

**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. Deleted
- B. Sealants: Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.
- C. Deleted
- D. Resilient Base: Section 09 65 13, RESILIENT BASE AND ACCESSORIES.
- E. Backing Plates for Wall Mounted Casework: Section 09 22 16,  
NON-STRUCTURAL METAL FRAMING.
- F. Deleted
- G. Deleted
- H. Countertop Construction and Materials and Items Installed in  
Countertops: Section 12 36 00, COUNTERTOPS.
- I. Plumbing Requirements Related to Casework: Division 22, PLUMBING.
- J. 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. Deleted
  - 3. Deleted
- 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 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. 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. Deleted

F. Deleted

G. Deleted

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

**2.3 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 (0.12 inch) (11 gage)	Reinforcement for hinge reinforcement inside doors and cabinets.

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. Deleted

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. Deleted

## **2.4 NOT USED**

## **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. Deleted
- 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. Deleted



3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Deleted
7. 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.
8. Deleted
9. Auxiliary Hardware: ANSI A156.16.
10. Door silencers: L03011 or L03031.
  - a. Install two (2) rubber bumpers each door.
  - b. Silencers set near top and bottom of jamb.
11. 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 cm<sup>3</sup> (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 as selected by the VA COR from the cabinet manufacturer's full line of standard colors.

C. Deleted

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.

## **2.7 NOT USED**

## **2.8 NOT USED**

# **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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