

**SECTION 23 0713  
DUCT INSULATION**

**PART 1 GENERAL**

**1.01 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Duct insulation.
- B. Duct liner.
- C. Insulation jackets.

**1.02 RELATED REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Section 01 6116 - Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Content Restrictions.
- B. Section 07 8400 - Firestopping.
- C. Section [\_\_\_\_\_]: Installation and finishing outdoor insulation jacket over roofing system.
- D. Section 09 9113 - Exterior Painting: Painting insulation jackets.
- E. Section 09 9123 - Interior Painting: Painting insulation jackets.
- F. Section 22 0553 - Identification for Plumbing Piping and Equipment.
- G. Section 23 0553 - Identification for HVAC Piping and Equipment.

**1.03 REFERENCE STANDARDS**

- A. ASTM B209 - Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate 2014.
- B. ASTM B209M - Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate [Metric] 2014.
- C. ASTM C177 - Standard Test Method for Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements and Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Guarded-Hot-Plate Apparatus 2013.
- D. ASTM C518 - Standard Test Method for Steady-State Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus 2010.
- E. ASTM C534/C534M - Standard Specification for Preformed Flexible Elastomeric Cellular Thermal Insulation in Sheet and Tubular Form 2014.
- F. ASTM C553 - Standard Specification for Mineral Fiber Blanket Thermal Insulation for Commercial and Industrial Applications 2013.
- G. ASTM C612 - Standard Specification for Mineral Fiber Block and Board Thermal Insulation 2014.
- H. ASTM C795 - Standard Specification for Thermal Insulation for Use in Contact with Austenitic Stainless Steel 2008 (Reapproved 2018).
- I. ASTM C916 - Standard Specification for Adhesives for Duct Thermal Insulation 2014.
- J. ASTM C1071 - Standard Specification for Fibrous Glass Duct Lining Insulation (Thermal and Sound Absorbing Material) 2012.
- K. ASTM C1290 - Standard Specification for Flexible Fibrous Glass Blanket Insulation Used to Externally Insulate HVAC Ducts 2016.
- L. ASTM C1410 - Standard Specification for Cellular Melamine Thermal and Sound-Absorbing Insulation 2017.
- M. ASTM E84 - Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials 2020.
- N. ASTM E96/E96M - Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials 2014.
- O. ASTM G21 - Standard Practice for Determining Resistance of Synthetic Polymeric Materials to Fungi 2015.
- P. SMACNA (DCS) - HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible 2005.

- Q. UL 723 - Standard for Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials Current Edition, Including All Revisions.

#### **1.04 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Manufacturer Qualifications: Company specializing in manufacturing products of the type specified in this section with not less than three years of documented experience.
- B. Applicator Qualifications: Company specializing in performing the type of work specified in this section, with minimum Five years of experience and approved by manufacturer.

#### **1.05 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING**

- A. Accept materials on site in original factory packaging, labelled with manufacturer's identification, including product density and thickness.
- B. Protect insulation from weather and construction traffic, dirt, water, chemical, and mechanical damage, by storing in original wrapping.

#### **1.06 FIELD CONDITIONS**

- A. Maintain ambient temperatures and conditions required by manufacturers of adhesives, mastics, and insulation cements.
- B. Maintain temperature during and after installation for minimum period of 24 hours.

### **PART 2 PRODUCTS**

#### **2.01 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Surface Burning Characteristics: Flame spread index/Smoke developed index of 25/50, maximum, when tested in accordance with ASTM E84, UL 723, ASTM E84, or UL 723.

#### **2.02 CELLULAR MELAMINE**

- A. Manufacturers:
  - 1. Substitutions: See Section 01 6000 - Product Requirements.
- B. Insulation: Flexible preformed open-cell polymeric foam tubing, slit lengthwise for installation, complying with applicable requirements of ASTM C1410.
  - 1. K Value: ASTM C177; 0.25 at 75 degrees F.
  - 2. Minimum Service Temperature: Minus 40 degrees F.
  - 3. Maximum Service Temperature: 350 degrees F.
  - 4. Density: 0.56 lb/cu ft.
  - 5. Factory-Applied Jacketing Material: Paper/Foil/Scrim.
    - a. Color: Black
  - 6. Jacketing material to be field-applied.

