

SECTION 12 31 00
MANUFACTURED METAL CASEWORK

PART 1 - GENERAL**1.1 DESCRIPTION:**

- A. This section specifies metal casework, VA standard cabinets and related accessories, including base cabinets, wall cabinets, and full height cabinets.

1.2 RELATED WORK:

- A. Sealants: Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.
- B. Color of Casework Finish: Section 09 06 00, SCHEDULE OF FINISHES.
- C. Resilient Base: Section 09 65 13, RESILIENT BASE AND ACCESSORIES.
- D. Backing Plates for Wall Mounted Casework: Section 09 22 16, NON-STRUCTURAL METAL FRAMING.
- E. Countertop Construction and Materials and Items Installed in Countertops: Section 12 36 00, COUNTERTOPS.
- F. Plumbing Requirements Related to Casework: Division 22, PLUMBING.
- G. Electrical Lighting and Power Requirements Related to Casework: Division 26, ELECTRICAL.

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE:

- A. Approval by Contracting Officer Representative (COR) is required of manufacturer and installer based upon certification of qualifications specified.
- B. Manufacturer's Qualifications:
1. Manufacturer is regularly engaged in design and manufacture of metal of scope and type similar to requirements of this project 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 requirements of this project.
 3. Submit manufacturer's qualifications and list of projects.
- C. Installer Qualifications:
1. Installer has completed at least three (3) projects in least five (5) years in which these products were installed.
 2. Submit installer qualifications.

1.4 SUBMITTALS:

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Certificates:

- 1. Manufacturer's Certificate of qualifications specified.
- 2. Certificate of installer's qualifications specified.

C. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:

- 1. Brochures showing name and address of manufacturer, and catalog or model number of each item incorporated into the work.
- 2. Manufacturer's illustration and detailed description.
- 3. List of deviations from contract specifications.
- 4. Locks, each kind.

D. Shop Drawings (1/2 Full Scale):

- 1. Showing details of casework construction, including kinds of materials and finish, hardware, accessories and relation to finish of adjacent construction, including specially fabricated items or components.
- 2. Fastenings and method of installation.
- 3. Location of service connections and access.

E. Samples:

- 1. Metal plate, 152 mm (6 inch) square, showing chemical resistant finish, in each color.
- 2. One (1) complete casework assembly, including base and wall cabinet(s) with drawers and doors.

F. Manufacturer's warranty.

1.5 WARRANTY:

- A. Construction Warranty: Comply with FAR clause 52.246-21 "Warranty of Construction".
- B. Manufacturer Warranty: Manufacturer shall warranty their metal 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. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by basic designation only.
- B. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
 - A36/A36M-14.....Carbon Structural Steel
 - A240/A240M-14.....Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications

- A283/A283M-13.....Low and Intermediate Tensile Strength Carbon Steel Plates
- A568/A568M-14.....Steel, Sheet, Carbon and High-Strength, Low-Alloy Hot-Rolled and Cold-Rolled, General Requirements
- A794/A794M-12.....Standard Specification for Commercial Steel (CS), Sheet, Carbon (0.16% Maximum to 0.25% Maximum) Cold Rolled
- B456-11.....Electrodeposited Coatings of Copper Plus Nickel Plus Chromium and Nickel Plus Chromium
- C1036-11(R2012).....Flat Glass
- C1036-12e1.....Heat-Strengthened and Fully Tempered Flat Glass
- C1172-14.....Laminated Architectural Flat Glass
- C. American National Standard Institute:
 - Z97.1-09(R2010).....Safety Glazing Material used In Buildings
- D. 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
 - A156.16-13.....Auxiliary Hardware
- E. American Welding Society (AWS):
 - D1.1/D1.1M-10.....Structural Welding Code Steel
 - D1.3/D1.3M-05(R2008)....Structural Welding Code Sheet Steel
- F. National Association of Architectural Metal Manufacturers (NAAMM):
 - AMP 500 Series.....Metal Finishes Manual
- G. U.S. Department of Commerce, Product Standard (PS):
 - PS 1-09.....Construction and Industrial Plywood
- H. Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL):
 - 325-06(R2013).....Door, Drapery, Gate, Louver, and Window Operators and Systems
 - 437-08(R2013).....Key Locks
- I. Federal Specifications (Fed. Spec.):
 - A-A-55615.....Shield, Expansion; Nail Expansion (Wood Screw and Lag Bolt Self-Threading Anchors)
- J. Scientific Equipment and Furniture Association (SEFA):
 - 2.3-10.....Installation of Scientific Laboratory Furniture and Equipment

