

**SECTION 12 24 00
WINDOW SHADES**

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

Venetian blinds are specified in this section. Window shades shall be furnished complete, including brackets, fittings and hardware.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Color of exposed parts of venetian blinds, (including tapes and cords) : Section 09 06 00, SCHEDULE FOR FINISHES.

1.3 QUALITY CONTROL

Manufacturer's Qualification: Venetian blind manufacturer shall provide evidence that the manufacture of blinds are a major product, and that the blinds have performed satisfactorily on similar installations.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Samples:
 - 1. Venetian blind slats, 300 mm (12 inches) long, including cord and tape, showing color and finish.
- C. Manufacturer's literature and data; showing details of construction and hardware for:
Venetian blinds

1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced to in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. Federal Specifications (Fed. Spec.):
AA-V-00200B Venetian Blinds, Shade, Roller, Window, Roller, Slat, Cord, and Accessories
- C. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
B221/B221M-08 Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Bars, Rods, Wire, Shapes, and Tubes

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. Cords for Venetian Blinds: No. 4 braided nylon or No. 4-1/2 braided cotton having not less than 175 pounds breaking strength.
- B. Extruded Aluminum: ASTM B221/B221M.

2.2 VENETIAN BLINDS

Fed. Spec. AA-V-00200, Type II, 25 mm (one inch slats) fabricated of aluminum. Pre-production sample is not required.

2.3 FASTENINGS

Zinc-coated or cadmium plated metal, aluminum or stainless steel fastenings of proper length and type. Except as otherwise specified, fastenings for use with various structural materials shall be as follows:

Type of Fastening	Structural Material
Wood screw	Wood
Tap screw	Metal
Case-hardened, self-tapping screw	Sheet Metal
Screw or bolt in expansion shields	Solid masonry
Toggle bolts	Hollow blocks, wallboard and plaster

2.6 FABRICATION

- A. Fabricate venetian blinds to fit measurements of finished openings obtained at site.
- B. Venetian Blinds: Venetian blinds shall have 25 mm (one inch) width horizontal slats positioned within ladder tapes. Multiple blinds in openings are to be of same type and divided at mullions.
 - 1. Head-rails shall fully enclose operating mechanism on three sides and ends.
 - 2. Bottom rails shall be fully enclosed to prevent contact of tapes and sill at underside.
 - 3. Finish concealed metal work of head-rails including concealed mechanism, with one shop coat of paint. Do not paint parts that have non-rusting finish, or parts where motion of friction occurs.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Venetian Blinds: Support blinds in level position by brackets and intermediate supports that will permit easy removal and replacement of units without damage to blind, or adjacent surfaces. Provide at least two fasteners for each bracket or other support.
 - 1. Install blinds between jambs on window openings with steel trim. Mount brackets on trim reveal, flush with face of trim and secure with steel screws.
 - 2. Install blinds between jambs on window openings with wood trim. Mount brackets on trim or on wood plaster-mold set against plaster or other wall finish, and secure in place with screws.
 - 3. Provide one brush (for each 1 to 50 blind) of an approved type, suitable for cleaning blinds.

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