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3.5 VARIABLE REFRIGERANT FLOW SYSTEM




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1.1 General

Unit shall be air cooled, consisting of modular outdoor unit and multiple indoor units, each having capability to cool independently of requirements of the rooms by varying the refrigerant flow to meet the demand. The system shall be equipped with variable refrigerant volume controller, enable it to run on minimum partial load down to 10% with the incorporation of Inverter control compressor. Unit shall be suitable for mix-match connection with various types of indoor units.

The inverter multi split unit system for standard rating temperatures and minimum coefficient of performance (COP) shall be accordance with Table 1 and Table 2.


***Table 1: ACMV Unitary System Equipment, Electrically Driven¹:
Standard Rating Temperatures – Cooling² (MS 1525:2019)***

Item	Air-and evaporative-cooled		Water-cooled (water-source)	
	Dry-bulb	Wet-bulb	Inlet	Outlet
Room air entering equipment (°C)	27.0	19.0	-	-
Condenser ambient (air-cooled) (°C)	35.0	24.0	-	-
Refrigerant-water heat exchanger (°C)	-	-	30.0	35.0
NOTES: 1. Data in this table apply to the following types of equipment (with the corresponding related test standards): a) air, evaporative and water cooled air-conditioning equipment, MS ISO 5151, ISO 13253. b) commercial/Industrial Unitary air-conditioning equipment, MS ISO 5151, ISO 13253. c) multiple-split air-conditioning equipment, ISO 15042 and JIS B 8616. 2. Standard ratings are also based on other standard rating conditions such as, but not limited to, electrical conditions; cooling coil air quantity; requirements for separated (split) assemblies; and minimum external flow resistance, as provided in the applicable standards.				

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**Table 2: Unitary Air Conditioners, Electrically Driven:
Minimum CSPF – cooling (MS 1525:2019)**

Equipment		Size	Sub-category	Minimum COP
			Non-Inverter type	Inverter type
Air cooled condenser (or evaporative cooled)	<14.65 kW _r	Single Split	3.0	3.0
	≥ 14.65 kW _r and < 35 kW _r	Split/ Package/Multiple split (including VRF)	3.1	3.7
	≥ 35 kW _r	Split/ Package/Multiple split (including VRF)	3.0	3.2
Water cooled condenser	< 19 kW _r	Split/ Package/Multiple split (including VRF)	3.9	4.7
	≥ 19 kW _r and < 35 kW _r	Split/ Package/Multiple split (including VRF)	4.0	4.8
	≥ 35 kW _r	Split/ Package/Multiple split (including VRF)	4.1	4.9
NOTE. The evaluation method to calculate the CSPF shall follow ISO 16358-1 where the reference outdoor bin temperature distribution is used.				

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1.2 Condensing Unit

The air cooled condensing unit shall be a factory assembled unit housed in a sturdy weatherproof casing constructed from rust-proof mild steel panels coated with a baked enamel finish. The condensing unit shall be designed to operate safely when connected to multiple indoor units.

The sound level shall not be more than 65 dBA or as specified in Schedule of Design Requirement measured horizontally 1m away and 1m above ground. The condensing unit shall be modular in design and should be allowed for side by side installation.

1.2.1 Compressor

The compressor shall be of highly efficient hermetic type as specified in Schedule of Design Requirement and equipped with Inverter Control capable of changing the refrigerant volume in accordance to the room load requirement for energy saving.

Compressors shall be assembled complete with all necessary accessories on a steel base with vibration isolator e.g spring-mounted type.

Compressors shall be equipped with oil failure control, dual pressure control, safety valves, suction and discharge valves, crankcase heaters, suction gas strainer, oil sight glass and other accessories if necessary. The condenser shall be suitable for condensing temperature at 48°C (120°F) with air entering at 35°C (95°F) DB.


The compressor and motor shall be run not more than 2900 rpm and the compressor cooling capacity rating and power rating shall be based on approved standard. The motor shall be of the AC Induction type specifically designed for operation on 400 volts (+10%,-6%), 3 phase, 50 Hz single phase electric supplies, where ever applicable.

1.2.2 Refrigerant

Refrigerant shall be or better having Zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP), chlorine free, of:-

- i. R-134a ; or
- ii. R-410a ; or
- iii. R-407C, 1224yd(Z); or
- iv. R-1233zd(E) ; or
- v. Any refrigerant with safety classification of A1 or B1 as classified in latest ASHRAE Standard 34.

If any refrigerant with class B1 it being used such as R-514a, it shall comply with safety requirement of Department Occupational Safety and Health and safety protection devices shall be provided by the manufacturer.

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1.2.3 Condenser Assembly

The air cooled condenser shall be constructed with copper tubes mechanically bonded to aluminum fins to form a cross fins coil. The condenser shall have large face area for better heat transfer. Condenser shall be of high performance louver fins and inner grooved tubes design for high efficiency performance.

1.2.4 Condenser Fan and Motor

The condenser fan shall be of low noise level type made from pressed out aluminum and dynamically and statically balanced for minimum noise and vibration. The condenser fan shall be directly coupled to an induction motor. The condenser fan and motor shall be of the high efficiency type with minimum power consumption. The fan motor shall be equipped with energy efficiency features such as tap-change control so that it can be stepped down to low speed when the requirement is low.

1.2.5 Refrigerant Circuit

The refrigerant circuit shall include an accumulator, liquid and gas shut off valves and an electronic expansion valve. All necessary safety operation, devices shall be provided to ensure the safely operation of the system.


1.2.6 Safety Devices

The following safety devices shall be incorporated in the condensing unit:

1. Abnormal high/low pressure protection
2. Fuse
3. Crankcase heater
4. Fusible plug
5. Over current detection circuit for compressor
6. Thermal protectors for compressor
7. Recycling delay timer
8. Compressor discharge gas temperature protector
9. Negative rotation phase protector
10. Defective phase protector
11. Power supply voltage drop protector
12. Compressor contactor chattering protector
13. Power transformer overheating protection

1.2.7 Pressurize Testing

The complete refrigerant circuit shall be subjected to a pressure test of 1.25 times working pressure for at least 2 hours without any drop in pressure.

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1.2.8 Tube Material

The refrigerant tube shall be of de-oxidized phosphorous seamless copper tube conform to JIS H3300-C1220T.

1.2.9 Oil Recovery System

Unit shall be equipped with an oil recovery system to ensure stable operation with long refrigerant tubing.

1.3 Fan Coil Unit (FCU)

Each indoor unit shall be equipped with mode selector cooling, dry and fan and a self-diagnosis remote controller which allows setting of room temperature digital indicator, timer, and air discharge direction with fan speed selection

The unit shall have adequate external static pressure for connection to ductwork (for concealed unit).

All units shall be delivered completely factory tested in accordance to approved standards.

1.3.1 Casing (Wall/Ceiling Suspended type)

The fan coil unit housing shall be constructed from hard plastic reinforced and braced with steel angle framework for maximum rigidity. Each unit shall have predrilled flanges with identical hole locations to permit easy assembly of adjoining sections or modules.


a) Single Skin Ducted Fan Coil Unit (Ceiling Concealed)

The fan coil unit (FCU) housing shall be constructed from heavy gauge galvanized steel reinforced and braced with steel angle framework for maximum rigidity. Each unit shall have predrilled flanges with identical hole locations to permit easy assembly of adjoining sections or modules.

Each unit shall be adequately insulated for tropical conditions and the insulation shall be at least PU foam of 25 mm thickness with a minimum density of 40 kg/m³ and thermal conductivity K-factor of 0.02 W/m.K. or approved equivalent sprayed on the inside with an approved protective vinyl coating.

b) Double Skin Ducted Fan Coil Unit (Ceiling Concealed)

The casing shall have a perimeter frame, with a wholly modular system based on standardized panels and reinforced vertical sections. The casing panels shall be of heavy gauged galvanized sheet steel. These panels shall be constructed such that they shall comprise of two layers of galvanized sheet steel sandwiching the polyurethane insulation in between. The insulation shall be of minimum 25 mm thickness and density of 40kg/m³ and thermal conductivity of not exceeding

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0.02W/mK. The external clip method shall hold the double skin PU insulation panels and it shall allow easy access during maintenance, besides ensuring good air tightness. The panels shall create a thermal barrier/bridging between the internal and external surfaces of Class 2 as stipulated in EN 1886. The leakage level shall conform to Class B as stipulated in EN 1886.

The floor panels shall have double skinned construction to allow access without damaging the insulation.

Cooling coils shall be placed in a double skinned casing section. The condensate drain pan shall be furnished with threaded pipe connection.

Filters, heaters (if any), fan and cooling coils shall be placed in a double skinned casing section.

The cooling coil and condensate drain pan shall be assembly mounted on slides such that the cooling coil and condensate pan can be wholly removable to facilitate easy maintenance.

Moisture eliminators shall be provided when the coil face velocity exceeds 3 m/s. The eliminator shall have a minimum of 3 air flow direction changes.

1.3.2 Evaporator

The evaporator coil shall be constructed from seamless copper tubes bonded to corrugated aluminum fins suitably spaced to ensure maximum heat transfer. The inlet of coil shall be factory brazed to an electronic control valve. The face velocity shall be exceptionally low to ensure quiet operation.

All units shall be installed complete with insulated drain pan to prevent condensation.

1.3.3 Electronic Refrigerant Control Valve


An electronic expansion valve shall be factory brazed to the inlet of the coil. It shall modulate the refrigerant volume continuously in respond to load variations of the room. Thus maintain a constant refrigerant temperature of +/-0.5 °C.

1.3.4 Evaporator Fan

The evaporator fan shall be of the multi-blade type with its performance designed to match the coil performance. The fan shall be dynamically and statically balanced for minimum noise and vibration. It shall be directly driven by a multi speed induction motor.

Automatic or manual airflow swing adjustment shall be provided for the wall and cassette units.

The motor shall operate on 230 volts single phase 50Hz.

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1.3.5 Air Filters

The air filters for the unit shall be with an average Dust Extraction Efficiency on A.F.I. Test of at least 80% and washable. Test certificate for the above condition shall be made available. Filters shall be arranged in banks in sufficient numbers to operate on the correct manufacturer's rating.

The filter frame shall consist of an outer section able to be permanently mounted and a quick release removable gate section from which the filters only can be removed for changeover and washing. The frame shall be fabricated from 1.25mm thick zinc coated annealed steel, phosphated after fabrication, prime etched and enamel paint finished. Heavy aluminium frames may also be used. The filters shall be supported on both sides by 12 gauge wire mesh at intervals of not more than 100 mm apart in each direction.

1.3.6 Control

The control system should connected by using 2 wire non-polarity multiplex transmission system link a single outdoor unit to multiplex indoor unit with a twisted screen cable.

The indoor and outdoor units each have communications terminals that allow connection of multiple units through single communications line (polarity-free twin line main bus).

In addition the control system shall be equipped with automatic address setting function (No manual setting of address is allowed).

The system shall be built-in with standard automatic checking function for wiring and piping connection faults.

Computerized control shall be used to maintain the required room temperature with minimum power consumption.

It shall also be equipped with a self-diagnosis circuit for easy and quick maintenance and service.

1.3.7 Controller


The unit's controllers shall be mounted in an individual casing. Individual wired or remote controller shall be provided. All controllers shall be of factory-assembled and tested.

1.4 Air Handling Unit (AHU)

1.4.1 AHU Casing Construction

Single Skin

The air handling unit housing shall be constructed from heavy gauge galvanized steel reinforced and braced with steel angle framework for maximum rigidity. Each unit shall have pre-drilled flanges with identical hole locations to permit easy assembly of adjoining sections or modules.

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Each unit shall be adequately insulated for tropical conditions and the insulation shall be at less Polyurethane (PU) foam of **25mm** thickness with a minimum density of 40kg/m³ and thermal conductivity K-factor not exceeding 0.02 W/mK. or approved equivalent sprayed on the inside with an approved protective vinyl coating.

For chilled water ceiling suspended unit, the insulation shall be of minimum 25 mm thickness and density of 40 kg/m³ and thermal conductivity of not exceeding 0.02 W/mK.

Double Skin

The casing shall have a perimeter frame, with a wholly modular system based on standardized panels and reinforced vertical sections. The casing panels shall be of heavy gauged galvanized sheet steel. These panels shall be constructed such that they shall comprise of two layers of galvanized sheet steel sandwiching the polyurethane insulation in between. The insulation shall be of minimum 50mm thickness and density of 40kg/m³ and thermal conductivity of not exceeding 0.02W/mK. The external clip method shall hold the double skin PU insulation panels and it shall allow easy access during maintenance, besides ensuring good air tightness. The panels shall create a thermal barrier/bridging between the internal and external surfaces of Class 2 as stipulated in EN 1886. The leakage level shall conform to Class B as stipulated in EN 1886.

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Moisture eliminators shall be provided when the coil face velocity exceeds 3 m/s. The eliminator shall have a minimum of 3 air flow direction changes.

Double skinned units shall be used only for AHUs specified in Schedule of Design Requirement.

1.4.2 Fans and Fan Sections

The fan of the air handling unit shall be of single/double inlet, centrifugal airfoil or backward curved multi blade type medium pressure compliance to Air Movement and Control Association(AMCA) fan Class Standard with non-overloading wheel, statically and dynamically balanced, and complete with matching housing. The fan shaft shall be supported on self-aligning ball bearing amply sized for the loads with factory-sealed lubrication and with provision for re-lubrication.

Fan blade material shall be heavy gauge metal or aluminium which factory treated and painted. The fan assembly shall be statically and dynamically balanced to the operating fan speed.

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The conventional fan shall be vee-belt driven by an induction motor, which must be drip proof and specifically designed for operation on 400 volts (+10%,-6%), 3 phase, 50 Hz electric power supplies. A method of motor mounting giving full belt adjustment shall be incorporated, and belt guards shall be provided. A variable pitch pulley shall be provided on each vee-belt drive.

The maximum outlet velocity of the fans shall not exceed 9.1 m/s (1800 fpm) interlocking of both supply and exhaust fan shall be incorporated in the control panel.

Direct-drive mechanisms fan motor with variable speed drive (VSD) can be use as an optional if specified in the schedule of design requirement where the AC electric motor used in a VSD system shall be three-phase induction motor.

Whenever Plug Fan is specified in the requirement, the Plug Fan shall be Single Inlet Single Width Plenum Fan with Backward Wheels (Plug Fan). The fan shaft be supported on self-aligning ball bearing amply sized for the loads with factory sealed lubrication and with provision for le-lubrication.

The spring deflection shall be used as the fan isolation for the AHU units that comes with factory mounted Variable Speed Drive (VSD). The VSD shall be installed with built harmonic filter with Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) below or equal 5% an accordance with IEEE STD 519.


All type of AHU Fans tested being used shall comply to AMCA Standard 210, AMCA Standard 204 and capable of operating over complete pressure class limits as specified in AMCA Standard 99 and with efficiency as per AMCA 205.

1.5 Soft Start

All condensing units shall be of soft start. The inverter control compressor shall be able to start at the minimum frequency and increased to the required frequency (refrigerant volume) according to the actual load requirement. The system shall be coupled with anti-recycle protection to prevent the compressor to restart again immediately after it was stopped.

1.6 Centralized Control System

A centralized control system shall consist of a System Controller. They shall be provided to control all the functions of the indoor units either together as a central control system or individually as specified further in the specification. The system controller shall be compatible and able to interface with Building Management System (BMS).

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1.6.1 System Controller

It should be able to function as follows:

- 1 Temperature setting for each fan coil unit of group or zone.
- 2 Air flow setting for each fan coil unit of group or zone.
- 3 Fault indication of each fan coil unit of group.
- 4 It should be able to ON/OFF each individual or zone.
- 5 It should also have the function to ON or OFF the entire system.
- 6 Alarm and operation outputs for an external collected signal are available (Potential free contact).

1.6.2 Ability of Schedule Operation

The system shall be able to be scheduled to operate multiple units at pre-determine frequency of operation.

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2.0 **PIPEWORKS**

2.1 **General**

The work involved includes but shall not be limited to the supply and installation of all necessary pipe, valves, fittings, anchors, supports, brackets, insulation etc. unless specifically excluded elsewhere in this Specification.

The pipework shall be carried out by competent person in accordance with the best engineering practice to conform the diagrams and layouts shown in the Tender Drawings.

2.2 **Regulations**

All pipelines shall be constructed in accordance with the relevant Regulations and Standard.

2.3 **Pre-Insulated Refrigeration Piping**

Refrigerant pipe shall be Type K or Type L seamless Copper tube, conforming to ASTM B-88 or ASTM B-280 or AS 1571 or JIS H3300 cleaned and capped. All copper piping shall have ends cut square for socket brazing.

Straight sections of factory insulated pipe shall be 6 m in length and shall have 150 mm of exposed pipe at each end for field joint fabrication. Field joining of piping shall utilize approved methods of silver soldering or brazing with alloys melting at or above 593°C, 50-50 tin-lead solder is not acceptable.


All brazing shall be conducted while nitrogen flowing inside the braze pipe to prevent oxide film build up and clogging expansion valve and capillary tube in the system. All refrigerant piping installed shall be free from foreign matters and water moisture.

The refrigerant piping arrangements shall be in accordance with good practice within the air-conditioning industry, and are to include expansion valve, solenoid valves, shut off valves, strainers, sight glass, charging connections, suction line installation and all other items normally forming part of proper refrigerant circuits.

Insulation shall be polyurethane (PU) foam machine injected with one shot into the annular space between carrier pipe and jacket. Insulation shall be rigid, 90% minimum closed cell polyurethane with a minimum 45 kg/m³ density, compressive strength of not less than 207 kPa, and coefficient of thermal conductivity (K-Factor) of not higher than 0.021 W/m²K. Insulation thickness shall be not less than 40 mm thick.

Jacketing material shall be either galvanized iron for above ground application or high density polyethylene (HDPE) for underground application. GI jacket shall have a wall thickness of not less than 1.5 mm.

HDPE shall have a minimum wall thickness of not less than 3.4 mm for jacket sizes less

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than or equal to 305 mm or not less than 4.2 mm for jacket sizes greater 305 mm and shall be used for all jacketing larger than 406 mm.

