

SECTION 09 51 23 - ACOUSTICAL TILE CEILINGS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. This Section includes acoustical tiles for ceilings.
- B. Products furnished, but not installed under this Section, include anchors, clips, and other ceiling attachment devices to be cast in concrete at ceilings.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. CAC: Ceiling Attenuation Class.
- B. LR: Light-Reflectance coefficient.
- C. NRC: Noise Reduction Coefficient.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: For each type of product indicated.
- B. Coordination Drawings: Reflected ceiling plans, drawn to scale, on which the following items are shown and coordinated with each other, based on input from installers of the items involved:
 - 1. Ceiling suspension system members.
 - 2. Method of attaching hangers to building structure.
 - a. Furnish layouts for cast-in-place anchors, clips, and other ceiling attachment devices whose installation is specified in other Sections.
 - 3. Ceiling-mounted items including lighting fixtures, diffusers, grilles, speakers, sprinklers, access panels, and special moldings.
 - 4. Minimum Drawing Scale: 1/4 inch = 1 foot (1:48)
- C. Samples for Verification: For each component indicated and for each exposed finish required, prepared on Samples of size indicated below.
 - 1. Acoustical Tile: Set of full-size Samples of each type, color, pattern, and texture.
 - 2. Concealed Suspension System Members: 12-inch-long Sample of each type.

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3. Exposed Moldings and Trim: Set of 12-inch-long Samples of each type and color.

D. LEED Submittals:

1. Product Data for Credits WE3.1 and WE3.2: Submit cut sheets of all water-using fixtures (non-process related), with actual or maximum gallons per minute, whichever is most relevant, highlighted. Provide, at a minimum, information for all lavatories, showers, kitchen sinks, and janitor sinks.
2. Product Data for Credits MR3.1 and MR3.2: For reused products (salvaged and/or refurbished), submit invoices and documentation indicating origin and actual material costs (taxes, fees, shipping, labor, profit, etc. not included) and estimated material costs if purchased brand new from manufacturer.
3. Product Data for Credits MR4.1 and MR4.2: For products having recycled content, submit invoices and documentation from manufacturer indicating percentages (by weight) of post-consumer and pre-consumer recycled content. Include material costs (taxes, fees, shipping, labor, profit, etc. not included) for each product having recycled content.
4. Manufacturing Data for Credits MR 5.1 and MR5.2: Submit invoices and documentation indicating location of manufacture and locations of extraction and/or harvest for each raw material sourced within 500 miles of the project site. Indicate method of calculating distance from location to project time.

- E. Maintenance Data: For acoustical ceiling tile to include in maintenance manuals.

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Source Limitations: Obtain each type of acoustical ceiling tile and supporting suspension system through one source from a single manufacturer.
- B. Fire-Test-Response Characteristics: Provide acoustical tile ceilings that comply with the following requirements:
 1. Surface-Burning Characteristics: Provide acoustical tiles with the following surface-burning characteristics complying with ASTM E 1264 for Class A materials as determined by testing identical products per ASTM E 84:
 - a. Smoke-Developed Index: 450 or less.
 - b. Flame-Spread: 25 or less.
- C. Seismic Standard: Provide acoustical tile ceilings designed and installed to withstand the effects of earthquake motions according to the following:
 1. Standard for Ceiling Suspension Systems Requiring Seismic Restraint: Comply with ASTM E 580.
 2. CISCA's Guidelines for Systems Requiring Seismic Restraint: Comply with CISCA's "Guidelines for Seismic Restraint of Direct-Hung Suspended Ceiling Assemblies-- Seismic Zones 3 & 4."

1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Package for delivery to best protect finish surfaces while using the least amount of single-use packaging as possible. If possible, package and ship product using reusable cardboard and crate systems.
- B. Protect materials against weather and contact with damp or wet surfaces from time of delivery through time of installation. Store materials inside under cover and keep them dry and protected against damage from weather, condensation, direct sunlight, construction traffic, and other causes.
- C. Deliver materials only when environmental conditions meet requirements specified for installation areas. If materials must be stored in other than installation areas, store only where environmental conditions meet requirements specified for installation areas. Deliver acoustical tiles, suspension system components, and accessories to Project site in original, unopened packages and store them in a fully enclosed, conditioned space.
- D. When storing prior to installation, raise off floor on pallets, stack flat with protective material between to eliminate chance of creating nicks, scratches, and other imperfections and damage to finish surfaces, wrap weather-tight, and provide for air circulation within and around stacks and under temporary coverings.
- E. Do not store materials near other materials that may off-gas or emit harmful fumes, such as kerosene heaters, fresh paint, adhesives, etc.
- F. Do not allow materials to become damp. Maintain temperatures at 60°F or higher, and humidity between 20% and 60% prior to, during and after installation. Before installing acoustical tiles, permit them to reach room temperature and a stabilized moisture content.
- G. Handle acoustical tiles carefully to avoid chipping edges or damaging units in any way.