#### **2.03 GLASS FIBER, FLEXIBLE**

- A. Manufacturer:
  - 1. CertainTeed Corporation; [\_\_\_\_\_]: [www.certainteed.com/#sle](http://www.certainteed.com/#sle).
  - 2. Johns Manville; [\_\_\_\_\_]: [www.jm.com/#sle](http://www.jm.com/#sle).
  - 3. Knauf Insulation; Atmosphere Duct Wrap: [www.knaufinsulation.com/#sle](http://www.knaufinsulation.com/#sle).
  - 4. Owens Corning Corporation; [\_\_\_\_\_]: [www.ocbuildingspec.com/#sle](http://www.ocbuildingspec.com/#sle).
  - 5. Substitutions: See Section 01 6000 - Product Requirements.
- B. Insulation: ASTM C553; flexible, noncombustible blanket.
  - 1. K value: 0.36 at 75 degrees F, when tested in accordance with ASTM C518.
  - 2. Maximum Service Temperature: 1200 degrees F.
  - 3. Maximum Water Vapor Absorption: 5.0 percent by weight.
- C. Vapor Barrier Jacket:
  - 1. Kraft paper with glass fiber yarn and bonded to aluminized film.
  - 2. Moisture Vapor Permeability: 0.02 perm inch, when tested in accordance with ASTM E96/E96M.
  - 3. Secure with pressure sensitive tape.

- D. Vapor Barrier Tape:
  1. Kraft paper reinforced with glass fiber yarn and bonded to aluminized film, with pressure sensitive rubber based adhesive.
- E. Indoor Vapor Barrier Mastic:
  1. Manufacturers:
    - a. Design Polymerics; DP 3040 Water Based, Zero VOC, Premium Quality, Low Perm, Vapor Barrier Coating: [www.designpoly.com.com/#sle](http://www.designpoly.com.com/#sle).
    - b. Substitutions: See Section 01 6000 - Product Requirements
  2. Vinyl emulsion type acrylic or mastic, compatible with insulation, black color.
- F. Outdoor Vapor Barrier Mastic:
  1. Vinyl emulsion type acrylic or mastic, compatible with insulation, black color.
- G. Tie Wire: Annealed steel, 16 gage, 0.0508 inch diameter.

#### **2.04 GLASS FIBER, RIGID**

- A. Manufacturer:
  1. CertainTeed Corporation; [\_\_\_\_]: [www.certainteed.com/#sle](http://www.certainteed.com/#sle).
  2. Johns Manville; [\_\_\_\_]: [www.jm.com/#sle](http://www.jm.com/#sle).
  3. Knauf Insulation; [\_\_\_\_]: [www.knaufinsulation.com/#sle](http://www.knaufinsulation.com/#sle).
  4. Owens Corning Corporation; 700 Series FIBERGLAS Insulation: [www.ocbuildingspec.com/#sle](http://www.ocbuildingspec.com/#sle).
  5. Substitutions: See Section 01 6000 - Product Requirements.
- B. Insulation: ASTM C612; rigid, noncombustible blanket.
  1. K Value: 0.24 at 75 degrees F, when tested in accordance with ASTM C518.
  2. Maximum Service Temperature: 450 degrees F.
  3. Maximum Water Vapor Absorption: 5.0 percent.
  4. Maximum Density: 8.0 lb/cu ft.
- C. Vapor Barrier Jacket:
  1. Kraft paper with glass fiber yarn and bonded to aluminized film.
  2. Moisture Vapor Permeability: 0.02 perm inch, when tested in accordance with ASTM E96/E96M.
  3. Secure with pressure sensitive tape.
- D. Vapor Barrier Tape:
  1. Kraft paper reinforced with glass fiber yarn and bonded to aluminized film, with pressure sensitive rubber based adhesive.

#### **2.05 FLEXIBLE ELASTOMERIC CELLULAR INSULATION**

- A. Manufacturer:
  1. Armacell LLC; AP Armaflex ; [\_\_\_\_]: [www.armacell.us/#sle](http://www.armacell.us/#sle).
  2. Substitutions: See Section 01 6000 - Product Requirements
- B. Insulation: Preformed flexible elastomeric cellular rubber insulation complying with ASTM C534/C534M Grade 1, in sheet form.
  1. Minimum Service Temperature: Minus 40 degrees F.
  2. Maximum Service Temperature: 180 degrees F.
  3. Connection: Waterproof vapor barrier adhesive.
- C. Elastomeric Foam Adhesive: Air dried, contact adhesive, compatible with insulation.
- D. Weather Barrier Coating: Air dried, contact adhesive, compatible with insulation and ASTM E84 compliant.
  1. Manufacturers:
    - a. Design Polymerics; DP 5050 Water Based, Zero VOC, High Strength, Weather Barrier Coating: [www.designpoly.com.com/#sle](http://www.designpoly.com.com/#sle).
    - b. Substitutions: See Section 01 6000 - Product Requirements