Aluminium jacket also shall be considered for above ground application.

Moisture barrier end seals shall be factory applied, sealed to the jacket and carrier pipe. End seals shall be pressure tested to the require standards. End seals shall be mastic. Field applied end seals shall be installed at each field cut to the piping before continuing with the installation.

Straight run joints are insulated using urethane foam to the thickness specified, jacketed with either an HDPE or PVC sleeve and sealed with pressure sensitive, polyethylene backed, rubberized bitumen adhesive tape, 30 mils thick, or a heat shrink sleeve or tape. Above ground installation shall use white, pressure sensitive PVC tape.

Fittings shall be factory prefabricated and pre-insulated with urethane to the thickness specified, jacketed with a molded fitting cover or a PVC fitting cover wrapped with polyethylene backed, pressure sensitive rubberized bitumen adhesive tape, 30 mils thick. Carrier pipe fittings shall be silver soldered or brazed with alloys melting at or above 593°C, 50-50 tin-lead solder is not acceptable. Fittings include expansion loops, elbows, tees, reducers and anchors.

A hydrostatic pressure test of the carrier pipe shall be performed with one-half times the normal system operating pressure for not less than two hours. Care shall be taken to insure all trapped air is removed from the system prior to the test. Appropriate safety precautions shall be taken to guard against possible injury to personnel in the event of a failure.


The sizes of the refrigerant piping shall conform to the requirements of the system capacity specified.

The suction line pipe size, the hot-gas line pipe size and the liquid line pipe size shall not be less than the manufacturer's specified outside diameter. All refrigerant pipes shall be properly supported and anchored to the building structure using steel hangers, anchors, brackets, and supports which shall be fixed to the building structure with anchor bolt by means of approved metal expansion plugs/raw plugs of adequate size and number to support the loads imposed thereon. Wooden and plastic plugs are not allowed.

Complete charge of refrigerant and approved refrigerant oil for the normal operation of the air-conditioning system shall be provided.

Where refrigerant piping above 80 mm O.D has to be used, then the refrigerant piping may be constructed from heavy grade black steel pipes with welded joints, in lieu of hard drawn copper refrigerant pipes.

All component of the system shall be of OEM specification and the installation shall be done according to the manufacturer recommendation.

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2.4 Type of Pipes

2.4.1 Drain pipes

Drain pipes shall be of PVC Class C for all sizes.

2.5 Pipe Hangers and Supports

2.5.1 General

The Contractor shall be required to provide adequate and suitable support to the approval of the S.O. for all pipe work installed by him. In general, all such support shall be of rigid construction and properly isolated to prevent the transmission of noise and vibration.

Sleeves shall be placed in floors and walls through which pipe lines passed and shall extend 25 mm (1") on each side. Hangers and supports for steel pipes shall be placed at intervals as indicate in Table 3 & Table 4:-

Table 3: Pipe Spacing

Nominal pipe diameter	Maximum spacing	
	Horizontal spacing	Vertical spacing
Up to and including 50 mm (2" diameter) bore	3 m	3.5 m
65 mm (2½") bore up to and including 150 mm (6") bore	4 m	4 m

Table 4: Anchoring


Pipe sizes (Diameter)	Rod Size	Anchor Size	Hole Diameter	Anchor Length	Hole depth
25 mm – 50 mm	6 mm	8 mm	8 mm	25 mm	25 mm
65 mm – 150 mm	9 mm	12 mm	12 mm	40 mm	40 mm

Hangers for copper pipelines shall be at not more than half of the intervals specified for steel pipes.

Pipe hangers or supports shall be installed at not more than 10 diameters (maximum at 4 feet equivalent to 1.2 m) from each change in direction of the pipe work and shall preferably be on the side of the longest run.

All fixing pipe hangers or brackets to the building structure shall be by means of approved metal expansion plugs/raw plugs. Suitable receiving holes shall be cut by approved rotary percussion electric drill to give true and accurate drillings.

On insulated chilled water, refrigerant lines, etc. the hangers shall be wholly on the outside of the insulation. The insulation shall be protected by a metal bearing plate curved/saddle to match the insulation and large enough area to prevent the insulation from being crushed. All pipe hangers below the roof shall be fixed to steel bar provided by the others.

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2.5.2 Horizontal Runs

Hangers for horizontal pipe runs shall allow for expansion of pipe lines and shall have provision made for adjusting gradients and alignments. They shall be split ring and adjustable type or other approved design hung on around steel rods or approved equivalent. Brackets or clamps may be used where pipe lines run along walls, column or ceiling.

2.5.3 Vertical Runs

Vertical runs of pipes shall be supported by clamps or collars suitably supported from angles or channels in turn resting on special spring supports fixed to the floor slab. These supports shall be at least provided at each alternate floor slab. Where vertical runs of pipes are turned at floor level to run horizontally, purpose made collars and support shall be provided to approval.

2.6 Drain Pipe Insulation

All drain pipe carrying condensate water from AHU/FCU shall be insulated with 13 mm closed cell flexible expanded rubber compound to prevent condensation and shall be proper gradient.

2.7 Drain Pan


The drain pan shall be constructed to have full width, single sloped drain pan to ensure positive condensate drainage and shall extend downstream of the coil to provide sufficient amount of space to contain moisture carry-over. The drain pan shall be fabricated in galvanized steel and powder painted to withstand corrosions and insulated adequately to prevent condensation.

Selection of type of optional drain pan shall be as per Schedule of Design Requirements.

- i) Fabricated drain pan made from corrosion resistant Stainless Steel 304 or 316 grade 16 or 20 gauge. The Drain pan is insulated externally with 10 mm closed cell Elastomeric foam to avoid surface condensate from outside.
- ii) Extruded heavy aluminium 16 or 20 gauge profiles drain pan with anodized for extra anticorrosion protection.


The coil shall not sit in the drain pan and shall be removable via coil tracks. The drain pan shall have an integral elbow for side discharge and trapping.

The drain pan must be accessible for inspection and cleaning.

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2.8 Pipe Arrangement

Typical arrangement of pipe shall be as per detail drawing.

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3.0 **DUCTWORK AND AIR DIFFUSION EQUIPMENT**

Selection of ductwork and air diffusion equipment shall be as per Schedule of Design Requirements.

3.1 **Sheet Metal Duct**

All ductworks shall be fabricated from good quality galvanized steel sheets, using seams, slip-joints and standard engineering practice recommended by the American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA) unless otherwise indicated/stated. Sheet metal materials shall be free of pitting, seam marks, roller marks, stains, discoloration and other imperfections.

The basic elements of duct construction shall consist of duct wall(s), transverse joints and reinforcements at, or between, joints and supports. The general duct construction standards such as duct dimensions and thickness shall be as per Table 6 of this specification. All ducts transverse joints, seams and duct wall penetration shall be sealed properly and air tight.


The ductwork shall be fitted with appropriate reinforcement stiffening capable of ensuring no leakage at all joints at the maximum internal pressure of 500 Pa at all times during the system operation. The stiffening is also to prevent the ductwork from sagging, drumming or vibration. All stiffening plates on the external surface of the duct shall be properly insulated with insulation material having thickness and thermal properties recommended by the manufacturer to prevent condensation

The duct dimensions shown in the drawings are clear internal sizes. Where internal insulation is applicable, the thickness of the insulation shall be added to the dimensions to obtain the actual duct dimensions. All AHU & FCU shall have minimum straight duct length of 2½ times duct diameter or longest side for rectangular duct after the fan outlet before any bend.

The ductwork shall be provided with suitable bracings and type of traverse joints connection as per Table 5 for additional stiffness to prevent sagging, drumming or vibration. All ductwork without external insulation shall be painted to the approval of the Superintending Officer.

Duct size transformation pieces shall be gradual and shall generally follow a slope of 1 in 7. The sheet metal ductwork shall be fabricated from full standard size sheet metal of the specified gauge. No patched or make up pieced ductwork is allowed. Flexible connections shall be provided where the sheet metal ductwork joins the air handling unit (AHU) or fan housing. Such connection shall consist of two layers of vapour proof canvas or nylon fabric. The flexible connection shall be such that it is possible to renew the canvas without having to dismantle the ductwork.

Typical arrangement of ductwork shall be as per detail drawing.

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3.1.1 Flexible Ductwork (Where specified)

All installation shall be approved by Superintending Officer.

Flexible ducts shall be factory made and composed of a chlorinated polyethylene (CPE) liner duct permanently bonded to a coated spring steel wire helix and supporting a fiberglass insulating blanket. Low permeability outer vapor barrier of fiberglass reinforced film laminate shall complete the composite.

The flexible duct shall be comply to Laboratories UL 181 listed Class 1, and complies with NFPA Standards 90A and 90B. Operating temperature from -20°F to +250°F.

Maximum permissible length of flexible duct shall not more than 1.5 meter to make a connection to terminal unit. Flexible duct shall be supported at not more distance than 1.0 meter.

Maximum permissible sag is 40mm per meter of spacing between supports. Hanger or saddle material in contact with the flexible duct shall be of sufficient width or not less than 38mm wide to prevent any restriction of internal diameter of the duct on the hangar or saddle material.

The duct shall be supported between metal connection and the bend by allowing the duct to extend straight for 250mm before making the bend.

Flexible ducts shall not be installed from rigid main duct and connection shall only be made from branch duct to the air terminal devices. Avoid bending ducts across sharp comers of incidental contact with metal fixtures, pipes or conduits. Radius at center line shall not be less than one duct diameter.

All connections and joints shall be made in accordance with the manufacturers installation instructions and related duct specification as per contact documents. Install duct fully extended, do not install in the compressed state to avoid increase in fiction losses. Terminal devices shall be supported independently of the flexible duct

The size, dimension and typical arrangement of ductwork shall be as per detail drawing.


3.1.2 Supports and Hangers

Each length of sheet metal ductwork shall be rigidly supported at centers not greater than 2 meters apart and anchored to the building structure in an approved manner. Duct hangers shall be fixed to the concrete with anchor bolt by means of approved metal expansion plugs/raw plugs. No wooden or plastic plugs are allowed.

All duct hangers below the roof shall be fixed to steel bar provided by the others.

3.1.3 Sheet Metal Duct Construction

All sheet metal ductwork shall be fabricated from good quality galvanized steel sheet of

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approved manufacturer.

The gauges of sheet metal, transverse joints and types of bracing to be used shall conform to the Table 5:

Table 5: Duct Construction Table (using Steel Sheet Metal)

a) For Low Pressure Rectangular Duct (2"w.g and below)

Max. Size of Duct (mm)	Thickness of Sheet Metal (mm)	Hanger rod size for ducts (mm)	Anchor Size (mm)	Trapeze angle (mm)	Type of Transverse Joint Connection	Type of Bracing
	Steel					
Up to 300	0.5 (26 SWG)	6.0	8.0	25 x 25 x 3	S. Drive, pocket or bar slips, on 7' 10" centers	None
301 to 450	0.6 (24 SWG)	6.0	8.0	25 x 25 x 3		
451 to 750	0.6 (24 SWG)	6.0	8.0	25 x 25 x 3	S. Drive, 1" pocket or 1" bar slips of 7' 10" centers	1" x 1" x 1/8" angle, 4' from joint
751 to 1050	0.8 (22 SWG)	9.0	12.0	32 x 32 x 3	1½" angle connection, or 1½" pocket, or 1½" bar slips with 1 3/8" x 1/8" bar reinforcement on 7' 10" centers	1½" x 1½" x 1/8" angle, 4' from joint
1051 to 1350	1.0 (20 SWG)	9.0	12.0	38 x 38 x 3		
1351 to 1500	1.0 (20 SWG)	9.0	12.0	38 x 38 x 3		
1501 to 2100	1.2 (18 SWG)	9.0	12.0	50 x 50 x 4.5	1½" angle connections, or 1½" pocket or 1½" bar slips with 1 3/8" x 1/8" bar reinforcement on 3' 9" centers	1½" x 1½" x 3/16" diagonal angles or 1½" x 1½" x 3/16" angle, 2' from joint
2101 to 2400	1.2 (18 SWG)	9.0	12.0	50 x 50 x 6		
Above 2400	1.2 (18 SWG)	9.0	12.0	50 x 50 x 6	2" angle connection or 2" pocket or 2" bar slips with 2" x 1/8" bar reinforcement on 3' 9" centers	2" x 2" x ¼" diagonal angles or 2" x 2" x ¼" angle, 2' from joint

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Notes:

- a. Longitudinal joints shall be made grooved, Pittsburgh or double seams or double row riveted and soldered.
- b. Angle flanges shall be fixed to the ductwork by means of rivets spaced at not more than 50mm centers and shall have mastic compound between the angle and sheet metal.
- c. Joints between flanged connections shall be fitted with approved type of mastic compound or rubber gaskets.
- d. When low pressure supply air ducts are located outside of the conditioned space (except return air plenums), all transverse joints shall be sealed using mastic plus tape or equivalent material.

3.1.4 Elbows and Turning Vanes

All elbows shall have a minimum inside radius equal to the width of the duct where possible. Where space does not permit such radius, sharper or right angle bends may be used together with double thickness aerofoil shape turning vanes. Turning vanes shall also be fitted in elbows as indicated in the drawings. Turning vanes shall be securely fitted to the elbows.

3.1.5 Fire Rated Ductwork

All sheet metal ducts and plenums denoted on the drawings as being fire rated or in the lobbies and protected corridors shall have a construction that shall give a minimum of 2 hours fire retardance product


The construction method shall be similar and equal to that approved in principle by the Commonwealth Experimental Building Station (or CSIRO division of Building Research).

The ducts and plenums to be fire rated shall be encased with a framework of formed metal support channels and furring channels of sizes and at spacing's recommended by the supplier of the fire rated construction.

A 50 mm layer of ceramic type spray shall be applied over the walls of the duct or plenum, and then an expanded metal lath shall be attached to the furring channels. A second coat of ceramic type spray shall be applied to give a minimum overall thickness of 75 mm spray.

The exposed sides of the duct or plenum shall then be sheathed with 0.8 mm (22 swg) galvanized steel fixed as specified for externally insulated duct sheathing.

Where the width of ducts or plenum is such that they exceed the recommended support spacing, intermediate fire rated supports shall be placed in the centre of the duct plenum with a sheet metal sleeve around the support being sealed to the duct or plenum.

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3.1.6 Fire Resistance Sealant or Non-Combustible Fire Stop Material

Any opening or clearances on floor, wall or partition through which duct passes through shall be tightly caulked with fire resistance sealant or non-combustible fire stop material compliance to BS 476 Part 20/ EN1366 with minimum 2 hours fire protection to form acoustic and fire barrier.

The method of installation for the fire resistance sealant or non-combustible fire stop material through any floors, walls or partitions shall in accordance with manufacturer's instruction.

3.1.7 Access Opening

All sheet metal ductwork shall be provided with access opening with neoprene gaskets of minimum thickness of 3 mm on all ductwork connections, both upstream and downstream of coils, heaters, humidifiers and upstream of fans, filters, fire dampers, etc. for inspection, cleaning and maintenance purpose.

The access opening dimension shall be minimum of 600 mm (length) x 450 mm (width). For smaller ducts, the width dimensions may be reduced to the width or depth of duct.

Access opening shall be of hinged and fitted type with sash locks, and constructed in accordance with SMACNA recommendations.

For insulated ducts, the access opening shall be insulated and metal sheathed with 0.5 mm galvanized sheet steel.

Access opening shall be constructed in 1.2 mm galvanized sheet steel.


3.1.8 Cleaning and Protection of Ductwork During and After Installation

All sheet metal ductwork shall be thoroughly cleaned during and after installation and AHU fans shall be operated as soon as practicable to clear the ducts.

Dirt and dust shall not be discharge from diffusers and grilles

For installed lengths of vertical ducts, properly fitted sheet metal covers shall be provided on the open ends at all times to prevent ingress of rubbish, waste, etc.

Internally insulated vertical and horizontal ductwork shall be protected with a layer of heavy gauge polythene at the ends before fitting of the sheet metal cover so as to prevent ingress of moisture to the insulation.

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3.2 **Aluminium Ducts**

Aluminium ducts shall be refer to table in SMACNA used for all areas served from AHU/FCU with HEPA filters and as specified in Schedule of Design Requirement.

3.3 **Insulation of Sheet Metal Ductwork**

All ducts shall be insulated externally with either fiberglass or polyethylene (PE) foam or closed cell rubber of thickness as specified in Tender Document and Schedule of Design Requirement. For any duct with vapour barrier, it shall be approved material by CIDB.

The internal insulation of duct shall be of either fiberglass, open cell polyurethane (PU) foam or Open Cell Polyethylene foam (PE) of thickness as specified in Tender Document.

3.3.1 **External Duct insulation**

External Insulation Material

Selection of insulation shall be as per Schedule of Design Requirements.

i) **External Insulation of Ducts (fiberglass)**

All air conditioning supply and return air ductwork shall generally be insulated externally with fiberglass of not less than 25 mm thick and having a thermal conductivity of not more than 0.0332 W/m²K. The density of the fiberglass insulation shall not be less than 32 kg/m³.

All ductwork in the ceiling space immediately below the roof and in the vertical duct shaft shall be insulated externally with 50 mm thick fiberglass foam insulation, with the thermal conductivity of not more than 0.0332 W/m²K and density not less than 32 kg/m³.


All ductworks within the plant room and conditioned air ducts exposed to weather shall be insulated externally with 50 mm thick fiberglass insulation with metal cladding finished.

All fiberglass insulation shall be adhered to the duct surface using a manufacturer approved fire resistant adhesive.

The adhesive shall be of good quality molten bitumen and applied uniformly throughout the surface of the duct to have a good bonding between the insulation and sheet metal duct.

All external fiberglass polyethylene used in insulation for the supply and return air ducts shall be wrapped up with a vapour barrier foil. The vapour barrier foil shall be reinforced, double sided aluminium foil and fire resistant.