1.7 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Environmental Limitations: Do not install acoustical tile ceilings until spaces are enclosed and weatherproof, wet work in spaces is complete and dry, work above ceilings is complete, and ambient temperature and humidity conditions are maintained at the levels indicated for Project when occupied for its intended use.

1.8 COORDINATION

- A. Coordinate layout and installation of acoustical tiles and suspension system with other construction that penetrates ceilings or is supported by them, including light fixtures, HVAC equipment, fire-suppression system, and partition assemblies.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 ACOUSTICAL TILES, GENERAL

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- A. Recycled Content: Provide acoustical tiles with recycled content such that post-consumer recycled content plus one-half of pre-consumer recycled content constitutes a minimum of 40 percent.
- B. Acoustical Tile Colors and Patterns: Match appearance characteristics indicated for each product type.
 - 1. Where appearance characteristics of acoustical tiles are indicated by referencing pattern designations in ASTM E 1264 and not manufacturers' proprietary product designations, provide products selected by Architect from each manufacturer's full range that comply with requirements indicated for type, pattern, color, light reflectance, acoustical performance, edge detail, and size.

2.2 ACOUSTICAL TILES FOR ACOUSTICAL TILE CEILING

- A. Products: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide one of the following:
 - 1. Armstrong World Industries, Inc; Optima Square Lay-In, 3153PB
 - 2. CertainTeed Corporation, Ecophon VOC Compliant Focus A3540-4608
- B. Classification: Provide tiles complying with ASTM E 1264 for type, form, and pattern as follows:
 - 1. Type and Form: As indicated by manufacturer's designation.
 - 2. Pattern: As indicated by manufacturer's designation.
- C. Color: White.
- D. LR: Not less than 0.85.
- E. NRC: Not less than 0.95.
- F. Edge/Joint Detail: Beveled/Square tegular.
- G. Thickness: 3/4 inch minimum, 1" maximum
- H. Modular Size: 24 by 48 inches.
- I. Recycled Content: Not less than 71%

2.3 METAL SUSPENSION SYSTEMS, GENERAL

- A. Recycled Content: Provide products made from steel sheet with average recycled content such that postconsumer recycled content plus one-half of preconsumer recycled content is not less than 25 percent.
- B. Metal Suspension System Standard: Provide manufacturer's standard metal suspension systems of types, structural classifications, and finishes indicated that comply with applicable requirements in ASTM C 635.

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- C. Finishes and Colors, General: Comply with NAAMM's "Metal Finishes Manual for Architectural and Metal Products" for recommendations for applying and designating finishes. Provide manufacturer's standard factory-applied finish (white) for type of system indicated.
- D. Attachment Devices: Size for five times the design load indicated in ASTM C 635, Table 1, "Direct Hung," unless otherwise indicated. Comply with seismic design requirements.
- E. Wire Hangers, Braces, and Ties: Provide wires complying with the following requirements:
 - 1. Zinc-Coated, Carbon-Steel Wire: ASTM A 641/A 641M, Class 1 zinc coating, soft temper.
 - 2. Size: Select wire diameter so its stress at 3 times hanger design load (ASTM C 635, Table 1, "Direct Hung") will be less than yield stress of wire, but provide not less than 12 gage diameter wire.
- F. Seismic Clips: Manufacturer's standard seismic clips designed and spaced to secure acoustical tiles in-place.

2.4 METAL SUSPENSION SYSTEM FOR ACOUSTICAL TILE CEILING

- A. Products: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide one of the following:
 - 1. Armstrong World Industries, Inc; Suprafine XL 9/16" Exposed Tee System.
 - 2. USG Interiors, Inc; Donn Brand DX/DXL 9/16" Ceiling Suspension System.
- B. Direct-Hung, Double-Web Suspension System: Main and cross runners roll formed from and capped with cold-rolled steel sheet, prepainted, electrolytically zinc coated, or hot-dip galvanized according to ASTM A 653/A 653M, coating designation.
 - 1. Structural Classification: Intermediate-duty system.
 - 2. Seismic Category: Rated for seismic zones 3-4.