PART 2 - PRODUCTS**2.1 MATERIALS:**

A. Sheet Steel:

1. ASTM A794/A794M, cold rolled, Class 1 finish, stretcher leveled.
2. Other types of cold rolled steel meeting requirements of ASTM A568/A568M are acceptable for concealed parts.

B. Structural Steel: ASTM A283/A283M or ASTM A36/A36M.

C. Stainless Steel: ASTM A240/A240M, Type 302B.

D. Glass:

1. ASTM C1048 Kind FT Type I, Class 1, Quality q3.
2. For Doors: 6 mm (1/4 inch) thick; except where laminated glass is shown on construction documents.
3. For Shelves: 6 mm (1/4 inch) thick.

E. Laminated Glass: Fabricate of two sheets of 3 mm (1/8 inch) thick clear ASTM C1172, Kind LT glass, laminated together with a 1.5 mm (0.060 inch) thick vinyl interlayer, to a total overall thickness of 8 mm (5/16 inch).

F. Glazing Cushions:

1. Channel shaped, of rubber, vinyl or polyethylene plastic, with vertical flanges not less than 2 mm (3/32 inch) thick and horizontal web 3 mm (1/8 inch) thick.
2. Flanges may have bulbous terminals above the glazing heads or terminate flush with top of beads.

G. Plywood:

1. Prod. Std. PS 1, seven ply, interior.
2. Where both sides are exposed, use Grade AA.
3. Grade AB for other uses.

H. Fasteners:

1. Exposed to View: Chrome plated steel or stainless steel, or finished to match adjacent surface.
2. Provide round head or countersunk fasteners where exposed in cabinets.
3. Expansion Bolts: Fed Spec. A-A-55615. Do not provide lead or plastic shields.
4. Nuts: Fed Spec FF-N-836. Type III, Style 15 where exposed.
5. Sex Bolts: Capable of supporting twice the load.

2.2 MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS:

- A. Refer to equipment schedule and interior elevations for manufacturer and style. Use inset square edge for steel casework.
- B. When two (2) or more units are required, use products of one (1) manufacturer.
- C. Manufacturer of casework assemblies is to assume complete responsibility for the final assembled unit.
- D. Provide products of a single manufacturer for parts which are alike.

2.3 CASEWORK FABRICATION:

A. General:

- 1. Welding: Comply with AWS Standards D1.1/D1.1M and D1.3/D1.3M.
- 2. Reinforce with angles, channels, and gussets to support intended loads, notch tightly, fit and weld joints.
- 3. Constructed of sheet steel, except where reinforcing required.

B. Minimum Steel Thickness:

0.89 mm (0.035 inch) (20 gage)	Drawer fronts, backs, bodies, closure plates or scribe and filler strips less than 75 mm (3 inches) wide, sloping top, shelf reinforcement channel and shelves. Toe space or casework soffits and ceilings under sloping tops.
1.20 mm (0.047 inch) (18 gage)	Base pedestals, casework top sides, back, and bottom panels, closure scribe and filler strips 75 mm (3 inches) or more. Reinforcement for drawers with locks. Tables legs, spreaders and stretchers, when fabricated of cold rolled tubing. Metal for desks; except legs and aprons. Door exterior and interior panels, flush or glazed. Cross rails of base units. Front bottom rails, back bottom rails; rails may be 1.49 mm (0.059 inch) (16 gage) thick. Uprights or posts. Top corner gussets.
1.49 mm (0.059 inch) (16 gage)	Aprons, apron division, reinforcing gussets, table legs, desk legs and aprons, spreaders and stretchers when formed without welding. Toe base gussets, drawer slides, and other metal work. Front top rails and back rails except top back rails may be 1.2 mm (0.047 inch) (18 gage) thick.
1.88 mm (0.074 inch) (14 gage)	Drawer runners door tracks.
2.64 mm (0.104 inch) (12 gage)	Base unit bottom corner gussets and leg sockets.