The vapour barrier foil shall have 75 mm minimum overlap at all joints, and adhered with an approved fire resistant adhesive to ensure an effective vapour seal. All joints for the foil shall be sealed with an approved 75 mm wide, pressure sensitive vapour impervious tape.

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Flexible connections on ductwork shall also be insulated with 50mm thick fiberglass polyethylene mats and finished with vapor proof canvas cloth sewn on.

ii) External Insulation of Ducts (Polyethylene Foam Sheet)

All air-conditioning supply and return air ducts shall generally be insulated externally with polyethylene (PE) foam of not less than 12.0 mm thick and having a thermal conductivity of not more than 0.036 W/mK. The PE foam material shall be chemically or physically cross linked closed-cell type with a foam density of not less than 25 kg/m³ and faced on one side with appropriate thickness factory applied reinforced aluminium foil.

The PE foam shall be fire-retardant and Class O in compliance with BS 476 Part 6 EN1366 and 7 and approved by Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia.

All ductwork in the ceiling space immediately below the roof or in any vertical shaft shall be insulated externally with PE foam of not less than 20.0 mm thick and having a thermal conductivity of not more than 0.036 W/mK. The PE foam material shall be chemically or physically cross linked closed-cell type with a density of not less than 25 kg/m³ and faced on one side with appropriate thickness factory applied reinforced **aluminium foil**.

All ductworks within the plant room and conditioned air ducts exposed to weather shall be insulated with 20 mm thick PE foam reinforced with metal cladding finished.

All ductworks for serving 24 hours shall be insulated externally with PE foam of not less than 20.0 mm thick and having a thermal conductivity of not more than 0.036 W/mK. The PE foam material shall be chemically or physically cross linked closed-cell type with a density of not less than 33 kg/m³ and faced on one side with appropriate thickness factory applied reinforced **aluminium foil**.


The complete surface of duct and insulation material shall be coated with manufacturer approved adhesive before pressing together. Insulation shall be carried out at all flexible connections and points subject to condensation. The end of joints in the insulation shall be coated with adhesive and cemented together to ensure continuity of the insulation.

iii) External Insulation of Ducts (Closed Cell Nitrile Rubber Insulation)

All air conditioning supply and return air ductwork shall be externally insulated with not less than 10 mm thick closed cell nitrile rubber. The closed cell nitrile rubber insulation shall have density of not less than 55 kg/m³ and thermal conductivity not more than of 0.036 W/mK.

The closed cell nitrile rubber insulation shall be fire-retardant and Class O in compliance with BS 476 Part 6 and 7 and approved by Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia. All ductwork in the ceiling space immediately below the roof or in any vertical shaft shall have not less than 13 mm thick closed cell nitrile rubber, having density of not less than 55 kg/m³ and thermal conductivity of not more than 0.036 W/mK.

All ductworks within the plant room and conditioned air ducts exposed to weather shall be

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insulated with 13 mm closed cell nitrile rubber reinforced with metal cladding finished.

The complete surface of duct and insulation material shall be coated with manufacturer approved adhesive before pressing together

The water vapour diffusion resistance factor, μ for the closed cell nitrile rubber insulation shall not be less than 7,000 in accordance with EN 12086.

The complete surface of duct and insulation material shall be coated with manufacturer approved adhesive before pressing together. Insulation shall be carried out at all flexible connections and points subject to condensation. The end of joints in the insulation shall be coated with adhesive and cemented together to ensure continuity of the insulation.

3.3.2 Internal Duct insulation

Internal Insulation Material

Selection of insulation shall be as per Schedule of Design Requirement.

i) Internal Insulation of Ducts (Fiberglass)

The main supply air duct immediately after the centrifugal fan shall be internally insulated with 50 mm thick of density not less than 32 kg/m³ and thermal conductivity of not more than 0.0332 W/mK. The internal fiberglass insulation shall be covered with a perforated light gauge sheet metal to prevent erosion.

The length of this insulation shall be as specified in the tender drawing. If unspecified, it shall be taken as 5 m from the fan or 1 m beyond the first bend, whichever is the longest. Fibreglass insulation shall be only used for internal ducting if specified in Schedule of Design Requirement.


ii) Internal Insulation of Ducts (Open Cell Polyurethane (PU) Foam)

The main supply air duct immediately after the centrifugal fan shall be internally insulated with 25 mm thick open cell PU foam of density not less than 40 kg/m³ and thermal conductivity of not more than 0.02 W/mK.

The open cell polyurethane (PU) foam insulation shall be fire-retardant and Class O in compliance with BS 476 Part 6 and 7 and approved by Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia

The length of this insulation shall be as specified in the tender drawing. If unspecified, it shall be taken as 5 m from the fan or 1 m beyond the first bend, whichever is the longest.

The insulation material shall be approved by Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia. P.U. insulation shall be only used for internal ducting if specified in Schedule of Design Requirement.

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iii) Internal Insulation of Ducts (Open Cell Polyolefin foam)

The main supply air duct immediately after the blower fan shall be internally insulated with 24 mm thick open cell Polyolefin foam of density not less than 25 kg/m³ and thermal conductivity of not more than 0.0360 W/mK.

The performance of acoustic for open cell Polyolefin foam shall be complied with Sound Absorption Coefficient according to ISO 354 or ASTM C 423 with minimum 0.5 Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC).

The Material shall be low emission of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in compliance with ASTM D5116.

The open cell polyolefin foam insulation shall be fire-retardant and Class O in compliance with BS 476 Part 6 and 7 and approved by Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia

The length of this insulation shall be as specified in the tender drawing. If unspecified, it shall be taken as 5 m from the fan or 1 m beyond the first bend, whichever is the longest.

The insulation material shall be approved by Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia. Polyolefin insulation shall be only used for internal insulation of ducts if specified in Schedule of Design Requirement.

3.4 **AHU Room Insulation**

All walls and doors with exceptional of fire rated door at the AHU room, where indicated in tender drawing, shall be thermally and acoustically insulated with 50mm thick rock wool on 50mm x 50mm treated wooden studding fitted to the walls and doors at not more than 600mm Centre, faced over with 1mm thick galvanized steel sheet having a perforation of not less than 20% with uniformly arranged holes of approximately 3 mm diameter.


Optional room insulation using panel fitted to the all walls and doors with exceptional of fire rated door at the Mechanical Plant room shall be thermally and acoustically insulated with size and dimensions as per design requirement.

3.5 **Duct Silencer**

Duct silencers shall be provided for AHUs as specified in Schedule of Design Requirement to meet the required noise level and to provide the necessary attenuation. The silencers selected shall not exceed the pressure drop specified for the air volume handled.

All duct silencers shall be fabricated from good quality galvanized steel sheet of 1.2 mm thickness for ducts below 1100 mm width/height and 1.6 mm thickness for ducts above 1100 mm width/height with internal sound adsorbing panels consists of a high density rockwool fill.

The case shall be made from galvanized steel with continuous weld or grooved seams

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and with galvanized angle steel frame at each end fixed to the case. The case shall be suitably braced so as to be completely airtight and free from drumming or distortion.

Matching angle frame shall be supplied and shall be jig drilled so as to be interchangeable. The silencers size shall match the ductwork sizes. The minimum length of duct silencers shall not be less than 1200 mm.

The pressure drop through the silencer shall not exceed 40 Pa. The calculation and catalogues shall be submitted to substantiate the pressure drop. The silencers shall also be insulated externally with 50 mm thick rockwool of 1.5 W/m² °C (0.26 Btu/hr/ft²/°F per inch) thermal conductivity.

3.6 Pre Fabricated Duct (Where Applicable)

All pre fabricated air-conditioning duct for air conditioning area shall be constructed from good quality aluminium polyurethane sandwich panels, comprising expanded polyurethane rigid foam board, faced on both sides by embossed aluminium foil and standard engineering practice recommended by the manufacturer. Both surfaces of the aluminium foil thickness shall not be less than 80 microns.

The insulation material of the pre fabricated duct for the air conditioning area shall be of closed cell polyurethane foam (CFC free) with thickness not less than 20 mm, having density of not less than 45 kg/m³ and thermal conductivity of not more than 0.022 W/mK.

All pre fabricated ductwork for air conditioned ducts exposed to weather shall not be less than 30 mm thick with density of not less than 45 kg/m³ and thermal conductivity of not more than 0.022 W/m.K.

The inner and outer side of the embossed aluminium foil surfaces shall be 80 microns and 150 microns respectively.


The length of the said pre fabricated duct within the AHU room shall be as specified in the tender drawing. If unspecified, it shall be taken as 5 m from the fan or 1 m beyond the first bend, whichever is the longest.

The fire resistance class for the pre fabricated panel shall be of Class O in compliance with BS 476 Part 6 and 7 and shall be approved by Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia and the copy of certification to be submitted to the S.O for verification.

All joints, fittings and transverse connection between ducts shall use appropriate fire resistance flange system recommended by the manufacturer to prevent air leakage.

All flange system connection between ducts at AHU room, ducts exposed to weather, vertical air duct and in ceiling space immediately below the roof shall be properly insulated with insulation material having thickness and thermal properties recommended by the manufacturer to prevent condensation.

All pre fabricated duct system shall be constructed using proper bonding method,

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adhesive, sealant and air tight according to manufacturer's recommendation, good workmanship and quality.

The ductwork shall be fitted with appropriate reinforcement stiffening capable of ensuring no leakage at all joints at the maximum internal pressure of 500 Pa at all times during the system operation. The stiffening is also to prevent the ductwork from sagging, drumming or vibration. All stiffening plates on the external surface of the duct shall be properly insulated with insulation material having thickness and thermal properties recommended by the manufacturer to prevent condensation.

3.6.1 Internal Insulation for Pre Fabricated Duct (Open Cell Polyurethane (PU) Foam)

The main supply for prefabricated air duct immediately after the centrifugal fan shall be internally insulated with 25 mm thick open cell PU foam of density not less than 40 kg/m³ and thermal conductivity of not more than 0.02 W/m.K.

The length of this insulation shall be as specified in the tender drawing. If unspecified, it shall be taken as 5 m from the fan or 1 m beyond the first bend, whichever is the longest. The insulation material shall be approved by Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia.

The complete surface of duct and insulation material shall be coated with manufacturer approved adhesive before pressing together

P.U. insulation shall be only used for internal ducting if specified in Schedule of Design Requirement.

3.6.2 Duct Silencer for Pre Fabricated Duct (Where Applicable)


Duct silencers for the pre fabricated duct system (where applicable) shall be provided at main air supply duct after the first fire damper installation at AHU room to meet the required noise level and to provide the necessary attenuation.

The silencers selected shall not exceed the pressure drop specified for the air volume handled.

All duct silencers shall be fabricated from good quality galvanized steel sheet of 1.2 mm thickness for ducts below 1100 mm width/height and 1.6 mm thickness for ducts above 1100 mm width/height with internal sound adsorbing panels consists of a high density rockwool fill.

The case shall be made from galvanized steel with continuous weld or grooved seams and with galvanized angle steel frame at each end fixed to the case. The case shall be suitably braced so as to be completely airtight and free from drumming or distortion.

Matching angle frame shall be supplied and shall be jig drilled so as to be interchangeable. The silencers size shall match the pre fabricated ductwork sizes. The minimum length of

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duct silencers shall not be less than 1200 mm.

The pressure drop through the silencer shall not exceed 40 Pa. The calculation and catalogues shall be submitted to substantiate the pressure drop.

The silencers shall also be insulated externally with 50 mm thick rockwool of 1.5 W/m² °C (0.26 Btu/hr/ft²/°F per inch) thermal conductivity.

3.6.3 Supports and Hangers

The hanger rod and support sizes to be used for the pre fabricated duct support shall conform to the Table 6:

Table 6: Duct Hanger Rod and Support/Bracket Size Table (Using Pre-Fabricated Duct)

Duct Width	Spacing between supports (not more than)	Hanger Support	Hanger Rod Size (mm)	Anchor Size (mm)
≤600 mm	4000 mm	Standard hanger bracket (recommended by manufacturer)	6	8
600 -1000 mm	4000 mm	25 x 25 mm iron angle or 2" x 1" hollow square	6	8
1000-1500 mm	2000 mm	1.5" x 1.5" angle iron	9	12
>1500 mm	1200 mm	1.5" x 1.5" angle iron	9	12


Duct hangers shall be fixed to the concrete/slab with suitable size of anchor bolt recommended by the manufacturer. Wooden and plastic plugs are not allowed.

All duct hangers below the roof shall be fixed to steel bar provided by the others.

Ductwork accessories such as volume control dampers, fire dampers, air diffusers and any other devices shall be individually supported in such a way that their weight does not increase the load of the pre fabricated duct.

3.6.4 Duct Connectors to AHU or Fan Housing

The connection between the fan section of the AHU and the pre fabricated ductworks shall be connected using an appropriate anti-vibration joint (flexible connectors) having minimum of 100mm width so that the vibration shall not be transmitted to the pre fabricated ducts.

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The pre fabricated duct shall be provided with independent duct support in such a way that the duct weight shall not increase the load for the flexible connections. The flexible connection shall also be easily disassembled for maintenance purposes.

3.6.5 Duct Access Opening

All pre fabricated ductwork shall be provided with access opening on all ductwork connections, both upstream and downstream of coils, heaters, humidifiers and upstream of fans, filters, fire dampers, etc. for inspection, cleaning and maintenance purpose. The access opening dimension shall be minimum of 600 mm (length) x 450 mm (width).

For smaller ducts, the width dimensions may be reduced to the width or depth of duct.

Access opening shall be of hinged and fitted type with sash locks, and constructed in accordance with manufacturer recommendations. The access door shall also be constructed from aluminium polyurethane sandwich panel and provided with proper gaskets to avoid any air leakages.

3.6.6 Connection Pre Fabricated Duct after Fire Damper

Attachment to pre-fabricated duct shall be done in such a manner that any deformation or collapse of the ductwork under fire conditions will not dislodge the damper or affect its operation or performance.

An access panel shall be provided in the duct and ceiling for gaining access to rest the damper. The damper shall also be installed such that the air stream in the duct will assist in the closure of the damper. The rating of the fusible link shall be 57°C and sample of the link must be submitted for the approval of the S.O before installation can commence.

Type of connection as following **(Where specified)** :


Opening Preparation/Clearances:

The fire barrier opening shall be larger than the damper to allow for thermal expansion and ease of installation. When steel stud/gypsum or wood stud/gypsum partitions are being used.

Damper Sleeves and Breakaway Connections:

Sleeves shall be of the SAME GAUGE or heavier as the duct to which it is attached, if one of the breakaway connection is used as defined in the SMACNA Fire, Smoke and Radiation Damper Guide for HVAC Systems (and in NFPA 90A. Gauges shall conform to SMACNA or ASHRAE duct standards.

Sleeves shall not extend beyond the fire barrier more than 6" unless an actuator or factory installed access door is supplied, then the sleeve may extend up to 16" .

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A sleeve may not be required if the damper frame is of sufficient size and shape so the mounting angles can be directly fastened to it.

Multi-Section and "Damper to Sleeve" Connections:

Damper shall be secured to the sleeve and to each other (when joined to make multiple damper assemblies) with sheet metal screws, nut and bolts, tack welds, steel rivets, spot welds, or clinching (toggle) on centers.

Methods of Securing Damper in Opening:

This method is approved for use in UL approved concrete/masonry partitions, steel stud/gypsum walls, and wood stud/gypsum walls.

Manufactured Flanged System Breakaway Connections:

Flanged connection systems by manufactured are approved as breakaway connections when installed.

3.7 Registers, Diffusers, Grilles and Dampers

3.7.1 General

All supply and return air grilles shall be supplied and fitted as indicated in the drawings.

All registers, diffusers and grilles shall be of galvanized steel sheet or aluminium or stainless steel sheet fabrication and of approved design and reputable manufacturer.

It shall be coated with at least one layer of enamel type of rust preventive primer and finished with oven baked enamel paint to approved colours.

All bases and plenums, register, diffuser and grilles suspended on any ceiling type shall be independently secured to the building structures with appropriate amount of hanger system.


The hanger system shall be of adjustable minimum of 3.0 mm diameter galvanized mild steel suspension rod complete with 0.5 mm thick galvanized mild steel butterfly clip type and fixed to the building structures with appropriate anchor bolt by means of approved metal expansion plugs/raw plugs or galvanized steel clamps.

The whole suspension rod system shall withstand load up to 50 kg. Wooden and plastic plugs are not allowed.

All coring and punching through roof trusses are not allowed.

3.7.2 Diffusers and Grilles

Unless otherwise indicated all ceiling diffusers shall be of the four-way throw type and

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fitted with volume control dampers. The volume control dampers shall be of adjustable opposed multi blade type.

Ceiling diffusers located less than 1 meter from the wall shall be three-way throw type.

Side wall grilles shall be of rectangular universal type with adjustable horizontal and vertical deflection fins.

All grilles and diffusers of size 500 mm and below shall be fabricated from 0.8 mm (22 SWG) and diffusers of size 525 mm and above shall be 1.0 mm (20 SWG). Damper blades shall be 1mm thick and not wider than 50 mm. All air grilles and diffusers shall be of high quality finish and shall be to the approval Superintending Officer (S.O).

3.7.3 Registers

Sidewall discharge registers shall be of the rectangular universal type with adjustable vertical and horizontal louvers and with directional volume controller designed to give even flow across the face of the registers.

3.7.4 Linear Diffusers

The Contractor shall supply and install linear diffusers to cover the perimeter of the laminar flow diffusers to provide an air curtain effect, as indicated in the drawings. This is to ensure the quality of air around the operation table is always maintained clean.

The diffusers shall be constructed from aluminum and stainless steel and then painted with epoxy finish. This finish must be able to sustain regular scrubbing with high concentration detergent solution.


Ducting of the linear flow diffusers shall use sheet metal ductwork and appropriately finished complete with insulation.

3.7.5 Swirl Supply Diffuser

Swirl Diffuser shall be of steel construction with either Fixed Stamped out vanes for fix swirl throw or adjustable vanes type for multi-directional throw. The supply swirl diffuser should be of the removable type complete with an insulated plenum box for noise reduction as well as to prevent condensation.