2.5 METAL EDGE MOLDINGS AND TRIM

- A. Roll-Formed, Sheet-Metal Edge Moldings and Trim: Type and profile indicated or, if not indicated, manufacturer's standard moldings for edges and penetrations that comply with seismic design requirements; formed from sheet metal of same material, finish, and color as that used for exposed flanges of suspension system runners.
 - 1. Provide manufacturer's standard edge moldings that fit acoustical tile edge details and suspension systems indicated and that match width and configuration of exposed runners, unless otherwise indicated.
 - 2. For circular penetrations of ceiling, provide edge moldings fabricated to diameter required to fit penetration exactly.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

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- A. Examine substrates, areas, and conditions, including structural framing and substrates to which acoustical tile ceilings attach or abut, with Installer present, for compliance with requirements specified in this and other Sections that affect ceiling installation and anchorage and with requirements for installation tolerances and other conditions affecting performance of acoustical tile ceilings.
 - 1. Surfaces shall be dry, and wet work completed, prior to commencing.
 - 2. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Measure each ceiling area and establish layout of acoustical tiles to balance border widths at opposite edges of each ceiling. Avoid using less-than-half-width tiles at borders, and comply with layout shown on reflected ceiling plans. Lay out panels to minimize waste; reuse cutoffs whenever feasible.

3.3 INSTALLATION, SUSPENDED ACOUSTICAL TILE CEILINGS

- A. General: Install acoustical tile ceilings to comply with ASTM C 636 and seismic design requirements indicated, per manufacturer's written instructions and CISCA's "Ceiling Systems Handbook."
- B. Suspend ceiling hangers from building's structural members and as follows:
 - 1. Install hangers plumb and free from contact with insulation or other objects within ceiling plenum that are not part of supporting structure or of ceiling suspension system.
 - 2. Splay hangers only where required to miss obstructions; offset resulting horizontal forces by bracing, counter-splaying, or other equally effective means.
 - 3. Where width of ducts and other construction within ceiling plenum produces hanger spacings that interfere with location of hangers at spacings required to support standard suspension system members, install supplemental suspension members and hangers in form of trapezes or equivalent devices.
 - 4. Secure wire hangers to ceiling suspension members and to supports above with a minimum of three tight turns. Connect hangers directly either to structures or to inserts, eye screws, or other devices that are secure and appropriate for substrate and that will not deteriorate or otherwise fail due to age, corrosion, or elevated temperatures.
 - 5. When steel framing does not permit installation of hanger wires at spacing required, install carrying channels or other supplemental support for attachment of hanger wires.
 - 6. Space hangers as recommended by manufacturer to support ceiling loads and comply with seismic requirements.
 - 7. Size supplemental suspension members and hangers to support ceiling loads within performance limits established by referenced standards and publications.
- C. Secure bracing wires to ceiling suspension members and to supports with a minimum of four tight turns. Suspend bracing from building's structural members as required for hangers, without attaching to permanent metal forms.

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- D. Install edge moldings and trim of type indicated at perimeter of acoustical tile ceiling area and where necessary to conceal edges of acoustical tiles.
 - 1. Screw attach moldings to substrate at intervals not more than 16 inches o.c. and not more than 3 inches from ends, leveling with ceiling suspension system to a tolerance of 1/8 inch in 12 feet. Miter corners accurately and connect securely.
- E. Install suspension system runners so they are square and securely interlocked with one another. Remove and replace dented, bent, or kinked members.
- F. Arrange directionally patterned acoustical tiles as follows:
 - 1. As indicated on reflected ceiling plans.
- G. Install acoustical tiles in coordination with suspension system and exposed moldings and trim. Place splines or suspension system flanges into kerfed edges so tile-to-tile joints are closed by double lap of material.
 - 1. Fit adjoining tile to form flush, tight joints. Scribe and cut tile for accurate fit at borders and around penetrations through tile.

3.4 CLEANING

- A. Clean exposed surfaces of acoustical tile ceilings, including trim and edge moldings. Comply with manufacturer's written instructions for cleaning and touchup of minor finish damage. Remove and replace tiles and other ceiling components that cannot be successfully cleaned and repaired to permanently eliminate evidence of damage.

3.5 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- A. Conform with Section 017419 – Construction Waste Management and Disposal.
- B. Separate clean waste mineral and cellulose products from contaminants for recycling in accordance with the Waste Management Plan. Place in designated area and protect from moisture and contamination.
- C. Store panels 2 sq. ft. or larger for use in patching and small infill areas.
- D. Check with manufacturer for recycling options. Most manufacturers take back ceiling tile for manufacturing into new tiles.
- E. Separate metal waste, packaging, and all other materials in accordance with the Waste Management Plan and place in designated areas for recycling or reuse.

END OF SECTION