

## SECTION 230713 - DUCT INSULATION

## PART 1 GENERAL

## 1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

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

## 1.2 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

- A. Section 099123 - Interior Painting: Painting insulation jackets.
- B. Section 230553 - Identification for HVAC Piping and Equipment.

## 1.3 REFERENCE STANDARDS

- A. ASTM B209 - Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate; 2007.
- B. ASTM B209M - Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate [Metric]; 2007.
- C. ASTM C 518 - Standard Test Method for Steady-State Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus; 2004.
- D. ASTM C553 - Specification for Mineral Fiber Blanket Thermal Insulation for Commercial and Industrial Applications; 2008.
- E. ASTM C 612 - Standard Specification for Mineral Fiber Block and Board Thermal Insulation; 2009.
- F. ASTM C916 - Standard Specification for Adhesives for Duct Thermal Insulation; 1985 (Reapproved 2007).
- G. ASTM C 1071 - Standard Specification for Fibrous Glass Duct Lining Insulation (Thermal and Sound Absorbing Material); 2005.
- H. ASTM C 1290 - Standard Specification for Flexible Fibrous Glass Blanket Insulation Used to Externally Insulate HVAC Ducts; 2006.
- I. ASTM C1338 - Standard Test Method for Determining Fungi Resistance of Insulation Materials and Facings; 2008.
- J. ASTM E 84 - Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building

Materials; 2010.

- K. ASTM E 96/E 96M - Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials; 2005.
- L. ASTM G 21 - Standard Practice for Determining Resistance of Synthetic Polymeric Materials to Fungi; 1996 (Reapproved 2002).
- M. NFPA 255 - Standard Method of Test of Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials; National Fire Protection Association; 2006.
- N. SMACNA (DCS) - HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible; Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association; 2005.
- O. UL 723 - Standard for Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials; Underwriters Laboratories Inc.; Current Edition, Including All Revisions.

#### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. See Section 01330 - Submittal Procedures, for submittal procedures.
- B. Product Data: Provide product description, thermal characteristics, list of materials and thickness for each service, and locations.
- C. Manufacturer's Instructions: Indicate installation procedures necessary to ensure acceptable workmanship and that installation standards will be achieved.

#### 1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer Qualifications: Company specializing in manufacturing products of the type specified in this section with not less than three years of documented experience.
- B. Applicator Qualifications: Company specializing in performing the type of work specified in this section, with minimum 3 years of experience and approved by manufacturer.

#### 1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

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

#### 1.7 FIELD CONDITIONS

- A. Maintain ambient temperatures and conditions required by manufacturers of adhesives, mastics, and insulation cements.

- B. Maintain temperature during and after installation for minimum period of 24 hours.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PRODUCTS OF THIS SECTION

- A. Surface Burning Characteristics: Flame spread/Smoke developed index of 25/50, maximum, when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84, NFPA 255, or UL 723.

### 2.2 GLASS FIBER, FLEXIBLE

- A. Manufacturer:

1. Knauf Insulation: [www.knaufusa.com](http://www.knaufusa.com).
2. Johns Manville Corporation: [www.jm.com](http://www.jm.com).
3. Owens Corning Corp: [www.owenscorning.com](http://www.owenscorning.com).
4. CertainTeed Corporation; : [www.certainteed.com](http://www.certainteed.com).
5. Substitutions: See Section 016000 - Product Requirements.

- B. Insulation: ASTM C553; flexible, noncombustible blanket.

1. 'K' ('Ksi') value: 0.36 at 75 degrees F (0.052 at 24 degrees C), when tested in accordance with ASTM C518.
2. Maximum Service Temperature: 1200 degrees F (649 degrees C).
3. Maximum Water Vapor Sorption: 5.0 percent by weight.

- C. Vapor Barrier Jacket:

1. Kraft paper with glass fiber yarn and bonded to aluminized film.
2. Moisture Vapor Permeability: 0.02 perm inch (0.029 ng/Pa s m), when tested in accordance with ASTM E96/E96M.
3. Secure with pressure sensitive tape.

- D. Vapor Barrier Tape:

1. Kraft paper reinforced with glass fiber yarn and bonded to aluminized film, with pressure sensitive rubber based adhesive.

### 2.3 GLASS FIBER, RIGID

- A. Manufacturer:

1. Knauf Insulation: [www.knaufusa.com](http://www.knaufusa.com).
2. Johns Manville Corporation: [www.jm.com](http://www.jm.com).
3. Owens Corning Corp: [www.owenscorning.com](http://www.owenscorning.com).

4. CertainTeed Corporation; : [www.certainteed.com](http://www.certainteed.com).
  5. Substitutions: See Section 016000 - Product Requirements.
- B. Insulation: ASTM C612; rigid, noncombustible blanket.
1. 'K' ('Ksi') value: 0.24 at 75 degrees F (0.036 at 24 degrees C), when tested in accordance with ASTM C518.
  2. Maximum service temperature: 450 degrees F (232 degrees C).
  3. Maximum Water Vapor Sorption: 5.0 percent.
  4. Maximum Density: 8.0 lb/cu ft (128 kg/cu m).
- C. Vapor Barrier Jacket:
1. Kraft paper with glass fiber yarn and bonded to aluminized film.
  2. Moisture Vapor Permeability: 0.02 perm inch (0.029 ng/Pa s m), when tested in accordance with ASTM E96/E96M.
  3. Secure with pressure sensitive tape.
- D. Vapor Barrier Tape:
1. Kraft paper reinforced with glass fiber yarn and bonded to aluminized film, with pressure sensitive rubber based adhesive.
- E. Indoor Vapor Barrier Finish:
1. Cloth: Untreated; 9 oz/sq yd (305 g/sq m) weight, glass fabric.
  2. Vinyl emulsion type acrylic, compatible with insulation, black color.