3 mm Reinforcement for hinge reinforcement inside doors
 (0.12 inch) and cabinets.
 (11 gage)

C. Casework Construction:

1. Welded assembly.
2. Fabricate with enclosed uprights or posts full height or width at front. Include sides, backs, bottoms, soffits, ceilings under sloping tops, headers and rail, assembled to form an integral unit.
3. Form sides to make rabbeted stile, 19 to 28 mm (3/4 to 1-1/8 inch) wide, closed by channel containing shelf adjustment slots.
4. Make bottom of walls units flush, double panel construction.
5. Make top and cross rails of "U" shaped channel.
6. Provide enclosed backs and bottoms in cabinets, including drawer units.
7. Provide finish panel on exposed cabinet backs.
8. Do not install screws and bolts in construction or assembly of casework, except to secure hardware, applied door stops, accessories, removable panels, and where casework is required to be fastened, end to end or back to back.
9. Fabricate casework, except benches, and desks with finished end panels.
10. Close flush exposed soffits of wall hung shelving, knee spaces in counters, and toe spaces at bases.
11. In base units with sinks provide one (1) piece, lowered backs.
12. In base units with doors provide removable backs.
13. Provide built-in raceways or tubular or channel shaped members of casework for installation of wiring and electric work.
 - a. Mount junction boxes on rear of cabinets.
 - a. Provide electric work in accordance with Division 26, ELECTRICAL.
14. Provide reinforcing for hardware.
15. Size Dimensions:
 - a. Use dimensions shown on construction documents or within tolerances specified.
 - b. Tolerance:

	Depth	Nominal Dim (mm (inch))	Plus Tolerance (mm (inch))	Minus Tolerance (mm (inch))
	Depth	305 (12)	1 (25)	0 (0)

	Width	- -	0 (0)	1 (25)
Wall Hung Cabinet	Height	- -	1 (25)	1 (25)
Counter Mounted Cabinet	Height	- -	1 (25)	1 (25)
Floor Standing Cabinet	Height	- -	1 (25)	0 (0)

- 1) Full height cabinets shown on construction documents are to be the same height back to back.
- 2) Manufacturer's Tolerance for the same Length, Depth or Height of Cabinet: Not to exceed 1.58 mm (0.0625 inches).

D. Base Pedestals:

- 1. Provide adjustable leveling bolts accessible through stainless steel plugs, or notch in the base concealed when resilient base is applied.
- 2. Except where flush metal base is shown on construction documents, provide toe space at front recessed 76 mm (3 inches).

E. Doors:

- 1. Hollow metal type, flush and glazed doors not less than 16 mm (5/8 inch) thick.
- 2. Fabricate flush metal doors of two (2) panels formed into pans with corners welded and ground smooth. Provide flush doors with a sound deadening core.
- 3. Fabricate glazed metal doors with reinforced frame and construct either from one (1) piece of steel, or have separate stiles and rails mitered and welded at corners, and welds ground smooth.
 - a. Secure removable glazing members with screws to back of doors.
 - b. Install glass in rubber or plastic glazing channels.
- 4. Provide sheet steel hinge reinforcement inside doors.
- 5. Sliding doors: Provide stops to prevent bypass.
- 6. Doors removable without use of tools except where equipped with locks.

