neoprene. Washers and bushings shall be reinforced duck and neoprene. Size pads for a maximum load of 345 kPa (50 pounds per square inch).

5. Strips (Type E): Closed cell neoprene strip, 100 mm (4 inches) wide and same height as Type D pad application.
- B. Hangers: Shall be combination neoprene and springs unless otherwise noted and shall allow for expansion of pipe.
1. Combination Neoprene and Spring (Type H): Vibration hanger shall contain a spring and double deflection neoprene element in series. Spring shall have a diameter not less than 0.8 of compressed operating spring height. Spring shall have a minimum additional travel of 50 percent between design height and solid height. Spring shall permit a 15 degree angular misalignment without rubbing on hanger box.
  2. Spring Position Hanger (Type HP): Similar to combination neoprene and spring hanger except hanger shall hold piping at a fixed elevation during installation and include a secondary adjustment feature to transfer load to spring while maintaining same position.
  3. Neoprene (Type HN): Vibration hanger shall contain a double deflection type neoprene isolation element. Hanger rod shall be separated from contact with hanger bracket by a neoprene grommet.
  4. Spring (Type HS): Vibration hanger shall contain a coiled steel spring in series with a neoprene grommet. Spring shall have a diameter not less than 0.8 of compressed operating spring height. Spring shall have a minimum additional travel of 50 percent between design height and solid height. Spring shall permit a 15 degree angular misalignment without rubbing on hanger box.
  5. Hanger supports for piping 50 mm (2 inches) and larger shall have a pointer and scale deflection indicator.
- C. Thrust Restraints (Type THR): Restraints shall provide a spring element contained in a steel frame with neoprene pads at each end attachment. Restraints shall have factory preset thrust and be field adjustable to allow a maximum movement of 6 mm (1/4 inch) when the fan starts and stops. Restraint assemblies shall include rods, angle brackets and other hardware for field installation.

## **2.4 BASES**

- A. Rails (Type R): Design rails with isolator brackets to reduce mounting height of equipment and cradle machines having legs or bases that do not require a complete supplementary base. To assure adequate stiffness, height of members shall be a minimum of 1/12 of longest base dimension but not less than 100 mm (4 inches). Where rails are used

with neoprene mounts for small fans or close coupled pumps, extend rails to compensate overhang of housing.

- B. Integral Structural Steel Base (Type B): Design base with isolator brackets to reduce mounting height of equipment which require a complete supplementary rigid base. To assure adequate stiffness, height of members shall be a minimum of 1/12 of longest base dimension, but not less than 100 mm (four inches).
- C. Inertia Base (Type I): Base shall be a reinforced concrete inertia base. Pour concrete into a welded steel channel frame, incorporating prelocated equipment anchor bolts and pipe sleeves. Level the concrete to provide a smooth uniform bearing surface for equipment mounting. Provide grout under uneven supports. Channel depth shall be a minimum of 1/12 of longest dimension of base but not less than 150 mm (six inches). Form shall include 13-mm (1/2-inch) reinforcing bars welded in place on minimum of 203 mm (eight inch) centers running both ways in a layer 40 mm (1-1/2 inches) above bottom. Use height saving brackets in all mounting locations. Weight of inertia base shall be equal to or greater than weight of equipment supported to provide a maximum peak-to-peak displacement of 2 mm (1/16 inch).
- D. Curb Mounted Isolation Base (Type CB): Fabricate from aluminum to fit on top of standard curb with overlap to allow water run-off and have wind and water seals which shall not interfere with spring action. Provide resilient snubbers with 6 mm (1/4 inch) clearance for wind resistance. Top and bottom bearing surfaces shall have sponge type weather seals. Integral spring isolators shall comply with Spring Isolator (Type S) requirements.

## 2.5 HOSES

### A. Type V

- 1. Metallic, flexible bellows type bronze hose with bronze braid or Type 321 stainless steel hose with stainless steel braid. Bronze for application with copper tubing and brass piping; stainless steel for ferrous applications. Hose shall have weld, thread, flange or sweat connections as required for piping or tubing connection application.
- 2. Hose length shall be a minimum length of 225 mm (9 inches).
- 3. For freon refrigeration service, hose shall have adequate pressure rating for compressor discharge service working pressure of 2070 kPa

(300 psig) at 121 degrees C (250 degrees F); suction service working pressure of 1380 kPa (200 psig) at 38 degrees C (100 degrees F).