3.7.6 Jet Diffuser

Jet diffusers shall be long throw characteristics of minimum 10 meters distance with optimum acoustic properties. The outer frame and concentric rings shall be made of minimum 1.0mm thickness aluminum or galvanized steel sheet roll formed. The adjustable range from 15 to 45° deflection upward or downward without using any tools refer to type of jet diffusers.

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The diffuser shall be epoxy coated and furnished to S.O requirement. The concentric rings shall be connected to the outer frame with two circular shafts in one axis. The concentric rings shall be connected to each other with two circular shafts in an axis, which is perpendicular to the shafts connected to the outer frame. The concentric rings shall have an aerodynamic profile to diffuse the air.

Noise level for jet diffuser shall be quiet in operation to deliver noise level recommended criteria as set out in Table 11: Noise recommended criteria.

Throw or forward distance to the point where the jet velocity has retarded to a terminal velocity range as per manufacturer requirement or as per designed.

3.7.7 Outside Air Grilles

Outside air grille shall be installed c/w frames for wall mounting. All outside air grille shall be complete with volume control damper and washable filters. Stainless steel insect screen shall be provided at the outside air grille inlet. Whenever the requirement of outside grill located at outdoor area/outside building, the outside air grille shall be aluminium material.

Automatic or manual dampers installed for the purpose of shutting off outside air intake shall be of tight shut-off features to minimize air leakage.

3.7.8 Fire Dampers


Fire dampers shall be supplied and fitted as and when shown on the accompanying drawings within the thickness of the various fire break walls, partitions and floor slabs. The fire dampers shall comply in all respects with the requirements of the governing Fire Officer for the District and shall have not less than 1 hour fire resistance.

The damper shall be constructed from not less than 3 mm mild steel plate with welded joints and flanged ends for connecting to the galvanized steel sheets ductwork, the blade shall be of not less than 3 mm similar steel plate arranged to swing freely and automatically into place when released by fusible link mechanism.

Internal small steel angle guide stops shall be fitted to ensure an efficient seal when the damper blade is in the closed position.

After fabrication, the whole of the damper and blade shall be chemically derusted and finished with at least two (2) coats zinc chromate paint.

Fusible links shall be arranged to break at 57°C and be connected and anchored to welded internal lugs by means of non-corrodible multicore wire. The position of the fusible links when assembled shall be chosen so that they may be easily inspected and adjusted through access panels cut in the galvanized steel sheets ductwork. In all cases the ductwork access panels shall coincide with the removable portions of the false ceiling wherever they occur.

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3.7.9 Non-Return Dampers

All non-return dampers shall be of light gauge and of sturdy construction with spindle running freely in oil impregnated bronze or other approved type of bearings. Damper blades shall be tipped with 7 mm thick hard felt to ensure silent operation. Non-return dampers shall be provided on all external wall openings of exhaust fan systems and also in ducts on suction sides of duplicate fan installations.

4.0 VENTILATION AND EXHAUST SYSTEMS

4.1.1 Exhaust Fan

All exhaust fans shall be of the propeller or centrifugal type as indicated in the Schedule of Design Requirement. Each fan shall be capable of continuous operation and shall have a capacity as indicated in the Schedule Technical Requirement and in the accompanying drawings, when running at the speed specified against the friction in the system.

The exhaust fans shall be manufactured from PVC or plastic type fans and shall be accurately balanced on bright steel shaft in ball or sleeve bearings.

The fans shall be window-mounted or wall-mounted to suit the particular installations. Wall mounted fans shall be supplied with wall boxes and wall plates suitable for removal for cleaning, or built-in wall where shown in the accompanying drawings.

The fan motors shall be suitable for operation on single phase, 230V (+6%,-10%) and 50 cycles supply. Where specifically indicated controllers and/or suitable speed regulators giving a minimum of 3 forward speeds and 'off' shall be supplied.

4.1.2 General Exhaust System


All exhaust ductwork system shall be fabricated from good quality galvanized steel sheet shall supply and install as per tender drawings and Schedule of Design Requirement. The exhaust system supply and install shall be in accordance with good engineering practice and shall be most suitable to the application or desired objectives.

4.1.3 Ducts and Fittings

All ductwork, diffusers, grilles, dampers, quadrants, insulation hangers, supports and all other accessories shall be supply and install as indicated in the tender drawings.

For all ducts that are exposed to the outside, they shall be fitted with weather proof hood or cover.

All exhaust ductwork shall have all seams and joints completely air-tight flange joint in order to achieve satisfactory pressurization control in the specified area.

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Exhaust duct shall be internally lined for a distance of at least 3 m from the fan or 1 m beyond the first bend, whichever is the longest with 25 mm thick open cell PU foam of density not less than 40 kg/m³ and thermal conductivity of not more than 0.02 W/mK or with open cell Polyolefin foam of not less than 24 mm thick and having a thermal conductivity of not more than 0.0360 W/mK. The Polyolefin foam material shall be chemically or physically cross linked open-cell type with a foam density of not less than 25 kg/m³ and faced on one side with appropriate thickness factory applied reinforced sheet metal as indicated in drawing.

The performance of acoustic shall be complied with Sound Absorption Coefficient according to ISO 354 or ASTM C 423 with minimum 0.5 Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC).

The above insulation shall be covered to prevent erosion with a closely perforated fire resistant reinforced aluminium foil or a perforated light gauge sheet metal/jacket. The aluminium foil shall be glued to the fiberglass with an approved adhesive.

All exhaust duct passing through air condition area shall be external insulated. as per Section 3.3: Insulation Of Sheet Metal Ductwork.

All other application of air ductwork shall comply to the requirement of this section.


4.1.4 Interlocking Devices

Interlocking devices shall be supplied and installed as indicated in the drawing and Schedule of Design Requirement.

The interlocking devices shall operate in such a way, that, fans associated with each air conditioning zone or function unit shall be interlocked as a group with the fans to operate when the unit is operating and to stop when the unit stops.

4.1.5 Fan Switches

Fan switches shall be supply and install at the location as indicated in the drawings. A power supply connection terminated to an isolator will be provided under Electrical Works. All the wiring necessary from the isolator onwards to all the A/C equipment shall be done by the Contractor. The type of switches is also described in the drawing and the Schedule of Design Requirement

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5.0 ELECTRICAL MOTOR EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

5.1 Electric Motors

5.1.1 General

All electric motors shall be drip proof, fan cooled and fully tropicalized, and shall be furnish with Class "E" insulation to BS 2757 and BS 2613 and shall be specifically designed for operation on 50 cycles electric power supplies. All electric motors shall be furnished with isolator gears and appropriate starter gears which shall be fully tropicalised and comply with BS 587.

All motors of 1.1 kW and above shall be wound for 400V/3 ph/50 Hz electric supply. All motors less than 1.1 kW shall be designed for 230V/1ph/50Hz electric supply.

Thermal overload protection devices in all phases, over current devices and under voltage releases shall be furnished and incorporated in the circuits of all the electric motor.

5.1.2 Output Rating and Duty

Unless specific circumstances apply, motor continuous rating should not normally exceed 30% of its estimated maximum load.


5.1.3 Motor Efficiencies

All A.C. 4 pole and 6 pole, 3 phase induction motors, in the range 1.1 to 90 kW shall be high efficiency motors, minimum IE3 classified under MS1525:2019 as shown in Table 7, Table 8 and Table 9. Selection of efficiency class shall be minimum IE3 as follows:-

Table 7 : Selection of Efficiency Class


Application	Efficiency Class
Chilled Water Pump	IE3
Condenser Water Pump	IE3
Cooling Tower Fan	IE3
AHU Blower Fan	IE3
Exhaust Fan	IE3

Motor energy efficiencies are to be tested according to MS IEC60034-2-1:2014 or its latest edition.

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**Table 8: Efficiency Class Definition for 2-Pole Motors
(MS 1525:2019)**

Motor Capacity (kW)	Motor Efficiency (%)			
	Motor Class IE4	Motor Class IE3	Motor Class IE2	Motor Class IE1
0.12	66.5	60.8	53.6	45.0
0.18	70.8	65.9	60.4	52.8
0.20	71.9	67.2	61.9	54.6
0.25	74.3	69.7	64.8	58.2
0.37	79.1	73.8	69.5	63.9
0.40	78.9	74.6	70.4	64.9
0.55	81.5	77.8	74.1	69.0
0.75	83.5	80.7	77.4	72.1
1.10	85.2	82.7	79.6	75.0
1.50	86.5	84.2	81.3	77.2
2.20	88.0	85.9	83.2	79.7
3.00	89.1	87.1	84.6	81.5
4.00	90.0	88.1	85.8	83.1
5.50	90.9	89.2	87.0	84.7
7.50	91.7	90.1	88.1	86.0
11.00	92.6	91.2	89.4	87.6
15.00	93.3	91.9	90.3	88.7
18.50	93.7	92.4	90.9	89.3
22.00	94.0	92.7	91.3	89.9
30.00	94.5	93.3	92.0	90.7
37.00	94.8	93.7	92.5	91.2
45.00	95.0	94.0	92.9	91.7
55.00	95.3	94.3	93.2	92.1
75.00	95.6	94.7	93.8	92.7
90.00	95.8	95.0	94.1	93.0
110.00	96.0	95.2	94.3	93.3
132.00	96.2	95.4	94.6	93.5
160.00	96.3	95.6	94.8	93.8
200.00	96.5	95.8	95.0	94.0
250.00	96.5	95.8	95.0	94.0
315.00	96.5	95.8	95.0	94.0
355.00	96.5	95.8	95.0	94.0
400.00	96.5	95.8	95.0	94.0
450.00	96.5	95.8	95.0	94.0
500 to 1000	96.5	95.8	95.0	94.0

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**Table 9: Efficiency Class Definition for 4-Pole Motors
(MS 1525:2019)**

Motor Capacity (kW)	Motor Efficiency (%)			
	Motor Class IE4	Motor Class IE3	Motor Class IE2	Motor Class IE1
0.12	69.8	64.8	59.1	50.0
0.18	74.7	69.9	64.7	57.0
0.20	75.8	71.1	65.9	58.5
0.25	77.9	73.5	68.5	61.5
0.37	81.1	77.3	72.7	66.0
0.40	81.7	78.0	73.5	66.8
0.55	83.9	80.8	77.1	70.0
0.75	85.7	82.5	79.6	72.1
1.10	87.2	84.1	81.4	75.0
1.50	88.2	85.3	82.8	77.2
2.20	89.5	86.7	84.3	79.7
3.00	90.4	87.7	85.5	81.5
4.00	91.1	88.6	86.6	83.1
5.50	91.9	89.6	87.7	84.7
7.50	92.6	90.4	88.7	86.0
11.00	93.3	91.4	89.8	87.6
15.00	93.9	92.1	90.6	88.7
18.50	94.2	92.6	91.2	89.3
22.00	94.5	93.0	91.6	89.9
30.00	94.9	93.6	92.3	90.7
37.00	95.0	93.9	92.7	91.2
45.00	95.4	94.2	93.1	91.7
55.00	95.7	94.6	93.5	92.1
75.00	96.0	95.0	94.0	92.7
90.00	96.1	95.2	94.2	93.0
110.00	96.3	95.4	94.5	93.3
132.00	96.4	95.6	94.7	93.5
160.00	96.6	95.8	94.9	93.8
200.00	96.7	96.0	95.1	94.0
250.00	96.7	96.0	95.1	94.0
315.00	96.7	96.0	95.1	94.0
355.00	96.7	96.0	95.1	94.0
400.00	96.7	96.0	95.1	94.0
450.00	96.7	96.0	95.1	94.0
500 to 1000	96.7	96.0	95.1	94.0

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**Table 10: Efficiency Class Definition for 6-Pole Motors
(MS 1525:2019)**

Motor Capacity (kW)	Motor Efficiency (%)			
	Motor Class IE4	Motor Class IE3	Motor Class IE2	Motor Class IE1
0.12	64.9	57.7	59.1	38.3
0.18	70.1	63.9	64.7	45.5
0.20	71.4	65.4	65.9	47.6
0.25	74.1	68.6	68.5	52.1
0.37	78.0	73.5	72.7	59.7
0.40	78.7	74.4	73.5	61.1
0.55	80.9	77.2	77.1	65.8
0.75	82.7	78.9	79.6	70.0
1.10	84.5	81.0	81.4	72.9
1.50	85.9	82.5	82.8	75.2
2.20	87.4	84.3	84.3	77.7
3.00	88.6	85.6	85.5	79.7
4.00	89.5	86.8	86.6	81.4
5.50	90.5	88.0	87.7	83.1
7.50	91.3	89.1	88.7	84.7
11.00	92.3	90.3	89.8	86.4
15.00	92.9	91.2	90.6	87.7
18.50	93.4	91.7	91.2	88.6
22.00	93.7	92.2	91.6	89.2
30.00	94.2	92.9	92.3	90.2
37.00	94.5	93.3	92.7	90.8
45.00	94.8	93.7	93.1	91.4
55.00	95.1	94.1	93.5	91.9
75.00	95.4	94.6	94.0	92.6
90.00	95.6	94.9	94.2	92.9
110.00	95.8	95.1	94.5	93.3
132.00	96.0	95.4	94.7	93.5
160.00	96.2	95.6	94.9	93.8
200.00	96.3	95.8	95.1	94.0
250.00	96.5	95.8	95.1	94.0
315.00	96.6	95.8	95.1	94.0
355.00	96.6	95.8	95.1	94.0
400.00	96.6	95.8	95.1	94.0
450.00	96.6	95.8	95.1	94.0
500 to 1000	96.6	95.8	95.1	94.0

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5.1.4 Power Factor Requirement

All motor from 2 hp. to 100 hp. shall have a power factor of not less than 0.85 at 80% loading.

Motors over 100 hp. shall have a power factor of not less than 0.90 at 80% loading.

The above condition is to be achieved by power factor improvement equipment or devices. However, if the power factor correction is done other than at the load, than the cabling, electrical switching protection devices between the load and the point of correction shall be rated according to the worst power factor condition that they may be subjected to.

Power factor improvement equipment used shall conform to IEC 70/70A standards and shall be suitable for continuous operation at a normal voltage of 400 volts (+10%,-6%), 3 phase, 50 Hz


Capacitors used shall be dry type with self-healing properties and discharge devices. Loss shall not exceed 0.5 kVAR.

When automatic power factor correction bank is used, the regulator with the required number of steps should also incorporate no volt protection relay, anti-hunting relay and a manual and automatic control switch. The regulator should be set to respond to kVAR need of the system with no hunting. The regulator shall have LED display to show the number of steps switched ON at any one time and settings for the sensitivity value and the desired power factor.

Current transformer to suitable ratio shall be rated at 15 VA and minimum accuracy of Class 1.

A kW-hr meter and a kVAR meter shall be incorporated in switchboards with a connected total load of 50 kW and above.

This Contractor shall be liable to pay any surcharge, or part thereof, levied by the Tenaga Nasional as a consequence of low power factor of the installed equipment.

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6.0 **NOISE AND VIBRATION CONTROL**

This section of specification specifies the basic requirement that the noise and vibration isolation control for the mechanical equipment which must be satisfied in order to be considered for the installation.


All mechanical plant and services shall be installed in accordance with the methods of installation and precautions stated herein, and such additional precautions as may be necessary to ensure that the operation of the plant does not result in noise levels or vibration amplitudes beyond the specified limits.

6.1 **DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM**

The work specified under this section shall include but not necessarily limited to the following:

1. All noise and vibration generated by mechanical equipment shall be isolated from the building structure.
2. All piping and ductwork in the building which is connected to vibration isolated equipment shall be isolated at connections to the building structure.
3. All piping and ductwork in equipment rooms and up to 15m from vibrating equipment shall be isolated from the building structure by means of noise and vibration isolation hanger, guides and supports.
4. All piping and ductwork vertical risers shall be isolated from the building structure by means of noise and vibration isolation guides and supports.
5. All piping and ductwork to be isolated according to this section of the specifications shall freely pass through walls and floors without rigid connections. Penetration points shall be sleeved or otherwise formed to allow passage of piping or ductwork, and maintain a minimum of 25mm (1") and maximum of 50mm (2") clearance around the outside surfaces. This clearance space shall be tightly packed with fibrous material or with engineered pipe penetration seals and shall be caulked airtight and water proof after installation of the piping or ductwork.

The whole of the work, including the particulars and/or deviations shown on the drawings and/or specified in the following clauses shall be in accordance with the appropriate ASHRAE Standards or such other National Standards as may be approved by the SO.

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6.2 DESIGN STANDARDS AND VERIFICATIONS

The design of noise and vibration control equipment shall comply and not limited to the following Codes and Authorities:

1. ASHRAE 2003 (Noise and Vibration Control)
2. SMACNA
3. AHRI 885 – 2008

Submittals and data requirements:

1. Descriptive Data:
 - a. Schedules of equipment isolator.
 - b. Catalogues and data sheets on vibration isolators.
2. Detailed and dimensioned Working Drawings including:
 - a. Details of equipment bases including dimensions, structural member sizes and support point locations.
 - b. Details of isolation hangers for ceiling hung equipment, piping and ductwork.
 - c. Details of mountings for floor supported equipment, piping and ductwork.
 - d. All hanger, mounting or pad drawings shall indicate deflections and model numbers as well as any other requirements in the specifications.
 - e. Spring diameters, rated loads and deflections, heights at rated load and closed height shall be provided for all springs shown in the submittals in tabular form.
 - f. Complete flexible connector details.


6.3 NOISE CONTROL

The sound power levels of the equipment shall be carefully examine as well as construction and installation methods to ensure that the equipment selection meets the sound level required.

All adjustments, modifications and testing shall be carried out to achieve the specified noise level. All supplied equipment from which noise is emanated shall be selected such that specified noise levels are not exceeded or shall be fitted with approved sound attenuation.

Optional room insulation using panel fitted to the all walls and doors with exceptional of fire rated door at the Mechanical Plant room shall be thermally and acoustically insulated with size and dimensions as per design requirement.