F. Drawers:

1. Drawer fronts to be flush hollow metal type not less than 16 mm (5/8 inch) thick with sound deadening core. Fabricate of two (2) panels formed into pans. Weld and grind smooth corners of drawer fronts.
2. Form bodies from one (1) piece of steel, weld to drawer front.
3. Provide reinforcement for locks and provide rubber bumpers at both sides of drawer head to cushion closing.
4. Equip with roller suspension guides.

G. Sloping Tops:

1. Provide sloping tops for casework where shown on construction documents.
2. Where ceilings interfere with installation of sloping tops. Provide filler plates as specified.
3. Omit sloping tops or filler plates whenever a gypsum wall board bulkhead assembly is furred down to top face of casework.
4. Provide exposed ends of sloping tops with flush closures.
5. Fasten sloping tops with sheet metal screws inserted from cabinet interior; space fastener as recommended by manufacturer.

H. Shelves:

1. Capable of supporting an evenly distributed minimum load of 122 kg per square meter (25 pounds per square foot) without visible distortion.
2. Flange shelves down 19 mm (3/4 inch) on edges, with front and bearing edges flanged back 13 mm (1/2 inch).
3. For shelves over 1067 mm (42 inches) in length and over 305 mm (12 inches) in depth install 38 mm by 13 mm by 0.9 mm (1 1/2 x 1/2 x 0.0359 inch) thick sheet steel hat channel reinforcement welded to underside midway between front and back and extending full length of shelf.
4. Weld shelves to metal back and ends unless shown on construction documents as adjustable.
5. Provide means of positive locking shelf in position, and to permit adjustment without use of tools.
6. At pharmacy with sloping shelf, provide 13 mm (1/2 inch) wide clear acrylic plastic raised edge, 3 mm (1/8 inch) thick, secured to front edge of shelf.

I. Closures and Filler Strips at Pipe Spaces:

1. Flat steel strips or plates.

2. Openings less than 203 mm (8 inches) wide: 1.2 mm (0.047 inch) thick.
3. Openings more than 203 mm (8 inches wide 0.9 mm (0.359 inches) wide.

J. Frames:

2.4 ACCESSORIES:

2.5 HARDWARE:

- A. Factory installed.
- B. Exposed hardware, except as specified otherwise, satin finished chromium plated brass or nickel plated brass or anodized aluminum.
- C. Cabinet Locks:
 1. Where locks are shown on construction documents.
 2. Locked pair of hinged door over 915 mm (36 inches) high:
 - a. ANSI/BHMA A156.5, similar to E0261, Key one (1) side.
 - b. On active leaf use three (3) point locking device, consisting of two (2) steel rods and lever controlled cam at lock, to operate by lever having lock cylinder housed therein.
 - c. On inactive leaf provide dummy lever of same design.
 - d. Provide keeper holes for locking device rods and cam.
 3. Door and Drawer: ANSI/BHMA A156.11 cam locks. Provide one (1) type for each condition as follows:
 - a. Drawer and Hinged Door up to 915 mm (36 inches) high: E07261.
 - b. Drawer and Hinged Door: Pin-tumbler, cylinder type lock with not less than four (4) pins or a UL 437 rated wafer lock with brass working parts and case.
 - c. Sliding Door: E07161.
 4. Key locks differently for each type casework and master key for each service, such as Nursing Units and Administrative.
 - a. Key drug locker inner door different from outer door.
 - b. Furnish two (2) keys per lock.
 - c. Furnish six (6) master keys per service or Nursing Unit.
 5. Marking of Locks and Keys:
 - a. Name of manufacturer, or trademark which can readily be identified legibly marked on each lock and key change number marked on exposed face of lock.
 - b. Key change numbers stamped on keys.
 - c. Key change numbers to provide sufficient information for manufacturer to replace key.
- D. Cabinet Hardware: ANSI BHMA A156.9.