**B. Type T**

1. Flexible single or double sphere type flanged connectors. Manufactured with multiple ply, nylon tire cord fabric that has an inner liner and outer cover of neoprene or EPDM. Sphere flange shall have an internal steel cord or band to prevent sphere separation from mounting installation flange. Working pressure shall be 1030 kPa (150 psi) at 105 degrees C (220 degrees F) for pipe sizes through 300 mm (12 inches).
2. Sphere shall be suitable for application with unanchored piping with piping on isolation hangers and pumps on isolated base. Provide control rods or cables unless sphere is specifically designed and rated by the manufacturer for installation without control rods and cables. Provide installation instruction to clearly indicate if rods or cables are required and if pre-extension is required. This information shall be included in shop drawing submittal.

**2.6 ELASTOMERIC GROMMETS**

Type U: Grommets shall be a separate bushing with a separate washer or combination neoprene washer/bushing. Grommets shall be formed to prevent bolts from directly contacting the secured item. Elastomer shall be 56 durometer maximum.

**2.7 RESILIENT PENETRATION SLEEVE/SEAL**

- A. Field fabricate from pipe or sheet metal section 13 to 20 mm (1/2 to 3/4-inch) larger in each dimension than penetrating element in all direction around the element. Use to provide a sleeve through the construction penetrated. Extend sleeve 25 mm (1-inch) beyond the penetrated construction on each side. Pack annular space between sleeve and the penetrating element tightly with glass fiber or mineral wool to within 6 mm (1/4-inch) of ends of sleeve. Fill remaining 6 mm (1/4-inch) space on each side with acoustical sealant to form an airtight seal. Penetrating element shall be able to pass through sleeve without contacting sleeve. Alternatively, prefabricated sleeves accomplishing same result are acceptable.
- B. Do not use at fire-rated penetrations.

**2.8 ACOUSTICAL SEALANT**



Sealant for acoustical purposes, as described in this Section, shall be silicone or non-setting sealants.

## **2.9 SOUND ATTENUATING UNITS**

Refer to specification Section 23 31 00, HVAC DUCTS and CASINGS.

## **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

### **3.1 INSTALLATION**

#### **A. Vibration Isolation:**

1. No metal-to-metal contact will be permitted between fixed and floating parts.
2. Connections to Equipment: Allow for deflections equal to or greater than equipment deflections. Electrical, drain, piping connections, and other items made to rotating or reciprocating equipment (pumps, compressors, etc.) which rests on vibration isolators, shall be isolated from building structure for first three hangers or supports with a deflection equal to that used on the corresponding equipment.
3. Common Foundation: Mount each electric motor on same foundation as driven machine. Hold driving motor and driven machine in positive rigid alignment with provision for adjusting motor alignment and belt tension. Bases shall be level throughout length and width. Provide shims to facilitate pipe connections, leveling, and bolting.
4. Provide heat shields where elastomers are subject to temperatures over 38 degrees C (100 degrees F).
5. Extend bases for pipe elbow supports at discharge and suction connections at pumps. Pipe elbow supports shall not short circuit pump vibration to structure.
6. Non-rotating equipment such as heat exchangers shall be mounted on isolation units having the same static deflection as the isolation hangers or support of the pipe connected to the equipment.
7. Install in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Corrosion coatings damaged during installation shall be repaired.
8. Install isolators in locations to permit inspection and adjustment, and to provide proper operation. Install isolators as high as possible in hanger rod assembly, but clear of structure. Maintain 50-mm (2-inch) clearance between isolated equipment and walls, ceilings and other equipment. Maintain side clearance for hanger housings to allow a full 360-degree hanger rotation about the rod axis without contacting any object. Isolated systems shall be independently supported.