All rotating machine shall be properly balanced and shall be designed with clearances and mechanisms suitable for the noise level requirements. Rotating machinery shall be mounted on approved vibration isolating mountings. The mountings shall be protected

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from drips and damage, and where necessary, additional mass shall be fixed to the machinery to damp vibration.

The loading of the mounting shall be adequate to ensure correct operation.

Materials used to seal the spaces containing the isolating materials shall be flexible so that vibration is not transmitted and the seal is not damaged.

All connections to rotating machinery shall be of flexible type. Duct connections shall be isolated by flexible nylon fabric or canvas connections.

Pipe connections shall be suitably flexed for the duty involved. Approved flexible connectors shall be provided where insufficient flexibility can be transmitted to the building structure.

Flexibility connectors shall be so positioned that no stressed can be put on the pipes due to end reaction.

Electric motors for all air conditioning unit and ventilation fans shall be quiet in operation to deliver noise level criteria as set out in Table 11 & 12.

On completion of the installation, precise measurements of the noise levels in the various areas shall be made.

Octave band sound pressure levels in the various areas within the building and at certain positions outside the building due to the operation of the equipment included in this contract shall not exceed the noise level criteria set out in the Table 11 & 12.

In the event when the space noise exceeding maximum level of table 11 & 12 above, the level data should be allowed to be offset of 10dB /10 NC of background noise.

Where dispute arises over the classification of any area under the following schedule the S.O. determination of the space type and function of the area, as listed in Table 11 & 12, shall be final.


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Table 11: Recommended Noise Criteria (NC) – Room Criteria (RC) and Maximum Sound Pressure Level (Lp) for Different Indoor Activity

Type of Area	Max Level	
	NC-RC Level	Lp (dBA)
RESIDENCES		
Residences, Apartment, Condominium	35	40
HOSPITALS & CLINICS		
Private rooms	35	40
Operating rooms	40	45
Wards, corridors	40	45
Laboratories	40	45
Lobbies, waiting rooms	45	50
Washrooms, toilets	50	55
OFFICES		
Board rooms	30	35
Conference rooms	35	40
Teleconference rooms	25	30
Executive offices	40	45
General offices	40	45
Reception rooms	45	50
General open offices	45	50
Drafting rooms	45	50
Halls & corridors	60	65
Tabulation and computation areas	50	55
AUDITORIUMS		
Multi-purpose halls	30	35
Lecture halls	35	40
Planetariums	35	40
Lobbies	45	50
LABORATORIES (with fume hoods)		
Testing/research, minimal speech communication	55	60
Research, extensive telephone use, speech communication	50	55
Group Teaching	45	50



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Table 12: Recommended Noise Criteria (NC) – Room Criteria (RC) and Maximum Sound Pressure Level (Lp) for Different Indoor Activity (cont')

Type of Area	Max Level	
	NC-RC Level	Lp (dBA)
PERFORMING ARTS SPACES		
Drama Theaters	25	30
Concert and recital halls	25	30
Music Teaching Studios	25	30
Music Practice Rooms	35	40
MASJID / RUMAH IBADAT	35	40
SCHOOLS		
Lecture/Classrooms	40	45
Classrooms up to 750 ft ² [75 m ²]	40	45
Classrooms over 750 ft ² [75 m ²]	35	40
Lecture rooms for more than 50 (unamplified speech)	35	40
Laboratories	45	50
Recreation halls	50	55
Corridors & halls	50	55
PUBLIC LIBRARIES		
Libraries, museums	40	45
COURT ROOMS	40	45
i) Unamplified speech	35	40
ii) Amplified speech	40	45
RESTAURANTS, CAFETERIA		
Restaurants	45	50
Cafeterias	50	55
INDOOR SPORTS ACTIVITIES		
Gymnasiums	45	50
School and college gymnasiums	50	55
Large seating capacity spaces (with amplified speech)	55	60
AIRPORT		
Tickets sales offices	40	45
Lounges, waiting rooms	50	55
OUTSIDE MECHANICAL PLANT ROOM		
1m away from external wall	70	75

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6.4 **VIBRATION CONTROL**

The vibration isolation shown on the drawings and Specification is as per minimum requirement. The installed equipment isolator shall be able to damp the vibration to the magnitude as per manufacturer's recommendation.


All vibration isolation shall be mounted on vibration isolators and complete with the flexible connections to prevent the transmission of vibration and noise to the building structure. Vibration isolators shall be selected in accordance with the weight distribution.

Mountings installed outdoor shall be protected from corrosion as per recommended by manufacturer with a minimum of cold galvanizing paint if not specified. For corrosive environment, the minimum requirement shall be of hot dipped galvanized.


The isolators installed for all mechanical equipment shall have a minimum deflections as per listed in the Vibration Isolators in Table 13 below. Any dispute arises in Table 13; all decision shall be referred and decided by S.O.

Table 13: Vibration Isolators Schedule

Equipment	Isolators	Remarks
Centrifugal, Screw and Reciprocating Chiller	1. Restrained type steel spring in series with a layers on top and bottom plate each 9.0mm minimum thick neoprene pads / natural rubber. 1.1 When equipment on stable ground minimum deflection is 19mm. 1.2 When equipment on concrete slab above floor level the minimum deflection is 38mm.	a) There should not be any rigid ties to any structure. All connection shall be flexible. b) All pipe work within the plant room shall have steel spring hangers of min 25 mm total static deflections in series with neoprene.
Chilled Water Pump, Condenser Water Pump and All Other (End Suction, Split Casing, and Others)	1. Un-housed type steel spring in series with a layer of 9.0mm minimum thick neoprene pads / natural rubber. 1.1 When equipment on stable ground minimum deflection is 19mm. 1.2 When equipment on concrete slab above floor level the minimum deflection is 38mm.	a) There should not be any rigid ties to any structure. All connection shall be flexible. b) All pipe work within the plant room shall have steel spring hangers of min 25 mm total static deflections in series with neoprene. c) The inertia blocks shall be large enough to support the

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	2. Inertia block shall be according to operation weight ratio (min 1:1.2 ratio) and min 150mm thick.	pipe work including the first elbow.
Cooling Towers	1. Restrained type steel spring in series with a layers on top and bottom plate each 9.0mm minimum thick neoprene pads / natural rubber. 1.1. When equipment on stable ground minimum deflection is 19mm. 1.2. When equipment on upper floor or critical area above floor level the minimum deflection is 89mm.	a) There should not be any rigid ties to any structure. All connection shall be flexible. b) All pipe work connected to cooling towers shall have flexible joints.
Air Handling Unit	1. A layer of minimum 9.0mm thick neoprene pad 2. For critical area, un-housed type steel springs in series with a layer of 9.0mm minimum thick neoprene pads / natural rubber.	a) There should not be any rigid ties to any structure. All connection shall be flexible. b) All pipe work within the plant room shall have steel spring hangers of min 25 mm total static deflections in series with neoprene. c) Pipe work to equipment shall have flexible joints. d) All ductwork to equipment shall have flexible connection.
Fan coil units (Up to 7.5kW)	1. Spring isolators (floor or hanger type) of minimum 19mm deflections.	a) There should not be any rigid ties to any structure. All connection shall be flexible b) All ductwork to equipment shall have flexible connection
Fan Coil Units (11kW and above)	1. Spring isolators (floor or hanger type) of minimum 89mm deflections.	

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Condensing Units	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Floor mounted unit – A layer of minimum 9.0mm thick neoprene pad. 2. Suspended type – spring isolators of minimum 38mm deflections. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) There should not be any rigid ties to any structure. All connection shall be flexible. b) Pipe work to equipment shall have flexible connections.
Mechanical Ventilation Fan (Axial, Centrifugal, Fan Heads, Cabinet Fans, Fan Sections) – up to 560mm dia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Double deflection steel spring with neoprene element in shear hanger of supports of min 19mm deflections. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) There should not be any rigid ties to any structure. All connection shall be flexible. b) All ductwork to equipment shall have flexible connection (if any).
Mechanical Ventilation Fan (Axial, Centrifugal, Fan Heads, Cabinet Fans, Fan Sections) – 610mm dia and above	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Un-housed type steel spring in series with a layer of 9.0mm minimum thick neoprene pads / natural rubber with minimum 19mm deflection. 2. Inertia block shall be according to operation weight ratio (min 1:1.2 ratio) and min 150mm thick. 	
Propeller Fan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A layer of minimum 9.0mm thick neoprene pad. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) There should not be any rigid ties to any structure. All connection shall be flexible.

6.5 PIPING

Equipment installed on vibration isolators exhibits some motion or movement from pressure thrusts during operation. Vibration isolators have even greater movement during starting-up and shutdown. The piping system shall be flexible enough to:

- Reduce vibration transmission along the connected piping.
- Permit equipment movement without reducing the performance of vibration isolators.
- Accommodate equipment movement or thermal movement of piping at connections without imposing undue strain on the connections and equipment.

In general, water pipes shall be sized to maintain average flow velocities of not more than 2.2 m/s. Flow velocity at 12 m/s maximum for pipe 50mm and smaller. A pressure drop limitation of 4 ft of water per 100 ft of pipe length with a maximum velocity of 3.0 m/s for larger pipe sizes.

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Isolation hangers shall be used for all piping in mechanical equipment rooms and up to 15 m from vibrating equipment.

The first three isolation hangers/supports from all mechanical equipment should provide the same deflection as the equipment isolators, with a maximum limitation of 50mm deflection.

The remaining isolation hangers within 15 m should be spring or combination spring and rubber with minimum of 20mm deflection.

The first vertical pipe riser entering the building shall be supported by spring isolators designed to support the riser filled with water, if it is a water line.

Assigned loads must be within the building design limits at the support points. Neutral central resilient anchors close to the center of the run shall direct movement up and down.

The anchors and guides must be rigidly attached to the structure and shall be capable of holding an upward force equal to the water weight when the system is drained. The remaining vertical pipe riser shall be supported by natural rubber/ neoprene pad with minimum thickness of 9 mm.

All pipe penetrations through wall; floors and ceiling shall be isolated from direct contact with the structure.

6.6 **DUCTWORK**

The main supply air ductwork shall be internally insulated with acoustic insulation for the length as specified in the tender drawing. If unspecified, it shall be taken as 5m from the fan or 1m beyond the first bend, whichever is the longest.

Isolation hangers shall be used for all ductwork in mechanical equipment rooms and up to 15 m from vibrating equipment.

The first three isolation hangers/supports from all mechanical equipment should provide the same deflection as the equipment isolators, with a maximum limitation of 50mm deflection.

The remaining isolation hangers within 15 m should be spring or combination spring and rubber with minimum of 20mm deflection.

The acoustic performance of the fiberglass internal insulation of duct shall not be less than those stated in the Table 14 below for the thickness indicated and in accordance to BS EN 20354 / BS 3638. The air erosion resistance for the internal insulation shall not be less than 2500 fpm and comply with ASTM C1071-19 and ASTM C1534-07.


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Table 14: Absorption Coefficient

Frequency, Hz	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	NRC
Absorption Coefficient (25mm)	0.08	0.20	0.56	0.93	0.84	0.92	0.63
Absorption Coefficient (50mm)	0.19	0.49	0.87	0.97	0.97	1.04	0.83

7.0 INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ) REQUIREMENTS

7.1 General

This section of specification specifies the basic requirement of IAQ to provide guidance on improving the indoor air quality (IAQ) and to set minimum standard for selected parameters that will avoid discomfort and/or adverse health effect among employees and other occupants of an indoor or enclosed environment served by air conditioning and mechanical ventilation (ACMV) system installed in the building.

Good indoor air quality (IAQ) is desired for a healthy indoor environment. Poor indoor air quality can cause a variety of health problems ranging from temporary to long term. Health problems commonly associated with poor IAQ include allergic reactions, respiratory problems, eye irritation, sinusitis, bronchitis and pneumonia.

7.2 Design Standard and Verifications

The requirement of IAQ shall comply but not limited to the following Codes and Authorities:


- ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1 – 2019 or latest
- Industry Code of Practice on Indoor Air Quality 2010 or latest by Department of Occupational Safety and Health, Ministry of Human Resources, Malaysia

7.3 INDOOR AIR QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

7.3.1 Parameters to Indicate IAQ Status

In this specification of basic requirement of IAQ, the parameters to indicate whether an indoor environment is comfortable and healthy or otherwise can be summarised as follows:

- Chemical contaminants such as Carbon Dioxide and Respirable Particulate.
- Physical conditions such as air temperature, air velocity and air humidity.

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7.3.2 Duty to Control Exposure

Whenever specified in scheduled of design requirement or schedule of price, the contractor shall conduct an Indoor Air Quality Assessment during the testing and commissioning period of the air conditioning and mechanical ventilation system. The method of sampling shall be according to latest Industrial Code of Practice of Indoor Air Quality. The Contractor shall ensure that all readings taken for the working environment shall conform to the acceptable range as specified in Schedule of Design Requirement and Table 15.

Table 15: Acceptable Limits of Indoor Air Contaminants (Industry Code of Practice on Indoor Air Quality 2010)

Indoor Air Contaminants	Acceptable Limits		
	ppm	mg/m ³	cfu/m ³
Chemical contaminants	-	0.15	-
a. Respirable particulates			
b. Carbon monoxide	10		
Biological contaminants			
a. Total bacterial counts			500*
b. Total fungal counts			1000*
Ventilation performance indicator	C1000	-	-
a. Carbon dioxide			

- For chemical contaminants, the limits are eight-hour time-weighted average airborne concentrations.
- C (in Table 16) is the ceiling limit that shall not be exceeded at any time. **Readings above 1000 ppm are indication of inadequate ventilation.**
- * Excess of bacterial counts does not necessarily imply health risk but serve as an indicator for further investigation.

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7.4 **Control of Indoor Air Quality**

The control of indoor air quality is required to enhance the quality of indoor air that the AHU/FCU serves to meet the room condition as per IAQ requirement.

Selection of control for the indoor air quality system shall be as per Schedule of Design Requirements and specification below:

7.4.1 **Treatment for Air Handling Unit Cooling Coils and Fins**

All cooling coils and fins, filter and condensate drain pans shall be treated with a non-toxic, non-corrosive, bio-degradable, hospital grade multiple enzyme having a PH value of 7.0.

It shall have the capability of penetrate deep and clear off any blockages within the coils and subsequently form a protective coating. It shall be able to breakdown and digest micro-organism, bacteria, fungus and mould contaminants and prevent microbial colonisation from forming on the treated surface and to maintain the internal air quality of the conditioned space. The enzyme shall not cause chemical degradation of the copper tubes and the aluminium fins.

Treatment shall have a residual effect and shall prevent microbial colonisation from forming. The contractor shall produce a comprehensive Microbiological Report of before and after treatment based on the microbiological swab test on all coil surfaces, filters, drain pans and ACMV room surfaces.

The test shall be carried out by contractor every four (4) months of the twelve (12) months period after the awarding of Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC).

The government reserved the right to engage an independent laboratory for the purpose of comparisons, as and when necessary.

7.5 **Ultraviolet Air Purifier System**


7.5.1 **General**

The designated air conditioned area shall be treated by the air purifier system that used Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation (UVGI) as the main medium of eliminating contaminants.

The Ultra Violet Air Purifier system shall be installed either within the AHU, FCU or ductwork to provide a complete air purification and sterilization by supplying clean and healthy air to the conditioned space.

7.5.2 **Appointment of Approved Supplier/Manufacturer**

The contractor shall appoint a competent supplier/manufacturer to supply the ultraviolet air purifier system and experienced in the specific area as required by the government.

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The appointed supplier/manufacture shall be responsible for the approval of **design, supervision** and **testing** of the ultraviolet air purifier system.

The contractor shall take full and unequivocal responsibility for the suitability, functionality, maintainability and safety of the design and for the adequacy, stability and safety of all site operations and methods of construction.

7.5.3 System Design and Equipment

The contractor at design stage shall consider and address the size and capacity of AHU and ducting system to provide relevant size of UV Air Purifier system. The installation shall be designed and installed accordingly to ensure the UV air purifier works well in preventing and eliminating both chemical and biological contaminants.

The designated Ultraviolet Air Purifier System shall be of flexible assembly consist of **any part** of the following components but not limited to:

- i. Ultra-Violet Germicidal Irradiation (UVGI) assembly.
- ii. Electronic Purification & Sterilisation assembly c/w controls.
- iii. Oxidizing Ultraviolet quartz lamp (Odour elimination).
- iv. Integrated Air Filtration system

The system equipment offered shall be a complete system supplied from one manufacturer. Otherwise, the manufacturer/supplier shall submit letter of undertaking to provide the technical support and be responsible for all system compatibility and performance

The contractor shall include the cost to carry out appropriate Indoor Air Quality assessment by a competent person/body (IAQ Assessor). The assessment shall be carried out by contractor after the awarding of Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC).


7.5.4 System Operation

The Ultra Violet Air Purifier system shall be able to eliminate particulate (filtering), gas (adsorption), chemical and biological contaminants such as mould and chemical odours of the indoor air contaminants.

The basic components of the UVGI system shall include but not limited to electronic aluminum filters, electrodynamic carbon processor, UVC germicidal lamps, UVV oxidizing quartz lamps and the control system.

7.5.5 Warranty

The high intensity UV lamp shall have warranty of minimum 6,000 hours.

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8.0 **ELECTRICAL WORKS**

8.1 **GENERAL**

The Contractor shall carry out all electrical work necessary for the efficient, safe and satisfactory operation of the plant detailed elsewhere in the specification and shall supply, install and connect all motors, switchboards, switchgears and all necessary equipment and materials except where it is stated in the specification that materials are to be supplied or work is to be carried out by others. All electrical equipment supplied shall be of the first grade as regards design and fully competent electrician of appropriate grades shall only carry out manufacture and installation.

All the electrical work shall use JKR approved product listed on J-MAL / Electrical Material Approval List.

The Contractor shall provide the following electrical equipments and services:

- (a) All electric motors, starters, cable boxes and isolating switches for the air conditioning and ventilation services.
- (b) Conduit, cable tray, cabling and control wiring from the electrical in the sub-switchboards to the air conditioning switchboards (control panels).
- (c) Conduit, cable tray, cabling and control wiring from the air conditioning switchboards (control panels) to the various items of air conditioning and ventilation equipments.
- (d) All control equipments, control wiring and associated works.
- (e) Conduit and wiring including control switches and fused spare outlets as indicated in the tender drawings.
- (f) Relays for FF detectors in the AC Control Panel/Switchboard.