1. Door/Drawer Pulls: B02011.
 - a. One (1) for drawers up to 584 mm (23 inches) wide.
 - b. Two (2) for drawers over 584 mm (23 inches) wide.
 - c. Sliding door flush pull, each door: B02201.
 - d. Provide drawer and door pulls 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.
2. Cabinet Door Catch:
 - a. Install at bottom of wall cabinets, top of base cabinets and top and bottom of full height cabinet doors over 1220 mm (48 inches).
 - b. Omit on doors with locks.
3. Drawer Slides:
 - a. Provide B05051 for drawers over 152 mm (6 inches) deep.
 - b. Provide B05052 for drawers 76 to 152 mm (3 to 6 inches) deep.
 - c. Provide B05053 for drawers less than 76 mm (3 inches) deep.
4. Butt Hinges:
 - a. B01351, minimum 1.8 mm (0.072 inch) thick chrome plated steel leaves.
 - b. Minimum 3.5 mm (0.139 inch) diameter stainless steel pins.
 - c. Full mortise type, five (5) knuckle design with 63 mm (2 1/2 inch) high leaves and hospital type tips.
 - d. Two (2) hinges per door except use three (3) hinges on doors 1220 mm (48 inches) and more in height. Use stainless steel leaves for tilting bin doors.
 - f. Do not weld hinges to doors or cabinets.
5. Pivot hinges: ANSI/BHMA A156.1 A875B.
6. Shelf Supports:
 - a. Install in casework where adjustable shelves are noted on construction documents.
 - b. Adjustable Shelf Standards: B04061 with shelf rest B04081.
 - c. Vertical Slotted Shelf Standard: B04102 with shelf brackets B04112 sized for shelf depth.
7. Auxiliary Hardware: ANSI A156.16.
8. Door silencers: L03011 or L03031.
 - a. Install two (2) rubber bumpers each door.
 - b. Silencers set near top and bottom of jamb.
9. Closet Bar: L03131 chrome finish of required length.

2.6 METAL FINISHES:

- A. Comply with NAAMM AMP 500 series and as specified.
- B. Steel Cabinets including Closures and Filler Strips:
 - 1. Acid resisting finish except hardware and stainless steel.
 - 2. After fabrication of cabinet submerge in a degreasing bath, and thoroughly rinse to remove dirt and grease, and other foreign matter.
 - 3. Apply non-metallic phosphate coating, then finish with baked-on acid resisting enamel not less than 1 mil (0.001 inch) thick.
 - 4. Finish resistant to action of the following reagents when 0.5 cm³ (10 drops) are applied to the surface and left open to the atmosphere for period of one (1) hour.

Hydrochloric Acid 37 percent	Ethyl Alcohol
Phosphoric Acid 75 percent	Methylethyl Keytone
Sulfuric Acid 25 percent	Acetone
Glacial Acetic Acid	Ethyl Acetate
Sodium Hydroxide 10 percent	Ethyl Ether
Sodium Hydroxide (concentrated)	Carbon Tetrachloride
Hydrogen Peroxide 5 percent	Xylene
Formaldehyde 37 percent	Phenol 85 Percent

- 5. Color of finish is specified in Section 09 06 00, SCHEDULE FOR FINISHES.

- C. Brass:
 - 1. U.S. Standard Finish No. 26 for hardware items.
 - 2. Other brass items: ASTM B456, chromium plated finish meeting requirements for Service Condition SCI.
- D. Aluminum: Chemically etched medium matte, clear anodic coating, Class II, Architectural, 0.4 mils (0.0004 inches) thick.
- E. Stainless Steel: Mechanical finish No. 4 on sheet except No. 7 on tubing.

2.8 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 work related to molded resin 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.
 - 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 Section 12 36 11, COUNTERTOPS for work related to and integral with countertop systems such as pegboards, funnel and graduate racks.
- F. Refer to Division 22, PLUMBING for the following work related to casework systems:
 - 1. Sinks, faucets and other plumbing service fixtures, venting, and piping systems.
 - 2. Compressed air, gas, vacuum and piping systems.
- G. Refer to Division 26, ELECTRICAL for the following work related to casework systems:
 - 1. Connections and wiring devices.
 - 2. Connections and lighting fixtures except when factory installed by the manufacturer.