9. Adjust leveling bolts and hanger rod bolts so that isolated equipment is level and in proper alignment with connecting ducts and pipes. All vibration isolators shall be aligned squarely above or below mounting points of supported equipment.
  10. Install isolators to provide 40 mm (1-1/2-inch) clearance between inertia base or frame and housekeeping pad. Keep clearance space completely clear of debris. Limit stops shall be out of contact during normal operation.
  11. Provide structural base plate under isolator where isolator is wider than supporting structural member. Tack weld plate to structural member.
  12. Mount equipment on steel base of adequate structural rigidity when equipment or frame is not structurally suitable for the type of isolation specified. Spring and rail and spring supports are specified on the basis that the equipment is structurally built or supported on a rigid frame. Isolators for equipment with bases shall be located on sides of the base, which are parallel to the equipment shaft.
  13. Install Type E strips under air handling unit perimeter base and between Type D pad isolation without any gaps between pads and strips so as to prevent placement of any materials under the air handling unit that prevents function of Type D pad.
  14. If the mount baseplate is bolted to structure or framework rigidly connected to the structure, Type U elastomeric grommets shall be used between each bolt and the baseplate to prevent rigid connection. These additional neoprene washers and bushings may be omitted if the baseplate and friction pad incorporate neoprene elements that eliminate rigid contact between bolts and the baseplate. Bolt holes shall be properly sized to allow for bushing sleeve. The anchor bolt shall incorporate steel washers to distribute load evenly over neoprene washers.
- B. Inspection and Adjustments: Check for vibration and noise transmission through connections, piping, ductwork, foundations, and walls. Adjust, repair, or replace isolators as required to reduce vibration and noise transmissions to specified levels.

### **3.2 PIPING ISOLATION**

- A. Provide isolators for supports of all piping (except at anchor points and at base elbow supports for main risers) connected to vibration

isolated equipment.

1. Throughout mechanical equipment rooms but, not less than 15 m (50 feet) from the isolated equipment where the first 15 m (50 feet) extends past the mechanical equipment room wall. The pipe shall not come in contact with the wall or sleeve.
  2. For the first 15 m (50 feet) if not in a mechanical equipment room.
  3. Within 15 m (50 feet) of pressure reducing valves.
- B. The minimum static deflection of the first three hangers shall equal that of the isolators supporting the equipment. Thereafter, provide isolators with 1/2 the static deflection capabilities of the isolation system of the equipment to which it is connected.
- C. Type H Hanger Isolators: Provide on all suspended piping, except for first three hanger points of each water pipe connected to vibration isolated pumps. Type H isolators shall be installed after the pipe is insulated.
- D. Type HP Hanger Isolators: Provide on all suspended piping for first three hanger points of each water pipe connected to vibration isolated pumps.
- E. Type V Hoses: Provide on refrigerant piping connected to air cooled chillers.
- F. Type T Hoses: Provide on suction and discharge piping connection to vibration isolated floor-mounted pumps.
- G. On in-line circulators, provide Type HN hanger on pipe at pump suction and discharge up to 2.20 kW (3 horsepower).
- H. The installation of vibration isolators shall not cause any change of position of piping, that will result in stresses in piping connections or misalignment of shafts or bearings. Account for changes in height and weight when pipes are filled with water.
- I. Resilient Penetration Sleeve/Seals: Provide penetration seals to maintain an airtight seal around penetrating elements and to prevent rigid contact of penetrating element and building construction. Fit sleeve tightly to building construction and seal airtight on both sides of construction penetrated with acoustic sealant.

### 3.3 DUCT ISOLATION

Support ductwork and suspended plenums rated 1490 Pa (6-inch w.g.) or above with Type HS hanger isolators within 15 m (50 feet) of air handling units.

**3.4 ADJUSTING**

- A. Adjust vibration isolators after piping systems are filled and equipment is at operating weight.
- B. Adjust limit stops on restrained spring isolators to mount equipment at normal operating height. After equipment installation is complete, adjust limit stops so they are out of contact during normal operation.
- C. Attach thrust limits at centerline of thrust and adjust to a maximum of 1/4inch (6-mm) movement during start and stop.
- D. Adjust active height of spring isolators.
- E. Adjust seismic restraints to permit free movement of equipment within normal mode of operation.
- F. Torque anchor bolts according to equipment manufacturer's recommendations to resist seismic forces.

