

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.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Finishes: See finish schedule in drawings.
- 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):
  - A112.18.1-05.....Plumbing Supply Fittings
  - A112.1.2-04.....Air Gaps in Plumbing System
  - A112.19.3-08(R2004).....Stainless Steel Plumbing Fixtures (Designed for Residential Use)
- E. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
  - A167-99 (R2009).....Stainless and Heat-Resisting Chromium-Nickel Steel Plate, Sheet and Strip

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

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MATERIALS

- A. Stainless Steel: ASTM A167, Type 304.
- B. 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.

### 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.
- B. Stainless steel circular, rectangular or oval shaped bowl.

## 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.

## 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.

B. Eye and Face Bath, Counter Mounted:

1. Stainless Steel circular or oval shaped self rimmed sink, as shown on drawings.
2. Two fully enclosed rubber bound spray heads to provide an aerated flow of water simultaneously into both eyes and across face.
3. Push-pull hand operated valve.
4. Volume regulator for each spray.

## 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

## 2.6 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.
- I. 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.

### 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.
- D. Sinks
  - 1. Install stainless steel sink as integral stainless steel basin with no seams.
    - a. 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 manufacturer's 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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