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 and per SEFA 2.3 recommendations.
 - 1. Install in available space; arranged for safe and convenient operation and maintenance.
 - 2. Align cabinets for flush joints except where shown otherwise on construction documents.
 - 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).
 - 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. Where ceilings interfere with installation of sloping tops, omit sloping tops and provide flat steel filler plates.
- C. Secure filler plates to casework top members, unless shown otherwise on construction documents.
- D. 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.
- E. Anchor angle to ceiling with toggle bolts.
- F. Install closure strips at exposed ends of pipe space and offset opening into concealed space.
- G. 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.
- 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 1219 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 or specified on construction documents, 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 resulting from work of this section.
- B. Remove from job site trash, debris and packing materials resulting from work of this section.
- C. Leave installed areas clean of dust and debris resulting from work of this section.

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) 4-hour day of on-site orientation and technical instruction on use and cleaning procedures application of products and systems specified herein.

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**SECTION 12 36 00
COUNTERTOPS**

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies casework countertops with integral accessories.
- B. Integral accessories include:
 - 1. Sinks with traps and drains.
 - 2. Eye and Face Wash Units.
 - 3. Mechanical Service fixtures.
 - 4. Electrical Receptacles.
 - 5. Pegboards

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Color and patterns of plastic laminate: SECTION 09 06 00, SCHEDULE FOR FINISHES.
- B. DIVISION 22, PLUMBING.
- C. DIVISION 26, ELECTRICAL.
- D. Equipment Reference Manual for SECTION 12 36 00, COUNTERTOPS.

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):
A112.18.1-12.....Plumbing Supply Fittings

- A112.1.2-12.....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
 - A1008-10.....Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High Strength, Low Alloy
 - D256-10.....Pendulum Impact Resistance of Plastic
 - D570-98(R2005).....Water Absorption of Plastics
 - D638-10.....Tensile Properties of Plastics
 - D785-08.....Rockwell Hardness of Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials
 - D790-10.....Flexural Properties of Unreinforced and Reinforced Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials
 - D4690-99(2005).....Urea-Formaldehyde Resin Adhesives
- 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

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. Plastic Laminate: NEMA LD 3.
 - 1. Concealed backing sheet Type BKL.
 - 2. Decorative surfaces:
 - a. Flat components: Type GP-HGL.
 - b. Post forming: Type PF-HGP.
- B. Stainless Steel: ASTM A167, Type 304.
- C. Sheet Steel: ASTM A1008, cold rolled, Class 1 finish, stretcher leveled.
- D. Particleboard: CPA A208.1, Grade 2-M-2.
- E. Plywood: PS 1, Exterior type, veneer grade AC not less than five ply construction.
- F. Adhesive
 - 1. For plastic laminate FS A-A-1936.

- 2. For wood products: ASTM D4690, unextended urea resin or unextended melamine resin, phenol resin, or resorcinol resin.
- 3. For Field Joints:
 - a. Epoxy type, resistant to chemicals as specified for plastic laminate laboratory surfaces.
 - b. Fungi resistant: ASTM G-21, rating of 0.

G. Fasteners:

- 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.

H. 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.

I. Laminar Flow Control Device

1. Smooth bright stainless steel or satin finish, chrome plated metal laminar flow device shall provide non-aeration, clear, coherent laminar flow that will not splash in basin. Device shall also have a flow control restrictor and have vandal resistant housing.
2. Flow Control Restrictor:
 - a. Capable of restricting flow of 7.5 to 8.5 Lpm (2.0 to 2.2 gpm) for sinks provided in paragraph 2.2D.
 - b. Compensates for pressure fluctuation maintaining flow rate specified above within 10 percent between 175 and 550 kPa (25 and 80 psi).
 - c. Operates by expansion and contraction, eliminates mineral/sediment building up with self clearing action, and is capable of easy manual cleaning.