## 2.4 JACKETS

- A. Canvas Jacket: UL listed 6 oz/sq yd (220 g/sq m) plain weave cotton fabric treated with dilute fire retardant lagging adhesive.
1. Lagging Adhesive:
    - a. Compatible with insulation.
- B. Mineral Fiber (Outdoor) Jacket: Asphalt impregnated and coated sheet, 50 lb/square (2.45 kg/sq m).

## 2.5 DUCT LINER

- A. Manufacturers:
1. Knauf Insulation: [www.knaufusa.com](http://www.knaufusa.com).
  2. Johns Manville Corporation: [www.jm.com](http://www.jm.com).
  3. Owens Corning Corp: [www.owenscorning.com](http://www.owenscorning.com).

4. CertainTeed Corporation; : [www.certainteed.com](http://www.certainteed.com).
  5. Substitutions: See Section 016000 - Product Requirements.
- B. Insulation: Non-corrosive, incombustible glass fiber complying with ASTM C1071; flexible blanket, rigid board, and preformed round liner board; impregnated surface and edges coated with poly vinyl acetate polymer, acrylic polymer, or black composite.
1. Fungi Resistance: ASTM G21.
  2. Apparent Thermal Conductivity: Maximum of 0.31 at 75 degrees F (0.045 at 24 degrees C).
  3. Service Temperature: Up to 250 degrees F (121 degrees C).
  4. Rated Velocity on Coated Air Side for Air Erosion: 5,000 fpm (25.4 m/s), minimum.
  5. Minimum Noise Reduction Coefficients:
    - a. 1/2 inch (13 mm) Thickness: 0.30.
    - b. 1 inch (25 mm) Thickness: 0.45.
    - c. 1-1/2 inches (40 mm) Thickness: 0.60.
    - d. 2 inch (50 mm) Thickness: 0.70.
- C. Adhesive: Waterproof, fire-retardant type, ASTM C916.
- D. Liner Fasteners: Galvanized steel, self-adhesive pad with integral head.

### PART 3 EXECUTION

#### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Verify that ducts have been tested before applying insulation materials.
- B. Verify that surfaces are clean, foreign material removed, and dry.

#### 3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. Install in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Install in accordance with NAIMA National Insulation Standards.
- C. Insulated ducts conveying air below ambient temperature:
  1. Provide insulation with vapor barrier jackets.
  2. Finish with tape and vapor barrier jacket.
  3. Continue insulation through walls, sleeves, hangers, and other duct penetrations.

4. Insulate entire system including fittings, joints, flanges, fire dampers, flexible connections, and expansion joints.
- D. Insulated ducts conveying air above ambient temperature:
1. Provide with or without standard vapor barrier jacket.
  2. Insulate fittings and joints. Where service access is required, bevel and seal ends of insulation.
- E. Ducts Exposed in Mechanical Equipment Rooms or Finished Spaces (below 10 feet (3 meters) above finished floor): Finish with canvas jacket sized for finish painting.
- F. External Duct Insulation Application:
1. Secure insulation with vapor barrier with wires and seal jacket joints with vapor barrier adhesive or tape to match jacket.
  2. Secure insulation without vapor barrier with staples, tape, or wires.
  3. Install without sag on underside of duct. Use adhesive or mechanical fasteners where necessary to prevent sagging. Lift duct off trapeze hangers and insert spacers.
  4. Seal vapor barrier penetrations by mechanical fasteners with vapor barrier adhesive.
  5. Stop and point insulation around access doors and damper operators to allow operation without disturbing wrapping.
- G. Duct and Plenum Liner Application:
1. Adhere insulation with adhesive for 90 percent coverage.
  2. Secure insulation with mechanical liner fasteners. Refer to SMACNA HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible for spacing.
  3. Seal and smooth joints. Seal and coat transverse joints.
  4. Seal liner surface penetrations with adhesive.
  5. Duct dimensions indicated are net inside dimensions required for air flow. Increase duct size to allow for insulation thickness.

### 3.3 SCHEDULES

- A. Rigid Supply Air Duct, Return Air Duct, Outside Air Duct, and Exhaust Air Duct(From room to ERV):
1. Flexible Glass Fiber Duct Insulation: 2 inches (\_\_\_\_ mm) thick, 3/4 to 1-1/2 LB/FT<sup>3</sup> density, minimum R-5 installed. Applies to ductwork within insulated building envelope.
  2. Rigid Glass Fiber Duct Insulation: 2 inches (\_\_\_\_ mm) thick, minimum R-5 installed. Applies to ductwork in machine, fan, and equipment rooms not lined.
  3. Glass Fiber Duct Liner Insulation: 1-1/2 inches (\_\_\_\_ mm) thick, 2 LB/FT<sup>3</sup> density,

minimum R-5 installed. Applies to first 15 feet of supply and return ductwork down and up stream from air handling equipment and all ductwork exposed in finished spaces. External insulation is not required where ductwork is internally lined.

- B. Rigid Supply Air Duct, Return Air Duct, Exhaust Air Duct, and Outside Air Duct Outside the Insulated Building Envelope(Crawl Space, Uninsulated Attic, or Similar):
1. Flexible Glass Fiber Duct Insulation: 3 inches thick, 3/4 to 1-1/2 LB/FT<sup>3</sup> density , fiberglass duct wrap, minimum R-8 installed.
  2. Glass Fiber Duct Liner Insulation: 2 inches thick, 2 LB/FT<sup>3</sup> density, minimum R-8 installed. Applies to first 15 feet of supply and return ductwork down and up stream from air handling equipment and all ductwork exposed in finished spaces. External insulation is not required where ductwork is internally lined.

END OF SECTION