The Contractor shall be required on completion of the electrical installation to provide in a glazed frame a complete "as installed" wiring diagram identifying all the control circuit and the various colour-coding. The diagram endorsed by a competent person or manufacturer.

The following works shall be carried out under other specialist work:

- (a) Supply, installation and connection of the sub-mains to main air conditioning plant switchboard and to the isolators in the sub-switchboards for the AHUs.
- (b) Lighting and power socket outlets in the plant rooms.

Unless specified elsewhere, all equipment, apparatus, appliances and accessories for low voltage electrical installation shall be rated for operation on a 240/415 V (within the tolerance as defined in MS IEC 60038 : 230/400V (+10%,-6%), 3 phase, 50 Hz. system with solidly earthed neutral.

All standard shall conform to the latest MS, MS IEC, IEC, BS EN, BS and/or EN standard.

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8.2. Main Air Conditioning Switchboard

8.2.1 Types of Air Conditioning Switchboard

The types of switchboard shall be as specified in the Drawings and/or Schedule of Design Requirements shall be of the following types:

- (a) Self-contained, floor mounted, flush fronted, metalclad cubicle type suitable for front and rear access;
- (b) Self-contained, floor mounted, flush fronted, metalclad cubicle type suitable for front access;
- (c) Wall mounted metalclad type suitable for front access.

The switchboards shall house their air circuit breakers, moulded case circuit breakers, fuse switches, switch fuses, isolators, contactors, busbars, meters, protective relays, selector switches, indicating lamps, current transformers, cable terminating boxes, cable glands, anti-condensation heaters complete with automatic thermostats and isolators and all other necessary items of equipment whether specified hereinafter or in the

Drawings or not, suitable for operation on a 400/230 V (+10%, -6%), 3 phase, 50 Hz. system with solidly earthed neutral.

Unless otherwise specified elsewhere, the switchboards shall be capable of withstanding fault condition of not less than 50 kA at 415 V for 1 s as defined in IEC 60439-1. The switchboards shall comply with IEC 60439-1 and the degree of protection shall be IP41 in accordance to MS IEC 60529.

Outdoor switchboard shall also comply with MS IEC 60439-5 with protection degree of IP54 in accordance to MS IEC 60529.

Type testing for switchboard:-


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Table 16: Type Testing for Switchboard As Per Categorization

Category	Current Rating	Registration & Type Test Report
I	$I \leq 600A$	Suruhanjaya Tenaga
II	$600A < I \leq 2000A$	Suruhanjaya Tenaga & Partial Type Test accordance with MS IEC 60439-1 (i) Short Circuit Test (Clause: 80203) (ii) Temperature Rise Test (Clause: 8.2.1)
III	$I > 2000A$	Suruhanjaya Tenaga & Full Type Test accordance with MS IEC 60439-1

Routine tests on the switchboard shall be carried out before delivery to site. The main circuits and the auxiliary circuits shall be tested to verify dielectric properties with power-frequency test voltage of 2500 Vac for 1 minute and insulation resistance under test voltage of 1000 V. Routine tests shall include inspection and checking of wiring, electrical continuity of the protective circuits, connections and effectiveness of mechanical actuating elements and interlock.

Test Results or Certificate duly certified by Competent Person as in Electricity Regulations 1994 shall be issued for every switchboard supplied and installed.

8.2.2 Power Factor Requirement for Main Switchboard

All switchboard equipment such as motor, transformer, air conditioners, fans, refrigerator, welders fluorescent light, etc. below 132kVA. shall have a power factor of not less than 0.85 at 80% loading.


Switchboard equipment's with capacity over 132 kVA shall have a power factor of not less than 0.90 at 80% loading.

The above condition is to be achieved by power factor improvement equipment or devices. However, if the power factor correction is done other than at the load, then the cabling, electrical switching protection devices between the load and the point of correction shall be rated according to the worst power factor condition that they may be subjected to.

Power factor improvement equipment used shall conform to IEC 70/70A standards and shall be suitable for continuous operation at a normal voltage of 400V (+10%, -6%) 50Hz.

Capacitors used shall be dry type with self-healing properties and discharge devices. Loss shall not exceed 0.5 kVAr.

When automatic power factor correction bank is used, the regulator with the required number of steps should also incorporate no volt protection relay, anti-hunting relay and a

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manual and automatic control switch.

The regulator should be set to respond to kVAr need of the system with no hunting. The regulator shall have LED display to show the number of steps switched ON at any one time and settings for the sensitivity value and the desired power factor.

Current transformer to suitable ratio shall be rated at 15 VA and minimum accuracy of Class 1. A kW-hr meter and a kVAr meter shall be incorporated in switchboards with a connected total load of 50 kW and above.

This Contractor shall be liable to pay any surcharge, or part thereof, levied by the Tenaga Nasional as a consequence of low power factor of the installed equipment.

8.3 ENCLOSURES

8.3.1 GENERAL


Switch operating handles shall be interlocked with the compartment door so that the door may not be opened until the switch is off.

Light shall be clearly visible at a distance on clear day. The following shall be incorporated in Switchboard but not limited to:

(1) Duty & Standby Pump:

- i) Red, Yellow and Blue lights for phase indication in duplicate.
- ii) Red flashing light for A/C FAIL and PUMP ON MANUAL.
- iii) Green light for PUMP RUN.
- iv) Yellow light for PUMP TRIP.
- v) START and STOP push button.
- vi) Switch off for A/C isolate and AUTO MANUAL selector switch.
- vii) An ammeter and voltmeter shall be provided.
- viii) MANUAL START push button.
- ix) Amber light for AUTO ON, AUTO CRANK ON, MANUAL ON, and AUTO CRANK FAIL.
- x) Green light signals shall be provided on single horizontal alignment spaced adequately to show that the supply is normal. They are A/C ON, CHARGER ON, D/C ON.

- (2) A relay shall be provided in the switchboard to stop the pump when the water level in the water tank is at low water level and prevent from being switch on again until the water level reach start level.

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8.3.2 SELF-CONTAINED FLOOR MOUNTED CUBICLE SWITCHBOARDS

The framework of the switchboard shall be fabricated from rolled steel sections of thickness not less than 2.5 mm and shall be self-supporting when assembled, uniform in height and depth from front to back. The rigid construction shall be designed to withstand without any sag, deformation or warping, the loads likely to be experienced during normal operating, maintenance or maximum fault condition.

The front shall be provided with covers/doors of box formation. The rear shall be provided with hinged removable doors of box formation. The rear doors shall be of double-leaf type with rebated edges and each leaf should preferably not be wider than 450 mm. Each leaf of door shall have 2 pairs of approved hinges. The door shall be fitted with approved type of surface-mounted espagnolette or cremone bolts complete with approved locking device operated by a satin chrome lever handle at the centre fixing. The top and sides shall be of removable panels. Cover plates with openings for cable entry shall be provided at the base of the switchboard.

All panels, covers and doors shall be fabricated from sheet steel of thickness not less than 2.0 mm and so constructed as to provide a clear, flush and pleasing appearance. The panels, covers and front doors shall be secured to the enclosure by means of chromed type of screws with cylindrical knurled head complete with retaining clips. Welded cross struts shall not be used.

The switchboard shall be dust and vermin proof. All covers and doors shall be provided with grommets and dust seals to exclude dust and dirt. Louvers or ventilation vent with filter shall be provided at the sides and back for adequate ventilation.


Precaution shall be taken to prevent overheating due to hysteresis and eddy current using non-ferrous plate (for single core cable). All edges shall be rounded. Serrated star washers shall be fitted to ensure satisfactory earthing of the front cover.

All indicating instrument which need to be read by the operator shall not be located higher than 2m above the base of the switchboard. All operating devices such as handle, push buttons, etc., shall be located at such a height that they can easily be operated, and in general, the centreline shall not be higher than 2m above the base of the switchboard.

In the case where building automation devices, transducers and relays are provided, they shall be separately housed in a compartment of the section of the switchboard. All wiring from the devices, transducers and relays shall be neatly arranged and connected to the terminal blocks with removal links mounted on rail. Terminals shall be identified and labelled in accordance with IEC 60445.

A lockable tool compartment with keys and opening handle shall be provided at the lowest subsection of the switchboard.

The switchboard shall undergo de-rusting treatment, anti-rust treatment with the exterior finished with epoxy dry-powder and oven baked semi-gloss beige colour and interior finished matt white.

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The switchboard shall be bolted to mild steel channel base or over concrete trench. The channel shall be anti-rusted and painted with a primer. There shall be a readily installed cable tray on the interior at both side panels for outgoing cable. All cables shall be rigidly secured using cable support bracket of non-rotting material, before termination.

8.3.3 WALL MOUNTED SWITCHBOARDS

The switchboard shall be fabricated from sheet steel of thickness not less than 2.0 mm. The enclosure shall be of all welded construction with sheets bent where possible so as to minimise the number of welded joints.

The four sides of the enclosure shall be returned at the front to facilitate fixing of front cover plates. The front cover plates or doors shall be of box formation and flanged to facilitate fixing to the enclosure.

The front cover of the switchboard shall be provided with gummets and dust seal to exclude dust and dirt. Meshed louvre or ventilation vent with filter shall be provided at both sides for ventilation.

All edges shall be rounded. Serrated star washers shall be fitted to ensure satisfactory earthing of the front cover. The switchboard shall undergo de-rusting treatment, anti-rust treatment and be finished with epoxy dry-powder and oven baked semi-gloss beige colour.

The switchboard shall not be mounted directly to the wall structure. It shall be firmly bolted/ welded on to galvanized C-channel brackets which in turn shall be bolted to the wall or structure by means of bolts and nuts.

The top of the switchboard shall not be higher than 2100mm and the bottom shall not be lower than 900mm from the floor.


8.4 **ASSOCIATED COMPONENTS**

Busbars shall be of hard drawn high conductivity copper of adequate rectangular cross section to carry continuously the specified current without overheating and also colored in accordance with the latest applicable British Standards.

An earthen busbars of suitable cross section shall be run the full length at the base of the main switchboard.

Connections from busbars to the circuit breakers, switch fuses and fuse switches shall be effected by means of copper bars or rods securely clamped to the busbars and identified by means of coloured plastic sleeving to indicate the phase colours.

All relays provided shall be heavy-duty pattern, unaffected by external vibration and capable of operation in any position. All meters and relays shall be fully tropicalised. Earth fault/over current relays with the delay characteristics shall be provided to trip circuit

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breakers as specified. Earth fault relay shall incorporate drop flag indicator with hand-reset contacts.

All contactors and starters, relays and controllers shall be fitted on insulated panels.

All incoming and outgoing circuit and in ring shall be brought to the contactors, starters, relays and controllers, via insulated terminal strips mounted within the metal cubicles, and all wiring between terminal strip and electrical equipment inside the control panel shall be neatly run and taped in accordance with the requirements of the Suruhanjaya Tenaga (ST).

8.4.1 AIR CIRCUIT BREAKERS (ACB)

ACB shall be of withdrawable metalclad, flush mounted, horizontal draw out isolation and air break type suitable for installing on cubicle type of switchboard.

They shall be three or four poles type as specified and shall comply fully with IEC 60947-1 and 60947-2. They shall be ASTA or KEMA or other accredited laboratories certified for minimum rupturing capacity, rated short time withstand current, (I_{cw}) of 50 kA at 415 V for 1 second or otherwise specified.

They shall consist of quick-make, quick-break, mechanically and electrically trip free mechanism arranged to give double break in all poles simultaneously.

The closing mechanism shall be of stored energy type, either manually or electrically charged. Mechanical 'ON' and 'OFF' or 'I' and 'O' indicators shall be provided. The tripping mechanism shall be equipped with push button for independent manual tripping and shall be stable and not being opened by shocks.


Each pole of the circuit breaker shall be provided with an arc chute to extinguish the arc drawn between the breaker contacts each time a breaker interrupts current, and interpole barriers to reduce arcing time for rapid deionization of the arc and guard against flash over. The contacts shall be renewable type.

The operating mechanism and carriage shall have the following positions: -

- (a) Service - In this position the main and control contacts are engaged.
- (b) Test - In this position the main contacts are isolated but the control contacts are still engaged. It shall be possible to check the correct operation of the control circuits without energising the main circuit.
- (c) Isolated - Both main and control contacts are isolated.

They shall be provided with marking to show the breaker positions with facility for padlocking the carriage in the Test and Isolated positions. They shall be equipped with the following interlock devices: -

- (a) Prevent withdrawal of breaker while the breaker is in closed position.

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- (b) Prevent closure of breaker while the carriage is in any position between 'fully isolated' and 'fully home'.

The arrangement of the busbar connections shall be such that with the circuit breaker withdrawn, the life parts shall be protected, either by suitable shrouding or lockable shutters.

Minimum four numbers (2-Normally-Open, 2-Normally-Close) double break type auxiliary contacts shall be provided.

Mechanical interlocks and/or electrical interlocks, where specified, shall be provided. Mechanical interlock shall be of code key type, arranged to mechanically operate the trip mechanism latch so that the breaker can only be closed when the key is trapped in the lock.

Electrical interlock shall be controlled by means of operation of auxiliary switches of another breaker designed to cut out the closing coils and mechanism of the parent breaker.

Where used as bus-coupler, they shall be of 4 pole type and provided with electrical and/or mechanical interlocks as required so that it is not possible for the coupler to close with its associated main incoming supply breakers closed.

The neutral of the 4 pole type ACB terminals shall be of the same size as the phase. The frame of ACB shall be bonded to the switchboard earthing bar using of 3mm x 25mm tinned copper tape.

8.4.2 MOULDED CASE CIRCUIT BREAKERS (MCCB)

MCCB shall comply with MS IEC 60947-2. They shall be fully tropicalised and suitable to be used up to an ambient temperature of 40 °C, enclosed in glass-reinforced polyester moulded case and suitable for use on 240/415 V, 50 Hz. a.c. supply system.


They shall be of the quick-make, quick-break type having manually operable toggle type handle. Permanent position indicators shall be provided to show status of the breaker.

When tripping occurs, the handle shall be in the trip position midway between the 'ON' and 'OFF' or 'I' and 'O' position so as to provide positive indication of automatic interruption. The operating mechanism shall be non-tamperable.

The MCCB shall have trip-free feature to prevent the breaker from being closed against fault conditions. Multipole MCCB shall have common-trip operating mechanism for simultaneous operation of all poles.

The tripping units shall be one of the following types: -

- (a) Thermal-magnetic types with bimetallic elements for inverse-time-delay overload protection and magnetic elements for short circuit protection.

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- (b) Solid state trip unit with adjustable overload protection and adjustable short circuit protection with or without adjustable time-delay.

An arc extinguisher shall be incorporated to confine, divide and extinguish the arc drawn between the breaker contacts each time a breaker interrupts current. The contacts shall be of non-welding type.

If current limiting types of MCCB are used, they shall be equipped with current limiting device of either permanent self-resetting power fuse type or magnetic repulsion moving contact type.

The current limiting device shall coordinate with the normal trip mechanism so that all fault and overload currents occurring within the safe capability of the MCCB shall cause the MCCB to open, and all currents occurring beyond the capability of the MCCB shall cause the current limiting devices to operate.

If required, the MCCB shall have facilities for shunt trip, under-voltage/no-volt trip, externally connected earth fault protection, externally connected overcurrent protection etc. They shall also have auxiliary contacts, accessories etc. for indication, alarm and interlocking purposes if necessary.

In area where is specified, and door interlocking facilities to prevent the panel door from being opened to access to the MCCB in closed position, shall be provided.

8.4.3 MINIATURE CIRCUIT BREAKERS (MCB)

MCB shall be of type approved by Suruhanjaya Tenaga and JKR.

Unless otherwise indicated in the Drawings and/or Schedule of Design Requirements, MCB shall have breaking capacity not less than 6kA (rms) and of C-type with class 3 energy limiting characteristics.


They shall comply with MS IEC 60898-1 and/or MS IEC 60898-2, fully tropicalised and suitable for use on a 240/415 V, 50Hz. a.c. system and up to an ambient temperature of 40 °C.

They shall be quick-make, quick-break and trip free type complete with de-ion arc interrupters.

The tripping elements shall be of thermal magnetic type with inverse time delay overcurrent and instantaneous short circuit characteristic. The respond to overload shall be independent of variations in ambient temperature.

They shall be manually operated by means of toggle type handles having visual indication of whether the breaker is opened, closed or tripped.

Multipole MCB shall be of all pole protected type and provided with common-trip mechanism for simultaneous operation of all the poles.

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8.4.4 ISOLATING SWITCHES

Isolating switches or switch-disconnector shall be of metalclad or high impact insulating material (e.g. polycarbonate) type. They shall fully comply with MS IEC 60947-1 and MS IEC 60947-3. The degree of protection shall be IP54 for indoor installation and IP65 for outdoor installation.

They shall be able to operate continuously at full current rating without de-rating, capable of making and breaking currents under normal condition and when in open position, providing isolation from source of electrical energy for reasons of safety.

They shall be quick-make, quick-break type suitable for use on 240/415 V, 50Hz. a.c. system. They shall be provided with removable top and bottom end plates or knockouts for cable entry. The enclosure, the isolating mechanism and all other accessories shall be from the same manufacturer.

The enclosure for metalclad type shall comprise of heavy gauge steel plates rust protected and finished grey stove enamel. Front access doors for metalclad type, which is detachable, shall be fitted with dust-excluding gasket and shall be interlocked to prevent opening when the switch is 'On'. However this interlock shall be able to be defeated by competent person for maintenance purpose. It shall be provided with, if required, facilities for lock-on and lock-off the operating handle.


8.4.5 CONTACTORS

Contactors shall comply with IEC 60947-1 and 60947-4-1. They shall be fully tropicalised, suitable to be used up to an ambient temperature of 40°C and suitable for use on 230/400V (+10%, -6%)50Hz. A.C. supply system.