2.2 SINKS**A. Stainless Steel:**

1. ANSI/ASME A112.19.3, Type 304.
2. Self rim for plastic laminate or similar tops with concealed fasteners.
3. Flat rim for welded into stainless steel tops.
4. Ledge back or ledge sides with holes to receive required fixtures when mounted on countertop.
5. Apply fire resistant sound deadening material to underside.

2.3 TRAPS AND FITTINGS**A. Material as specified in DIVISION 22, PLUMBING.****B. For Stainless Steel Sinks:**

1. Either cast or wrought brass or stainless steel P-traps and drain fittings; ASME A112.18.1
2. Flat strainer, except where cup strainer or overflow standpipe specified.
 - a. Provide cup strainer in cabinet type 1B.
 - b. Provide stainless steel overflow stand pipe to within 38 mm (1-1/2 inches) of sink rim.
3. Exposed surface chromium plated finish.

C. Plaster traps:

1. Cast iron body with porcelain enamel exterior finish.
2. 50 mm (2 inch) female threaded side inlet and outlet.

3. Removable galvanized cage having integral baffles and replaceable brass screens.
4. Removable gasketed cover.
5. Minimum overall dimensions: 350 x 350 x 400 mm high (14 x 14 x 16 inches) with 175 mm (7 inch) water seal.
6. Non-siphoning and easily accessible for cleaning.

D. Air Gap Fittings: ASME A112.1.2.

E. Methyl Methacrylic Polymer Sink Traps:

1. Cast or wrought brass with flat grid strainer, off-set tail piece, adjustable 38 x 32 mm (1-1/2 x 1 1/4-inch) P trap.
2. Chromium plated finish.

2.4 WATER FAUCETS

A. ASME A112.18.1.

1. Cast or forged brass, compression type with replaceable seat and stem assembly or replaceable cartridge.
2. Indexed lever handles either with or without head.
3. Gooseneck minimum clearance above countertop of 190 mm (7-1/2 inches), bent 180 degrees for vertical discharge.
4. Swing spouts elevated to clear handles.
5. Exposed brass surfaces chromium plated.
6. Cast combination hot and cold fixture with one piece body for multiple outlets.
7. Adapter type connection which will permit field conversion of swing spouts to fixed or gooseneck grouts or vice versa.
8. Pedestals Top for Laboratory or Pharmacy:
 - a. Modern design tapered to a round base, factory assembled and tested.
 - b. Brass shanks, locknuts and washers for attaching to top or curbs.

B. Laminar flow control device on spouts.

C. Eye and Face Wash Unit Pull-Out-Type:

1. Deck mounted.
2. Designed for vandal resistant push-down control valve and 6 foot hose.
3. Eye and face wash head, provide a soft stream for flushing action.
4. Valve, when opened; remain open until manually closed.

2.5 FIXTURE IDENTIFICATION

A. Code fixtures with full view plastic index buttons.

B. Use following colors and codes:

SERVICE	COLOR	CODE	COLOR OF LETTERS
Cold Water	Dark Green	CW	White
Hot Water	Red	HW	White
Laboratory Air	Orange	AIR	Black
Fuel Gas	Dark Blue	GAS	White
Laboratory Vacuum	Yellow	VAC	Black
Distilled Water	White	DW	Black
Deionized Water	White	DI	Black
Oxygen	Light Green	OXY	White
Hydrogen	Pink	H	Black
Nitrogen	Gray	N	Black
All Other Gases	Light Blue	CHEM.SYM.	Black

2.6 ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES

A. Hospital grade per electrical specifications.

2.7 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. Laboratories and pharmacy heights or where fixtures or outlets occur: Not less than 150 mm (6 inches) unless noted otherwise.
 - 4. 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.
 - 2. Cutout for VL 81 photographic enlarger cabinet.

