

SECTION 23 0553 - MECHANICAL SYSTEMS IDENTIFICATION

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.
- B. Division 23 Section 23 2113 - Hydronic Piping
- C. Division 23 Section 23 2116 - Hydronic Piping Specialties
- D. Division 23 Section 23 2213 - Steam Piping
- E. Division 23 Section 23 2216 - Steam Piping Specialties
- F. Division 23 Section 23 3114 - Ductwork
- G. Division 23 Section 23 3314 - Ductwork Specialties

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes:
 - 1. Equipment labels.
 - 2. Warning signs and labels.
 - 3. Pipe labels.
 - 4. Valve tags.
 - 5. Duct labels.
 - 6. Bar coding new equipment and components (see 3.7 at end of this section).

1.3 SUBMITTAL

- A. Product Data: For each type of product indicated.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURER'S for Labels: Brady, Kolbi, or Panduit.

2.2 EQUIPMENT LABELS

- A. Metal Labels for Equipment:

1. Material and Thickness: Brass, 0.032-inch minimum thickness, and having pre-drilled or stamped holes for attachment hardware.
2. Minimum Label Size: Length and width vary for required label content, but not less than 2-1/2 by 3/4 inch.
3. Minimum Letter Size: 1/4 inch for name of units if viewing distance is less than 24 inches, 1/2 inch for viewing distances up to 72 inches, and proportionately larger lettering for greater viewing distances. Include secondary lettering two-thirds to three-fourths the size of principal lettering.
4. Fasteners: Stainless-steel rivets or self-tapping screws.
5. Adhesive: Contact-type permanent adhesive, compatible with label and with substrate.

B. Plastic Labels for Equipment:

1. Material and Thickness: Multilayer, multicolor, plastic labels for mechanical engraving, 1/8 inch thick, and having predrilled holes for attachment hardware.
2. Letter Color: White.
3. Background Color: Black.
4. Maximum Temperature: Able to withstand temperatures up to 160 deg F.
5. Minimum Label Size: Length and width vary for required label content, but not less than 2-1/2 by 3/4 inch.
6. Minimum Letter Size: 1/4 inch for name of units if viewing distance is less than 24 inches, 1/2 inch for viewing distances up to 72 inches, and proportionately larger lettering for greater viewing distances. Include secondary lettering two-thirds to three-fourths the size of principal lettering.
7. Fasteners: Stainless-steel rivets or self-tapping screws.
8. Adhesive: Contact-type permanent adhesive, compatible with label and with substrate.

C. Label Content: Include equipment's Drawing designation or unique equipment number, Drawing numbers where equipment is indicated (plans, details, and schedules), plus the Specification Section number and title where equipment is specified.

1. Label is to also indicate area and type of service being provided.
 - a. For Example AHU - 3 Services floors 1-4 etc.
 - b. P3 HHW Pump Services building perimeter

D. Equipment Label Schedule: For each item of equipment to be labeled, on 8-1/2-by-11-inch bond paper. Tabulate equipment identification number and identify Drawing numbers where equipment is indicated (plans, details, and schedules), plus the Specification Section number and title where equipment is specified. Equipment schedule shall be included in operation and maintenance data.

2.3 WARNING SIGNS AND LABELS

- A. Material and Thickness: Multilayer, multicolor, plastic labels for mechanical engraving, 1/8 inch thick, and having predrilled holes for attachment hardware.
- B. Letter Color: White.
- C. Background Color: Red.
- D. Maximum Temperature: Able to withstand temperatures up to 160 deg F.

- E. Minimum Label Size: Length and width vary for required label content, but not less than 2-1/2 by 3/4 inch.
- F. Minimum Letter Size: 1/4 inch for name of units if viewing distance is less than 24 inches, 1/2 inch for viewing distances up to 72 inches, and proportionately larger lettering for greater viewing distances. Include secondary lettering two-thirds to three-fourths the size of principal lettering.
- G. Fasteners: Stainless-steel rivets or self-tapping screws.
- H. Adhesive: Contact-type permanent adhesive, compatible with label and with substrate.
- I. Label Content: Include caution and warning information, plus emergency notification instructions.

2.4 PIPE LABELS

- A. General Requirements for Manufactured Pipe Labels: Preprinted, color-coded, with lettering indicating service, showing flow direction, and area served (i.e. perimeter heating hot water).
- B. Pre-tensioned Pipe Labels: Pre-coiled, semi-rigid plastic formed to cover full circumference of pipe and to attach to pipe without fasteners or adhesive.
- C. Self-Adhesive Pipe Labels: Printed plastic with contact-type, permanent-adhesive backing.
- D. Pipe Label Contents: Include identification of piping service using same designations or abbreviations as used on Drawings, pipe size, and an arrow indicating flow direction.
 - 1. Flow-Direction Arrows: Integral with piping system service lettering to accommodate both directions, or as separate unit on each pipe label to indicate flow direction, and visible all around pipe.
 - 2. Lettering Size: At least 1-1/2 inches high.

2.5 VALVE TAGS

- A. Proved Valve tags according to project valve specification section(s). Unless required differently in project valve specification section(s), valve tags to be minimum 1.5" round brass, attached with metallic chains.

2.6 DUCT LABELS

- A. Material and Thickness: Multilayer, multicolor, plastic labels for mechanical engraving, 1/8 inch thick, and having predrilled holes for attachment hardware.
- B. Letter Color: White.
- C. Background Color: Red.
- D. Maximum Temperature: Able to withstand temperatures up to 160 deg F.
- E. Minimum Label Size: Length and width vary for required label content, but not less than 2-1/2 by 3/4 inch.