The contacts shall be of quick-make and quick-brake type, dust-proof and rust protected. They shall be utilisation category as per Table 18.

Table 17: IEC Utilization Categories

Current	Utilization Category	Typical Applications
AC	AC-1	Non Inductive or slightly inductive loads, resistance furnaces, heaters.
	AC-2	Slip-ring motors : switching off
	AC-3	Squirrel-cage motors: starting, switching off motors during running <i>Most typical industrial application</i>
	AC-4	Squirrel-cage motors: starting, plugging ¹ , inching ²
	AC-5a	Switching of electric discharge lamps
	AC-5b	Switching of incandescent lamps
	AC-6a	Switching of transformers

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	AC-6b	Switching of capacitor banks
	AC-7a	Slightly inductive loads in household appliances: mixes, blenders
	AC-7b	Motor-loads for household applications: fans, central vacuum
	AC-8a	Hermetic refrigerant compressor motor control with manual resetting overloads
	AC-8c	Hermetic refrigerant compressor motor control with automatic resetting overloads

- (1) Plugging – Stopping a motor rapidly by reversing the primary power connection.
- (2) Inching – Energizing a motor repeatedly for short periods to obtain small incremental movements.

The contactor shall have multiple contacts and unless otherwise specified shall be normally-open.

8.4.6 PROTECTION RELAYS

The protection device shall be of the type acceptable to the Supply Authority or Licensee and JKR. The protection relays shall be of panel flush mounting type. All relays shall comply with relevant parts of IEC 60255.

Overcurrent and earth fault protection shall be provided by externally connected current transformers.


Unless specified in the Drawing and/or Schedule of Design Requirements, electromechanical overcurrent and earth fault relay shall be of Inverse Definite Minimum Time (IDMT) type.

For overcurrent relay of IDMT induction disc type, current settings shall be from 50% to 200% adjustable in seven equal steps and time multiplier settings from 0.1 to 1.0 seconds adjustable continuously.

Earth fault relay of IDMT induction disc type shall have current settings from 10% to 40% or rated current adjustable in seven equal steps time multiplier settings ranging from 0.1 to 1.0 adjustable continuously.

Earth leakage relay (ELR) shall be of the type suitable for use on a 230/400V (+10%, -6%)50Hz a.c. system and up to ambient temperature of 40°C ELR shall be provided with test button for simulation of a fault, earth leakage LED indicator a reset button, protection against nuisance tripping due to transient voltage and d.c. sensitive. Unless otherwise specified in the Drawings and/or Schedule of Design Requirements, ELR shall be of adjustable current sensitivity and adjustable time delay type.

The selectivity range for current sensitivity shall be 0.03A to 10A and the time delay selectivity range of 0 second to 1 second. ELR shall incorporate with matching balanced core current transformer and shunt trip coil for the circuit breaker to which it controls the tripping shall also be provided.

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Unless specified in the Drawings and/or Schedule of Design Requirements, the microprocessor based protection relays shall be rated at 240V/415V and operating voltage shall be in a range from 90V to 250V. The relays shall be housed in robust panel flush mounting case to IP 54 and shall be fully tropicalised and suitable to be used up to an ambient temperature of 50°C and relative humidity of 95%.

Unless otherwise specified, the microprocessor based protection relays shall be of combined three phase over-current and earth-fault protection with instantaneous, definite time and inverse-time characteristics. Time / current characteristic of IDMT overcurrent and earth fault relays shall be of standard inverse curve (3/10).

The microprocessor based protection relays shall give numerical digital readout of set values, actual measured values and recorded values. The relays shall include a serial communication port for external connection to facilitate external reading, setting and recording of relay data and parameters by a personal computer (PC). PC connecting cable and parameter reading/setting/recording PC program shall be provided.

The microprocessor based protection relays shall incorporate with built-in self-supervision system with auto-diagnosis. The self-supervision system shall continuously monitor the relay microprocessor programs. If a permanent fault is detected, an alarm indication shall be given. A 240V/5A alarm contact for connection to external alarm shall be provided.

If current and voltage measurements are specified, the microprocessor based protection relays shall make available these measurements for local display. The measurements shall include three phase currents, phase-to-phase voltages and three phase-to neutral voltages.

The microprocessor based protection relays shall comply with relevant parts IEC 60255 and shall also comply with relevant parts of IEC 61000 on electromagnetic compatibility.


8.5 MEASURING INSTRUMENT AND ACCESSORIES

Measuring instrument and accessories shall comply with the relevant IEC Standards. They shall meet the requirement as specified in the Drawings and/or Schedule of Design Requirements.

8.5.1 Measuring Instrument

Measuring instrument shall be of panel flush mounting type with square escutcheon plate finished matt black and pressed steel case. They shall be of industrial grade type adequately shielded against stray magnetic fields, conform to the measuring scales and arrangements as shown in the Drawings and calibrated for correct readings. They shall comply with MS 925 and relevant parts of IEC 60051. External zero adjustment shall be provided for ammeters and voltmeters.

Ammeters, unless otherwise specified, shall be of moving iron type having continuous overload capacity of 120% of rated value and full scale value accuracy of $\pm 2\%$. They shall

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be provided with maximum demand indicator, if specified.

Voltmeters shall be of moving iron type having overload capacity of 200% of rated value and full scale value accuracy of $\pm 1.5\%$.

Kilowatt-hour meter shall be of 6 numbers wheel cyclometer aluminium type with both the current and voltage coils on laminated cover fabricated from high quality silicon steel strip. They shall have overload capacity of 200% of rated value and accuracy of $\pm 0.5\%$ at the supply voltage and frequency characteristic. **(For Chiller System Only)**

Power factor meters shall be of balanced type using ferrodynamic, cross-coiled mechanism with measuring range from 0.5 lagging to 0.5 leading. Full scale value accuracy shall be $\pm 1.5\%$.

Frequency meters shall be of reed type with frequency range from 45 Hz. to 55Hz. and accuracy of $\pm 5\%$. If specified in the Drawings and/or Schedule of Design Requirements, the microprocessor based power meter shall be rated at 240V/415V and operating voltage shall be in a range from 90V to 265V.

The meters shall be housed in robust panel flush mounting case to IP 54 and shall be fully tropicalised and suitable to be used up to an ambient temperature of 50 °C and relative humidity of 95%.

The meters shall give direct numerical digital readout of actual measured values and recorded values. The meters shall include one serial communication port for external connection to facilitate external reading and recording of meter data and parameters.


The measurements and their accuracy of the microprocessor-based meters shall be:

Table 18: Parameters

Parameters / measurements	Accuracy
Volts (V): line-line / line-neutral	0.5% of reading ± 2 digit
Currents (A): per phase	0.5% of reading ± 2 digit
Frequency (Hz)	0.1 Hz ± 1 digit
Power Factor: total	1% of reading ± 2 digit
Active Power (kW): total	1% of reading ± 2 digit
Reactive Power (kVAr): total	1% of reading ± 2 digit
Apparent Power (kVA): total	1% of reading ± 2 digit
Active Energy (kWh): total	1% of reading
Reactive Energy (kVArh): total	1% of reading
Maximum Demands (A, W, VA): total	1% of reading ± 2 digit

If harmonics content measurement is specified, individual and total harmonics distortion on the current and voltage up to 30th harmonic shall be measured with the accuracy of 1% of reading.

There shall be a custom display screen, which can be programmed to display customised specific parameter requirements.

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All data shall be continuously and concurrently logged, recorded and stored in internal non-volatile memory (If applicable). All time base logged-in data can be retrieved and downloaded to a personal computer (PC) using serial communication port (If applicable). PC connecting cable and data retrieving PC program shall be provided (If applicable).

The meters shall comply with IEC 60359 and IEC 60688. The meters shall also comply with relevant parts of IEC 61000 on electromagnetic compatibility.

8.6 **CURRENT TRANSFORMERS**

Current transformers shall comply fully with MS 1202 and IEC 60044-1 and shall have short time rating not less than that of the switchboard in which they are incorporated. The secondary shall be rated for 5A. They shall be adequately rated in VA to carry the summation of all VA burdens of the connected loads but in any case, the rating shall not be less than 15VA.

They shall be capable of withstanding, without damage, on open circuit secondary with full primary current.

They shall be constructed from high quality silicon steel or resin encapsulated steel core.

They shall be installed inside the switchboard in such a way that it is easily accessible for maintenance purpose. Identification labels shall be fitted giving type, ratio, rating, output and serial numbers.

Unless otherwise specified, current transformers used for measuring and metering shall be of Class 1.0 accuracy and those used for protection shall be of Class 10P10 accuracy.

8.7 **SURGE PROTECTION DEVICE**

The surge protective devices (SPDs) shall be one-port type compatible with the 230/400V (+10%, -6%), 3 phase, 4 wire, 50Hz with solidly earthed neutral supply system it is protecting.


The SPDs shall be of the type complying with MS IEC 61643-1, MS IEC 61643-12 and IEE Std C62.41.2 and in accordance with recommendations of MS IEC 62305 and the relevant parts and section of MS IEC 60364.

If the specifications conflict in any way, with any or all of the above/ standards, the specification shall have precedence and shall govern.

The SPDs shall be designed for the average isoceraunic level of approximately 200 thunder-days per year.

The SPDs modes of protection shall be each phase-to-neutral (L-N), each phase-to-earth (L-E) and neutral-to-earth (N-E) for either single phase or three phase supply system.

The SPDs shall be of voltage limiting type with metal oxide varistors (MOVs), or voltage switching type with gas discharge tube (GDT)/spark gap, or combination type with MOVs and GDT/spark gap. MOVs and GDT shall comply with MS IEC 61643-331 and MS IEC

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61643-311 respectively.

The maximum continuous operating voltage (U_c) of SPDs shall be minimum 175V for SPDs connected between L-N and (L-E).

When SPDs connected between (N-E), the rating of U_c shall be minimum 240V. The continuous operating current (I_c) for each mode of protection shall not exceed 3mA.

In the case where the MOVs are used, the SPDs shall be provided with integrated thermal protection to avoid thermal runaway due to degradation.

The SPDs to be installed with respect to the location of category shall be as in Table 20.

The maximum discharge current (I_{max}) of SPDs shall be declared by the SPD manufacturer by submitting the V-I characteristic of a MOVs / GDT / spark gap.

The SPDs shall be equipped with visual indicator showing the protection status of the SPDs.

Unless otherwise specified, SPDs shall be provided with auxiliary contact for connection to remote monitoring of SPDs protection status.

A durable label with red lettering on a white background with words as stated below shall be fastened externally on the front cover of the SPDs compartment.

AMARAN

1. Pemasangan ini dilindungi oleh *Surge Protective (SPD)*.
2. *SPD* tidak lagi berfungsi apabila 'petunjuk' bertukar warna/
Tidak menyala.
3. Sila buat pemeriksaan pada *SPD* secara bulanan.
4. Sila hubungi 'orang kompeten' untuk penggantian *SPD*.
5. Pastikan juga 'circuit breaker' ke *SPD* sentiasa berada dalam keadaan ON (I).

The size of connecting conductors shall be as recommended by the SPD manufacturer.

The connecting conductors shall be as short as possible (preferably not exceeding 0.5m for the total length) and shall be tightly bound together throughout the whole length with cable-ties or other approved means.

Either a or a fuse of rating as recommended by the SPD manufacturer shall be provided for disconnecting the SPDs from the system in the event of SPDs failure or for maintenance.

In the case where an MCCB is used, the breaking capacity of the MCCB shall comply with the rated ultimate short circuit breaking capacity (I_{cu}) for the switchboards and DB respectively.

The I_{cs} shall be 50% of the I_{cu} .



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Table19: Surge Protecting Devices

Location Category	1.2/50 μ s (Uoc) Voltage Generator	8/20 μ s (Isc) Current Generator	Voltage Protection Level (Up)	Maximum Discharge Current, I _{max} (8/20 μ s) per mode
Main Switchboard (MSB)	≥ 20 kV	≥ 10 kA	≥ 1800 V	≥ 65 kA
Sub-Switchboard (SSB) receiving energy from MSB located in the same building	≥ 10 kV	≥ 5 kA	≥ 1500 V	≥ 40 kA
SSB receiving energy from MSB located in other building	≥ 20 kV	≥ 10 kA	≥ 1800 V	≥ 65 kA
Distribution Board (DB) receiving energy from SSB located in the same building (<i>for cases where the SSB located in other building with MSB</i>)	≥ 6 kV	≥ 3 kA	≥ 1200 V	≥ 20 kA
Distribution Board (DB) receiving energy from SSB located in the same building (<i>for cases where the SSB located in other building with MSB</i>)	≥ 10 kV	≥ 5 kA	≥ 1500 V	≥ 40 kA
DB receiving energy from the licensee or MSB/SSB located in other building	≥ 20 kV	≥ 10 kA	≥ 1500 V	≥ 40 kA
Socket Outlet or Terminal Equipment	≥ 2 kV	≥ 1 kA	≥ 500 V	≥ 10 kA

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8.8 **SYSTEM OF WIRING**

The system of wiring shall be either surface wiring, concealed wiring, surface conduit wiring or concealed conduit wiring as indicated in the Drawings and/or Schedule of Design Requirements. The wiring systems shall comply with MS IEC 60364-5-52.

All wiring shall be run neatly and in an orderly manner. They shall be routed parallel to building wall and column lines in a coordinated manner with other services. The wiring throughout shall be on the 'looping-in system' and no 'tee' or other types of joints are allowed. No reductions of the strands forming the conductors are allowed at all terminals. All strands shall be effectively secured by approved means.

Wiring which are not embedded in concrete or concealed behind plaster shall be run in an accessible manner on the beams, underside of slabs or below pipes, ducts, and down drops shall be run on the surface of columns or walls. Concealed wiring shall be installed in such a way that plaster can be applied over their thickness without being subjected to spalling or cracking. Cables serving different operating voltages and functions shall be segregated.

All cables shall be legibly marked on the external surface with at least the following elements; Manufacturer's identification, Voltage designation, Nominal area of conductor and Standard Numbers.


Standard colour coded cable shall be used for three phase circuit to identify the phase conductors, neutral conductor and protective conductor respectively.

Opening on floor, wall or partition through which cable, trunking, conduit or other wiring passes through shall be sealed according to the appropriate degree of fire resistance after the installation.

Chipping and cutting of concrete are not allowed unless otherwise approved by the S.O.'s Representative. The Contractor is required to work in conjunction with the building contractor for the provision of openings, trenches, core-holes, chases etc. as the building concreting work progresses.

In steel frame structures, the wiring system shall be rigidly and securely supported and fastened in place onto the structural steel beams, purlins and columns by fasteners such as clamps, clips, anchors, straps, hangers, supports or similar fittings. The fasteners shall be designed and installed as not to damage either to steel structures or wiring system.

The fasteners shall be installed at intervals not exceeding 1000 mm, and within 300 mm of every outlet box, junction box, device box, cabinet or fitting. Fasteners shall be of spring steel and/or galvanized steel, and where wires, rods or threaded rods are used with fasteners, they shall be of rolled carbon steel. The fasteners shall be finished with zinc coatings to resist rusting. Samples for the fasteners used shall be submitted to S.O.'s Representative for approval before they are used.

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Unless otherwise approved by S.O.'s Representative, no welding on and/or drilling holes into any members or components of the steel frame structures for the installation of fasteners are allowed.

8.9 TYPES OF CABLE

8.9.1 PVC Insulated PVC Sheathed Cable

PVC insulated PVC sheathed cables of 300/500 V grade to MS 136 and 600/1000 V grade to MS 274. T

The conductors shall be of stranded plain annealed copper to MS 69 and MS 280. The insulation shall be suitable for continuous operation at a maximum cable temperature of 70°C and comply with MS 138.

8.9.2 PVC Insulated Cable

PVC insulated cable of 450/750 V grade to MS 136 and 600/1000 V grade to MS 274.


The conductors shall be of stranded plain annealed copper to MS 69 and MS 280. The insulation shall be suitable for continuous operation at a maximum cable temperature of 70°C and comply with MS 138.

8.9.3 XLPE/PVC Cable

Cable shall be manufactured and tested in accordance to BS 5467 or IEC 60502 and shall have high conductivity plain copper stranded conductors, insulated with cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE), suitable for a voltage of 600/1000V laid together and bedded with extruded PVC and sheathed with PVC.

8.9.4 Armoured Cable

- (a) PVC/SWA/PVC Cable – Cable shall be manufactured and tested in accordance with MS 274 or BS 6346 and shall have high conductivity plain copper stranded conductors insulated with PVC suitable for a voltage of 600/1000V laid together and bedded with PVC, armoured with galvanized steel wires and sheathed with PVC.
- (b) XLPE/SWA/PVC Cable – Cable shall be manufactured and tested in accordance to BS 5467 or IEC 60502 and shall have high conductivity plain copper stranded conductors, insulated with cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE), suitable for a voltage of 600/1000V laid together and bedded with extruded PVC, armoured with galvanized steel wires and sheathed with PVC.

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- (c) XLPE/AWA/PVC Cable– Cable shall be manufactured and tested in accordance to BS 5467 or IEC 60502 and shall have high conductivity plain copper stranded conductors, insulated with cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE), suitable for a voltage of 600/1000V laid together and bedded with extruded PVC, armoured with aluminium wires and sheathed with PVC.

8.9.5 Mineral-Insulated Cables

Mineral-insulated cables shall be manufactured complying with IEC 60702, IEC 60331 and BS 6387 Category C, W and Z for electrical circuit integrity in case of fire.

The cables shall have been tested to comply with IEC 60332-1 and 60332-3 for flame retardance, and IEC 61034 for smoke obscuration. The cables shall be halogen free with low organic content and do not release any corrosive emission when subject to fire conforming to IEC 60754-2.

The cables shall be able to withstand a short circuit temperature of 280°C for 5 seconds. For general lighting and power points final circuits, unless otherwise specified, cables of 600V insulation grade may be used.

For main circuits and major power points, the cables used shall be of 1000 volt insulation grade. They shall be installed strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation and instruction.