- a. Finish cutout to fit flush with vertical side of cabinet, allowing adjustable shelf to fit into cutout space of cabinet at counter top level. Finish cutout surface as an exposed edge.
 - b. Provide braces under enlarger space to support not less than 45 kg (100 pounds) centered on opening side along backsplash.
- I. Plastic Laminate Countertops:
1. Fabricate plastic laminate on five-ply plywood or particleboard core 19 mm (3/4 inch) thick with plastic laminate backing sheet.
 2. Front edge over cabinets not less than 38 mm (1-1/2 inches) thick except where plastic "T" insert is used, not less than 19 mm (3/4 inch) thick.
 3. Exposed Surface and edges of decorative laminated plastic or laboratory chemical resistant surface.
 - a. Use chemical resistant surface on tops 6A, 6B, and 6C.
 - b. Use decorative surface tops when noted plastic laminate, for tops 10A, 10B and 10C.
- J. Metal Counter Tops:
1. Fabricate up to 3600 mm (12 feet) long in one piece, including nosing, backs and ends.
 2. When counter tops exceed 3600 mm (12 feet) in length accurately fitted field joints are acceptable.
 3. Finish thickness at edges 32 mm (1-1/4 inch).
 4. Reinforced with minimum 1.5 mm (0.0598 inch) thick hat channel stiffeners, minimum of two stiffeners for units without sinks and three stiffeners for units with sinks welded or soldered to underside of top full length, except at sink openings.
 5. Apply sound deadening material on underside.
 6. Flange edges of tops down 32 mm (1-1/4 inch) and reinforce with concealed hardwood or with a steel frame.
 7. Grind welds smooth and finished on exposed surfaces to match finish specified.
 8. Stainless Steel Counter or Sink Tops:
 - a. Where noted stainless steel except where specified for nourishment unit, unit kitchen, and medicine cabinet.
 - b. Use 1.5 mm (0.0598 inch) thick stainless steel.
 - c. Depth of splash backs and splash ends 25 mm (one inch) and turned down at least 13 mm (1/2 inch) at wall. Where faucets are located

in splash backs, fabricate depth of splash backs 50 mm (2 inches) with provision made to receive required fixture.

- d. Where sinks occur fabricate top with 5 mm (3/16 inch) marine edge and fit flush with adjacent tops of other materials.
- e. Weld sink flush to counter top and finish to appear seamless.

K. Molded Resin Tops:

- 1. Molded resin with drip groove cut on underside of overhanging edge.
- 2. Finish thickness of top minimum 25 mm (1 inch).
- 3. Joints: Epoxy Type.
- 4. Secure reagent shelves to counter tops with fasteners from underside and seal seam.

L. Pegboards:

- 1. Pegboard: Fabricate of birch with black acid resisting finish and equip with polypropylene or unfinished hardwood pegs.
- 2. Pegboard with Funnel and Graduate Rack: Fabricate of birch with black acid resisting finish and equip with polypropylene or unfinished hardwood pegs. Support rack on steel brackets. Provide CRS gutter and drain to sink.

M. 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.
4. Use wood or sheet metal screws for wood or plastic laminate tops; minimum penetration into top 16 mm (5/8 inch), screw size No 8, or 10.

C. Rubber Moldings:

1. Where shown install molding with butt joints in horizontal runs and mitered joints at corners where ceramic tile occurs omit molding.
2. Fasten molding to wall and to splashbacks and splashends with adhesive.

D. Sinks

1. Install stainless steel sink in plastic laminate tops with epoxy compound to form watertight seal under shelf rim.
 - a. In laboratory and pharmacy fit stainless steel sink with overflow standpipe.
 - b. Install faucets and fittings on sink ledges with watertight seals where shown.
2. Install molded resin sinks with epoxy compound to form watertight seal with underside of molded resin top.
 - a. Install sink with not less than two channel supports with threaded rods and nuts at each end, expansion bolted to molded resin top.
 - b. Design support for a twice the full sink weight.
 - c. Install with overflow standpipes.
3. 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.

E. Faucets, Fixtures, and Outlets:

1. Seal opening between fixture and top.
2. Secure to top with manufacturers standard fittings.

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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