- F. Minimum Letter Size: 1/4 inch for name of units if viewing distance is less than 24 inches, 1/2 inch for viewing distances up to 72 inches, and proportionately larger lettering for greater viewing distances. Include secondary lettering two-thirds to three-fourths the size of principal lettering.
- G. Fasteners: Stainless-steel rivets or self-tapping screws.
- H. Adhesive: Contact-type permanent adhesive, compatible with label and with substrate.
- I. Duct Label Contents: Include identification of duct service using same designations or abbreviations as used on Drawings, duct size, and an arrow indicating flow direction.
1. Flow-Direction Arrows: Integral with duct system service lettering to accommodate both directions, or as separate unit on each duct label to indicate flow direction.
 2. Lettering Size: At least 1-1/2 inches high.
- J. OTHER SPECIALIZED LABELING AND REQUIREMENTS
1. Fire damper access panels shall be permanently identified on the exterior by labels not less than 2" in height reading "FIRE DAMPER".
 2. Smoke damper access panels shall be permanently identified on the exterior by labels not less than 2" in height reading "SMOKE DAMPER".
 3. Combination fire/smoke damper access panels shall be permanently identified on the exterior by labels not less than 2" in height reading "RESETTABLE FIRE/SMOKE DAMPER". Mark the other access panels "FIRE/SMOKE DAMPER."
 4. Items listed in items 1-3 above, will also be listed on a full size, laminated print and left in the main mechanical room as indicated above.
- K. Duct static pressure sensors shall be permanently identified on the exterior by labels not less than 2" in height reading "STATIC PRESSURE SENSOR".
1. Humidity sensors in ductwork shall be permanently identified on the exterior by labels not less than 2" in height reading "HUMIDITY SENSOR".
 2. Abbreviations: No abbreviations to be used.
 3. All smoke and fire damper locations are to be posted as a pdf on the DDC system per fan system. This information is also to be located in the fire command center for the building. Coordinate with other trades to make sure this happens, and support as required via that coordination.
- a. STENCILING
- 1) Not allowed.
- L. Barcoding New Equipment: Contractor to barcode any new equipment for the University, and in coordination with their requirements.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 GENERAL

- A. Refer to and adhere to "Northwestern University Pipe, Valve, and Fittings Standards" for work of this section.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Clean piping and equipment surfaces of substances that could impair bond of identification devices, including dirt, oil, grease, release agents, and incompatible primers, paints, and encapsulants.

3.3 EQUIPMENT LABEL INSTALLATION

- A. Install or permanently fasten labels on each major item of mechanical equipment.
- B. Locate equipment labels where accessible and visible.

3.4 PIPE LABEL INSTALLATION

- A. Piping Color-Coding: Painting of piping is specified in Division 09 Section "Interior Painting."
- B. Locate pipe labels where piping is exposed or above accessible ceilings in finished spaces; machine rooms; accessible maintenance spaces such as shafts, tunnels, and plenums; and exterior exposed locations as follows:
 - 1. Near each valve and control device.
 - 2. Near each branch connection, excluding short takeoffs for fixtures and terminal units. Where flow pattern is not obvious, mark each pipe at branch.
 - 3. Near penetrations through walls, floors, ceilings, and inaccessible enclosures.
 - 4. At access doors, manholes, and similar access points that permit view of concealed piping.
 - 5. Near major equipment items and other points of origination and termination.
 - 6. Spaced at maximum intervals of 10 feet along each run, and at every change in direction.
 - 7. On piping above removable acoustical ceilings. Omit intermediately spaced labels.
- C. Pipe Label Color and Marking:
 - 1. Shall be in accordance with ANSI A13.1.

3.5 VALVE TAG INSTALLATION AND DOCUMENTATION

- A. Tag valves according to project valve specification section(s), and provide typed list (loose and framed under glass) per same specification section(s).
 - 1. A valve tag schedule is to be mounted in each mechanical room and on every floor (for that respective floor) in a location to be determined by the Evanston Engineer shop.
 - 2. Each valve tag schedule will have an associated architectural print showing each valve location.
 - 3. At project completion two additional hard copies are to be provided in addition to an electronic copy. One for University Archive and one for the FMO Engineers shop.
 - 4. Two copies of the mechanical piping flow diagram will be supplied. All prints that are supplied that are located in mechanical rooms are to be laminated.
- B. Pipe tags that are the first isolation for a utility in a mechanical room or building need to have indicated where the next upstream valve is located and the associated valve number indicated on the valve tag.
 - 1. This is applicable for all utility isolation valves for each mechanical room space.

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3.6 DUCT LABEL INSTALLATION

- A. Install self-adhesive duct labels with permanent adhesive on air ducts in the following color codes:
 - 1. Blue: For cold-air supply ducts.
 - 2. Yellow: For hot-air supply ducts.
 - 3. Green: For exhaust-, outside-, relief-, return-, and mixed-air ducts.
 - 4. ASME A13.1 Colors and Designs: For hazardous material exhaust.
- B. Locate labels at maximum intervals of 10 feet, at every change in direction, and within 3' of wall and floor penetrations on both sides of same.
- C. Along with all other ducting on the job, label toxic exhaust.

3.7 NEW EQUIPMENT BARCODING

- A. Coordinate with University, and bar code all new Division 23 equipment and components for them, according to their requirements. Requirements include, but not limited to, being iPad compatible, have the ability to call up maps of the areas on bar code scans, must have safeguards built in to flag missing items, and the devices on the maps need to be color coded based on inspection status.

END OF SECTION 23 0553