The mineral-insulated cables shall be as specified:

- (a) Mineral-insulated copper sheathed copper conductor (MICC) cables comprise of pressure packed magnesium oxide insulation contained within a solid drawn ductile seamless copper sheath with solid high conductivity copper conductors; or
- (b) Mineral-insulated mineral sheathed copper conductor (MIMS) cables comprise of multi stranded high conductivity copper conductors wrapped with layers of glass mica composite tape flame barrier and be insulated with a non-melt cross linked mineral insulation and mineral sheathed.

Cables installed on walls shall be fixed by means of copper clips or copper saddles at appropriate spacing. The clips or saddles shall be secured by means of brass screws. Where cables are installed on cable trays, they shall be clipped at appropriate spacing by means of copper saddles.

The saddles shall be secured by means of brass bolts and nuts. Where single core cables are used on multi-phase distribution work, the cables shall be laid on their phase groups whether flat or trefoil.

Where single core cables pass through ferrous or other magnetic materials, the area surrounding the cables shall be replaced with non-ferrous plate of appropriate dimensions.

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Adequate bonding shall be provided where cables break formation to enter terminating positions.

Minimum bending radius shall be not less than six times the cable diameter and saddle spacing not more than 60 times the cable diameter or 500 mm whichever is less.

Connection to motors, generators, transformers and other similar equipment shall be by one of the two methods listed below:

- (a) The cable shall be clipped at the appropriate spacing up to a point adjacent to the equipment and an unsupported anti-vibration loop shall be left in the cable.
- (b) The cable shall be glanded into a suitable terminal box adjacent to the equipment and connection to the equipment being effected by means of mechanically protected flexible cable of adequate cross sectional area.

For mineral-insulated copper sheathed copper conductor (MICC) cables, termination shall be of cold seal type. Silicon rubber sleeve insulation shall be used to replace copper sheath stripped off near the termination for temperature not exceeding 150°C.

For temperature exceeding 150°C, varnished glass sleeve insulation shall be used. Insulation and continuity tests shall be carried out before and after the cable is terminated. The insulation test reading shall be 'infinity'. A blow lamp may be used for drying out cable ends.


If it is impracticable to cut to waste, in which event the cable should be brought to cherry red heat at about 600 mm from the end and moisture driven carefully towards the cut end. It is absolutely essential that great care shall be taken to maintain earth continuity when terminating the cables.

Dirt and metallic particles in the compound and any loose traces of dielectric left at face of the sheath after stripping shall be removed prior to sealing. Cold sealing compound shall be forced down one side of the pot only until slightly overfilling in order to avoid trapping of air at the base of the pot and to ensure that when the sealing disc is entered before crimping a completely solid insulation barrier is affected.

All other necessary accessories such as tap-off units, joint boxes, brass compress ring glands, screw-on brass pots, earth tail seals, coloured sleeving for phase identification, cone shape beads, fibre disc, brass locknuts etc. required for the proper installation work, unless otherwise approved by the S.O.'s Representative, shall be of the type manufactured by the cable manufacturer.

For mineral-insulated mineral sheathed copper conductor (MIMS) cables, termination shall be metal gland or close fitting metal bush of crimping type.

All other necessary accessories such as tap-off units, joint boxes including termination kits etc. required for the proper installation work, unless otherwise approved by the S.O.'s Representative, shall be of the type manufactured by the cable manufacturer.

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8.10 WIRING IN CONDUIT/TRUNKING (SURFACE OR CONCEALED)

The cables used in conduit wiring, unless otherwise specified shall be similar to that described above. Unless otherwise specified in the Drawings and/or Schedule of Design Requirements, the conduits shall be of galvanized steel and conduit fittings shall be of galvanized steel or alloy materials.

Cables above false ceiling shall be run in conduit or trunking.

The conduit shall generally be run on the underside of the floor slabs by mild steel brackets or suspenders. The trunking shall be suspended from the floor slabs or mounted against the wall by mild steel brackets.

The mild steel brackets shall be anti-rust treated, painted with a primer and finished in orange enamel. The suspension structure shall be robust in constructions and adequately installed such that the conduit/trunking will not sag.

Flexible conduit shall be used for termination to equipment, which is subjected to movement or vibration. However, the length of this flexible conduit shall not exceed 400mm unless approved by the S.O.'s representative.

8.11 METALLIC CONDUITS

Steel conduits shall be of galvanized, heavy gauge, screwed type complying with MS 275-1, MS 1534:PT.1, MS 1534:PT.2:Sec1, IEC 60423, IEC 61386-1 and IEC 61386-21. All steel conduit fittings shall comply with MS 275-2, MS 1534:PT.1, MS 1534:PT.2:Sec1, IEC 61035-1, IEC61035-2-1, IEC 61386-1 and IEC 61386-21.


The steel conduits shall be fitted with brass bushes at the free ends and expansion devices at appropriate intervals. The ends of each length of steel conduit shall be properly reamed.

The termination to the distribution boards, consumer units, switchgears and outlet boxes shall be effected by brass type smooth-bore bushes. All steel conduits shall be effectively earthed.

For laying underground steel conduit shall be used and buried at a minimum depth of 450 mm below ground level or 100 mm below floor slab or hard standing.

Junction boxes, outlet boxes etc. shall be of galvanized sheet steel or alloy material or malleable cast iron. The covers shall be galvanized sheet steel or alloy material with thickness not less than 1.2 mm.

Accessories such as junction boxes down dropping to luminaries shall have die-cast cone-shaped metal cover.

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8.12 **CABLE TRUNKING**

Cable trunkings shall comply with IEC 61084. They shall be fabricated from galvanized sheet steel and finished with two coats of standard enamel paint. Cable trunkings shall be perforated type for outdoor use to avoid water trap/ponding.

They shall be equipped with removable covers at suitable intervals. They shall be supplied in lengths to suit the installation and shall have the following minimum wall thickness:

Table 19: Cable Trunking

NOMINAL SIZE (mm x mm)	MINIMUM WALL THICKNESS (mm)
50 x 50 and below	1.0
75 x 50 to 100 x 100	1.2
150 x 50 to 300 x 150	1.6
Above 300 x 150	2.0

All trunking elbows, offset and combination elbows, adaptors and tees shall be of same thickness as the straight trunking and shall be the type manufactured and supplied by the same trunking manufacturer.

The trunking shall be supported by fixing brackets so that the trunking will not be in contact with the walls or floor slabs. The brackets shall be installed at intervals not greater than 1500 mm for vertical runs and not greater than 1000mm for horizontal runs. The brackets shall be anti-rusted, finished in a primer and coated with standard enamel paint.


Wherever the trunking passes through a floor or a fire resistant wall, fire-resisting barrier shall be provided. At these positions the cables shall be sealed with non-hygroscopic fire resisting material of minimum 2-hour fire rating. In addition, the floor openings and wall openings shall be sealed with similar type of compound.

Cables running in the trunking shall carry conductor identification colours and shall be supported by split hard wood racks securely fixed at the base of the trunking and spaced not more than 600 mm apart.

Cables for each final circuit shall be properly bunched together and labelled. Where conduit is tapped off from the trunking, suitable brass type smoothbore bushes shall be fitted at all conduit termination. Unless otherwise specified, all trunkings shall have either tinned copper tape of dimension not less than 25 mm x 3 mm as circuit protective conductor or earth cable of appropriate size. In the latter case, all trunking joints shall be bridged by means of tinned copper tape of dimension not less than 25 mm x 3 mm.

8.13 **CABLE TRAYS**

Cable trays system shall comply with MS IEC 61537 and shall be fabricated from perforated galvanized sheet steel complete with all necessary bends, tee pieces, adaptors and other accessories.

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The minimum thickness of the sheet steel shall be 1.5 mm for cable trays with widths up to and including 300 mm and 2.0 mm for cable trays with width exceeding 300 mm. However minimum thickness for the sheet steel of the perforated hot dipped galvanized cable trays shall be 2.0 mm.

Cable trays may either be suspended from floor slabs by hangers or mounted on walls or vertical structure by brackets at 600 mm intervals.

However where the above methods of installation are not feasible or practical, suitable floor mounted mild steel structures shall be provided.

All supports, hangers and structures shall be robust in construction and adequately installed to cater for the weights of the cables and trays supported on them so that cable trays and cables will not sag. All supports, hangers, bracket and structures shall be anti-rusted, finished in primer and coated with standard enamel paint.

All supports, hangers, bracket and structure for the perforated hot dipped galvanized cable trays shall also be of hot dipped galvanized type. Fixing clips and cleats for cables on trays shall be installed by means of bolts, washers and nuts.

All tees, intersection units, adaptor units etc. shall be the type manufactured by the cable tray manufacturer unless otherwise approved by the S.O.'s Representative. Wherever cable tray pass through a floor or a fire resistant wall, fire-resisting barrier as mentioned above shall be provided.

8.14 CABLE LADDER

Cable ladder system shall comply with MS IEC 61537 and fabricated from mild steel and finished in hot-dipped galvanized or epoxy powder coat complete with all necessary horizontal elbow, horizontal tee, horizontal cross, reducer straight, outside riser, inside riser, reducer left, reducer right, cable clamp, cantilever arm, hold down clip/clamp, hanger bar, vertical splice plate and horizontal splice plate for welded type and screwed type.


The minimum thickness of the sheet steel shall be 2.0 mm.

Cable ladder may either be suspended from floor slabs by hangers or mounted on walls or vertical structure by cantilever arm.

Cable ladder shall be supported rigidly and adequately by external spring hangers mounted on channel base. The cable ladder shall be supported at maximum intervals of 3000mm for in contact with the wall or floor slab surfaces.

The spring hangers shall be supplied by the cable ladder manufacturer. All supports, hangers, and structures shall be robust in construction and adequately installed to cater for the weights of the cables and ladder supported on them so that cable ladder and cables will not sag.

Rungs shall be spaced at 300mm nominal centres, welded to the rail sections by approved

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welding procedures. All rungs shall be perforated in accordance to the manufacturer's design.

The cable ladders shall be supplied fully assembled with preparations for connections to straight sections or accessories using splice plates mechanically bolted together.

Allowance shall be provided for longitudinal adjustments and expansion. The cable ladders when completed shall be smooth, free from all sharp edges and shall be capable of discharging any water that may be retained due to normal weathering.

All accessories shall be the type manufactured by the cable ladder manufacturer unless otherwise approved by the S.O.'s representative. Wherever cable ladder pass through a floor or a fire resistant wall, fire-resisting barrier as mentioned above shall be provided.

8.15 **MOUNTING HEIGHTS**

Mounting heights listed below shall be measured from the underside of the fitting to the finished floor level. Unless otherwise specified or directed on site by the S.O.'s Representative, heights of fixing shall be as follows: -

Table 20: Mounting Heights


Type of Fitting	Mounting Height (mm)
Suspended ceiling luminaries and ceiling fans	2400
Wall mounted luminaries and wall bracket fans	2050
Switches, and fan and regulators	1450
Socket outlets (for surface wiring), and those in the kitchen and washing areas (for concealed wiring)	1450
Socket outlets (for concealed wiring)	300
Isolator points	1450
Window unit air conditioner switches and starters	1450
Cooker points	1450
Water heater outlet points.	1450
Distribution boards (in service duct)	1450
Distribution boards (other than in service duct)	2050

8.16 **EARTHING**

All motors and equipment earthing shall comply with Electricity Regulations 1994 and relevant parts of MS IEC 60364. All protective conductors, copper tapes and earth electrode shall comply with BS EN 13601.

Earthing installation shall be endorsed by a competent person.

All switchboard and earthing shall comply to ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ACT 1990 [ACT 447] P.U.(A) 38/94 ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS 1994 incorporating latest amendments - 431/ 2003.

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Any metallic sheath, cover, handle, joint box, switch box, fuse box, switchgear frame, the frame bed plate of any generator, converter, rectifier and motor, the metallic case and core of any transformer, and the metallic frame and cover of any refrigerator, cooking stove and other electrical equipment including any domestic appliance, except those of class II construction, shall be effectively earthed.

Any water pipe connected to a public water supply system shall not be used as a sole means of earthing.

Any gas pipe shall not be used as a sole means or earthing. The neutral point of an alternating current system or the midpoint of a direct current system shall not be connected to earth at more than one point, except with the approval of the Commission. Where the neutral or mid-point of a system is not effectively earthed, an indicative and protective device shall be installed in order to avoid danger due to leakage of current to earth from a live conductor.

Where permission of the Commission has been obtained for the neutral conductor to be used as an earth conductor for earthing the frame of an electrical apparatus, the neutral conductor shall not be used as the return conductor for a single phase supply.

The conductor which is within the natural reach of a person standing on the working platform or in any switchboard passage way shall be placed or protected adequately to prevent danger. The metallic frame of any instrument shall be earthed. The metal handle of a switch and any metal gear for operating the switch shall be earthed.

8.17 LABELLING

Labels shall be fitted on the outside of all switchboards by means of non-corrodable screws or rivet or any other method approved by the S.O.'s Representative. The labels shall be of laminated plastic with engraved lettering with details such as type of equipment, rating, setting, to/from where it is connected etc.

The exact wording of the labels shall be agreed with the S.O.'s Representative. Single line mimic schematic circuit diagram shall be provided at the facial of the switchboards showing the relevant connection. The single line diagram shall be cased in Perspex sheet and riveted on the outside front cover of the switchboard.

8.18 Starters

The starters for each motor shall comply with regulation of ST or Local Authority. For any Variable Motor with Variable Frequency Drive/Variable Speed Drive Starters, the Contractor shall complete installed with harmonic filters to comply with IEEE-519 with $\leq 5\%$ of THD. For protection from Voltage Sag, the Variable Frequency Drive/Variable Speed Drive shall comply with Semi-F47 standard (Voltage Sag Immunity Standards). Unless otherwise specified or indicated, the Contractor shall provide the following type of starters:


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Table 21: Starters

kW	PHASE	CONSTRUCTION	STARTER
Below 0.75	1	Squirrel Cage	Direct on Line
Below 0.75	3	Squirrel Cage	Direct on Line
0.75 to 2.25	3	Squirrel Cage	Direct on Line
2.25to 7.5	3	Squirrel Cage	Soft Starter Type with By-Pass Contactor
Above 7.5	3	Squirrel Cage	Soft Starter Type with By-Pass Contactor

All soft starters shall be of reliable brand instead of conventional star-delta or auto-transformer starter and designed only for building services application and the power factor shall remain unity at any condition. Soft starter designed for general purpose shall not be used.

9.0 GENERAL WORKS


9.1 Cleaning, Painting and Identification

9.1.1 General

1. The painting works shall include all equipment, piping, fittings, valves, hangers, conduits, framework, ductwork, insulation, registers, diffusers, grilles, switchboard, machinery etc. and all other works exposed to view.
2. All paints used shall be of approved brand of best quality, low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) content and ready mixed paint brought to site in unopened containers.
3. No painting shall be done in unsuitable weather. Each coat of painting shall only be applied when the previous coat is completely dry.
4. The Contractor shall provide all tarpaulins, sheets and covering to protect the floors, walls and other works belonging to other trades.

9.1.2 Cleaning

All equipment and piping whether insulated or not shall be thoroughly cleaned and degreased upon completion of his work before any painting is carried out.

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9.1.3 Metal Surfaces

All metal works shall be thoroughly wire brushed to remove rust and scale shall be free from grease. The surface shall then be prepared with an approved rust inhibitive primer and two (2) high gloss-finishing coats to approved colors and to the approval of the S.O.

9.1.4 Insulated Surfaces

Exposed insulated surfaces shall first be sealed with an approved pigmented sealer. One (1) coat of undercoat and two (2) coats of approved high gloss paint shall be applied to the surfaces.

9.1.5 Painting of Pipelines

All pipelines shall be painted to approved colors in general to match the surroundings. In addition, lettering and the direction of flow must be indicated by painting a black/white arrow on to the pipelines at appropriate intervals. These arrows shall be 3" long on pipes up to 50 mm (2") diameter, 150 mm (6") long for pipes over 50 mm (2") diameter.


9.1.6 Colors

The following color code shall be employed for the entire installation: -

Housing, ductwork and insulation	<i>Light Ivory</i>
Chilled water supply pipes jacketing	<i>Blue</i>
Chilled water return pipes jacketing	<i>Light Blue</i>
Condenser water supply pipe	<i>Green</i>
Condenser water return pipe	<i>Light Green</i>
Registers, diffusers and grilles	<i>to match surroundings</i>
Pumps	<i>Jade Green</i>
Fan housing	<i>Light Grey</i>
Electrical conduits	<i>Orange</i>
Hangers, supports etc.	<i>To S.O.'s approval</i>

9.1.7 Valve Tags

All valves shall be provided with Brass tags, 25 mm (1") min. dia. with stamped identification numbers, secured by chains to each valve handles. Upon completion of the work, a drawing showing the location and purpose of each valve shall be prepared and two (2) copies supplied one (1) under glass in suitable frame, and the other one to the Owner. The drawing shall be complete with all valve numbers and shall enable each piping system to be traced by means of the valve tags.

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9.1.8 Name Plates

Supply and install on each of the following, identification nameplates consisting of a lamacoid plastic plate with engraved lettering. The plate size and lettering shall be subject to the approval of the S.O.: -

- 1 All AHU/FCU, ventilation units and all other exhaust equipments
- 2 All starters for AHU/FCU, fans, pumps, compressors, etc.
- 3 Ducting - Each main duct run shall be identified by reference to system and area(s) served.
- 4 Controls - All control components including thermometers nameplates shall bear the system number and the identification of the control function.

9.2 Sample of Material for Submission and Approval

The Contractor shall prepare sample board of typical material proposed to use in the work and/or samples of workmanship (mock up) to the approval of the S.O, prior to commencement of the installation work. The sample board and/or samples of workmanship (mock up) shall comprise of but not limited to pipes, pipe fittings, cables, detectors, hanger and support system for ducts, hanger and support system for pipes, duct and pipe insulation, diffuser and grilles and etc.

The cost of the sample board or samples of workmanship (mock up) is deemed to be included in the Contract.