## 2.06 JACKETS

- A. Aluminum Jacket: ASTM B209 (ASTM B209M).
  - 1. Thickness: 0.016 inch sheet.
  - 2. Finish: Embossed.
  - 3. Joining: Longitudinal slip joints and 2 inch laps.
  - 4. Fittings: 0.016 inch thick die shaped fitting covers with factory attached protective liner.
  - 5. Metal Jacket Bands: 3/8 inch wide; 0.015 inch thick aluminum.
  - 6. Metal Jacket Bands: 3/8 inch wide; 0.010 inch thick stainless steel.

## 2.07 DUCT LINER - ONLY WHERE SPECIFICALLY ALLOWED ON DRAWINGS

- A. Manufacturers:
  - 1. Armacell LLC; AP Coilflex: [www.armacell.us/#sle](http://www.armacell.us/#sle).
  - 2. CertainTeed Corporation; [\_\_\_\_\_]: [www.certainteed.com/#sle](http://www.certainteed.com/#sle).
  - 3. Ductmate Industries, Inc, a DMI Company; [\_\_\_\_\_]: [www.ductmate.com/#sle](http://www.ductmate.com/#sle).
  - 4. Substitutions: See Section 01 6000 - Product Requirements.
- B. Elastomeric Foam Insulation: Preformed flexible elastomeric cellular rubber insulation complying with ASTM C534/C534M Grade 1, in sheet form.
  - 1. Minimum Service Temperature: Minus 40 degrees F.
  - 2. Maximum Service Temperature: 180 degrees F.
  - 3. Fungal Resistance: No growth when tested according to ASTM G21.
  - 4. Apparent Thermal Conductivity: Maximum of 0.28 at 75 degrees F.
  - 5. Minimum Noise Reduction Coefficients:
    - a. 1/2 inch Thickness: 0.30.
    - b. 1 inch Thickness: 0.40.
    - c. 1-1/2 inches Thickness: 0.50.
    - d. 2 inch Thickness: 0.60.
  - 6. Erosion Resistance: Does not show evidence of breaking away, flaking off, or delamination at velocities of 10,000 fpm per ASTM C1071.
  - 7. Connection: Waterproof vapor barrier adhesive.
- C. Elastomeric Foam Adhesive: Air dried, contact adhesive, compatible with insulation. Comply with ASTM C916.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.01 EXAMINATION

- A. Verify that surfaces are clean, foreign material removed, and dry.

### 3.02 INSTALLATION

- A. Install in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Install in accordance with NAIMA National Insulation Standards.
- C. Insulated ducts conveying air below ambient temperature:
  - 1. Provide insulation with vapor barrier jackets.
  - 2. Finish with tape and vapor barrier jacket.
  - 3. Continue insulation through walls, sleeves, hangers, and other duct penetrations.
  - 4. Insulate entire system including fittings, joints, flanges, fire dampers, flexible connections, and expansion joints.
- D. Insulated ducts conveying air above ambient temperature:
  - 1. Provide with or without standard vapor barrier jacket.
  - 2. Insulate fittings and joints. Where service access is required, bevel and seal ends of insulation.
- E. Exterior Applications: Provide insulation with vapor barrier jacket. Cover with outdoor jacket finished as specified in Section [\_\_\_\_\_].
- F. External Duct Insulation Application:

1. Secure insulation with vapor barrier with wires and seal jacket joints with vapor barrier adhesive or tape to match jacket.
  2. Secure insulation without vapor barrier with staples, tape, or wires.
  3. Install without sag on underside of duct. Use adhesive or mechanical fasteners where necessary to prevent sagging. Lift duct off trapeze hangers and insert spacers.
  4. Seal vapor barrier penetrations by mechanical fasteners with vapor barrier adhesive.
  5. Stop and point insulation around access doors and damper operators to allow operation without disturbing wrapping.
- G. Duct and Plenum Liner Application:
1. Adhere insulation with adhesive for 90 percent coverage.
  2. Seal and smooth joints. Seal and coat transverse joints.
  3. Seal liner surface penetrations with adhesive.
  4. Duct dimensions indicated are net inside dimensions required for air flow. Increase duct size to allow for insulation thickness.

**END OF SECTION**