**3.6 COMMISSIONING**

- A. Provide commissioning documentation in accordance with the requirements of section 23 08 00 - COMMISSIONING OF HVAC SYSTEMS for all inspection, start up, and contractor testing required above and required by the System Readiness Checklist provided by the Commissioning Agent.
- B. Components provided under this section of the specification will be tested as part of a larger system. Refer to section 23 08 00 - COMMISSIONING OF HVAC SYSTEMS and related sections for contractor responsibilities for system commissioning.

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**SELECTION GUIDE FOR VIBRATION ISOLATORS**

EQUIPMENT		ON GRADE			20FT FLOOR SPAN			30FT FLOOR SPAN			40FT FLOOR SPAN			50FT FLOOR SPAN		
		BASE TYPE	ISOL TYPE	MIN DEFL	BASE TYPE	ISOL TYPE	MIN DEFL	BASE TYPE	ISOL TYPE	MIN DEFL	BASE TYPE	ISOL TYPE	MIN DEFL	BASE TYPE	ISOL TYPE	MIN DEFL
<b>PUMPS</b>																
BASE MOUNTED	UP TO 10 HP	---	---	---	---	D,L, W	---	---	D,L, W	---	---	D,L, W	---	---	D,L, W	---
	15 HP THRU 40 HP	I	S	1.0	I	S	1.0	I	S	2.0	I	S	2.0	I	S	2.0
<b>ROOF FANS</b>																
ABOVE OCCUPIED AREAS:																
5 HP & OVER		---	---	---	CB	S	1.0	CB	S	1.0	CB	S	1.0	CB	S	1.0
<b>CENTRIFUGAL FANS</b>																
UP TO 50 HP:																
UP TO 200 RPM		B	N	0.3	B	S	2.5	B	S	2.5	B	S	3.5	B	S	3.5
201 - 300 RPM		B	N	0.3	B	S	2.0	B	S	2.5	B	S	2.5	B	S	3.5
301 - 500 RPM		B	N	0.3	B	S	2.0	B	S	2.0	B	S	2.5	B	S	3.5
501 RPM & OVER		B	N	0.3	B	S	2.0	B	S	2.0	B	S	2.0	B	S	2.5

EQUIPMENT	ON GRADE			20FT FLOOR SPAN			30FT FLOOR SPAN			40FT FLOOR SPAN			50FT FLOOR SPAN		
	BASE TYPE	ISOL TYPE	MIN DEFL	BASE TYPE	ISOL TYPE	MIN DEFL	BASE TYPE	ISOL TYPE	MIN DEFL	BASE TYPE	ISOL TYPE	MIN DEFL	BASE TYPE	ISOL TYPE	MIN DEFL
<b>AIR HANDLING UNIT PACKAGES</b>															
FLOOR MOUNTED:															
UP THRU 5 HP	---	D,E	---	---	S	1.0	---	S	1.0	---	S	1.0	---	S	1.0
7-1/2 HP & OVER:															
UP TO 500 RPM	---	D,E	---	R	S, THR	1.5	R	S, THR	2.5	R	S, THR	2.5	R	S, THR	2.5
501 RPM & OVER	---	D,E	---	---	S, THR	0.8	---	S, THR	0.8	R	S, THR	1.5	R	S, THR	2.0
<b>CONDENSING UNITS</b>															
ALL	---	---	---	---	SP	0.75	---	SP	1.5	CB	SP	1.5	---	---	NA
<b>IN-LINE CENTRIFUGAL FANS</b>															
UP THRU 50 HP:															
UP TO 300 RPM	---	---	---	---	H	2.5	---	H	2.5	---	H	2.5	---	H	3.5
301 - 500 RPM	---	---	---	---	H	2.0	---	H	2.0	---	H	2.5	---	H	2.5
501 - & OVER	---	---	---	---	H	1.0	---	H	1.0	---	H	2.0	---	H	2.5