

SECTION 10 2239 - FOLDING PANEL PARTITIONS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

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

1.2 SUMMARY

A. Section Includes:

- 1. Manually operated, acoustical panel partitions.
- 2. Electrically operated, acoustical panel partitions.

B. Related Requirements:

- 1. Section 055000 "Metal Fabrications" for supports that attach supporting tracks to overhead structural system.
- 2. Section 092900 "Gypsum Board" for fire-rated assemblies and sound barrier construction above the ceiling at track.
- 3. Electrical and communications Sections for electrical service and connections for motor operators, controls, and limit switches and for system disconnect switches.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. NIC: Noise Isolation Class.
- B. NRC: Noise Reduction Coefficient.
- C. STC: Sound Transmission Class.

1.4 ACTION SUBMITTALS

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

B. LEED Submittals:

- 1. Product Data for Credit MR 4: For products having recycled content, documentation indicating percentages by weight of postconsumer and preconsumer recycled content. Include statement indicating cost for each product having recycled content.
- 2. Certificates for Credit MR 7: Chain-of-custody certificates certifying that operable panel partitions comply with forest certification and chain-of-custody requirements. Include statement indicating cost for each certified wood product.
- 3. Product Data for Credit IEQ 4.4: For composite wood products, documentation indicating that products contain no urea formaldehyde.

- C. Shop Drawings: For operable panel partitions.
 - 1. Include plans, elevations, sections, details, numbered panel installation sequence, and attachments to other work.
 - 2. Indicate stacking and operating clearances. Indicate location and installation requirements for hardware and track, blocking, and direction of travel.
 - 3. Include diagrams for power, signal, and control wiring.
- D. Samples for Initial Selection: For each type of exposed material, finish, covering, or facing.
 - 1. Include Samples of accessories involving color selection.
- E. Samples for Verification: For each type of exposed material, finish, covering, or facing, prepared on Samples of size indicated below:
 - 1. Textile Facing Material: Full width by not less than 36-inch- (914-mm-) long section of **[fabric] [carpet]** from dye lot to be used for the Work, with specified treatments applied. Show complete pattern repeat.
 - 2. Panel Facing Material: Manufacturer's standard-size unit, not less than 3 inches (75 mm) square.
 - 3. Panel Edge Material: Not less than 3 inches (75 mm) long.
- F. Delegated-Design Submittal: For operable panel partitions.
 - 1. Include design calculations for seismic restraints.

1.5 INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS

- A. Coordination Drawings: Reflected ceiling plans, drawn to scale, on which the following items are shown and coordinated with each other, using input from installers of the items involved:
 - 1. Partition track, track supports and bracing, switches, turning space, and storage layout.
 - 2. Suspended ceiling components.
 - 3. Structural members to which suspension systems are attached.
 - 4. Size and location of initial access modules for acoustical tile.
 - 5. Items penetrating finished ceiling, including the following:
 - a. Lighting fixtures.
 - b. HVAC ductwork, outlets, and inlets.
 - c. Speakers.
 - d. Sprinklers.
 - e. Smoke detectors.
 - f. Access panels.
 - 6. Plenum acoustical barriers.
- B. Setting Drawings: For embedded items and cutouts required in other work, including support-beam, mounting-hole template.
- C. Qualification Data: For qualified Installer testing agency manufacturer and vendor.

- D. Seismic Qualification Certificates: For operable panel partitions, tracks, accessories, and components, from manufacturer. Include seismic capacity of partition assemblies to remain in vertical position during a seismic event and the following:
1. Basis for Certification: Indicate whether certification is based on analysis, testing, or experience data, according to ASCE/SEI 7.
 2. Detailed description of partition anchorage devices on which the certification is based and their installation requirements.
- E. Product Certificates: For each type of operable panel partition.
1. Include approval letter signed by manufacturer acknowledging Owner-furnished panel facing material complies with requirements.
- F. Product Test Reports: For each operable panel partition, for tests performed by a qualified testing agency.
- G. Field quality-control reports.
- H. Sample Warranty: For manufacturer's special warranty.

1.6 CLOSEOUT SUBMITTALS

- A. Operation and Maintenance Data: For operable panel partitions to include in maintenance manuals.
1. In addition to items specified in Section 017823 "Operation and Maintenance Data," include the following:
 - a. Panel finish facings and finishes for exposed trim and accessories. Include precautions for cleaning materials and methods that could be detrimental to finishes and performance.
 - b. Seals, hardware, track, track switches, carriers, and other operating components.
 - c. Electric operator and controls.

1.7 MAINTENANCE MATERIAL SUBMITTALS

- A. Furnish extra materials, from the same production run, that match products installed and that are packaged with protective covering for storage and identified with labels describing contents.
1. Panel Finish-Facing Material: Furnish full width in quantity to cover both sides of two panels when installed.

1.8 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Comply with the most current edition of the Northwestern University Design Standards.
- B. Manufacturer Qualifications: A qualified manufacturer that is certified for chain of custody by an FSC-accredited certification body.
- C. Vendor Qualifications: A vendor that is certified for chain of custody by an FSC-accredited certification body.

- D. Installer Qualifications: An entity that employs installers and supervisors who are trained and approved by manufacturer.

1.9 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Protectively package and sequence panels in order for installation. Clearly mark packages and panels with numbering system used on Shop Drawings. Do not use permanent markings on panels.

1.10 WARRANTY

- A. Special Warranty: Manufacturer agrees to repair or replace components of operable panel partitions that fail in materials or workmanship within specified warranty period.
 - 1. Failures include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Faulty operation of operable panel partitions.
 - b. Deterioration of metals, metal finishes, and other materials beyond normal use.
 - 2. Warranty Period: Two years from date of Substantial Completion.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Delegated Design: Engage a qualified professional engineer, as defined in Section 014000 "Quality Requirements," to design seismic bracing of tracks to structure above.
- B. Seismic Performance: Operable panel partitions shall withstand the effects of earthquake motions determined according to ASCE/SEI 7.
 - 1. The term "withstand" means "the partition panels will remain in place without separation of any parts from the system when subjected to the seismic forces specified."
- C. Acoustical Performance: Provide operable panel partitions tested by a qualified testing agency for the following acoustical properties according to test methods indicated:
 - 1. Sound-Transmission Requirements: Operable panel partition assembly tested for laboratory sound-transmission loss performance according to ASTM E 90, determined by ASTM E 413, and rated for not less than the STC indicated.
 - 2. Noise-Reduction Requirements: Operable panel partition assembly, identical to partition tested for STC, tested for sound-absorption performance according to ASTM C 423, and rated for not less than the NRC indicated.
- D. Fire-Test-Response Characteristics: Provide panels with finishes complying with one of the following as determined by testing identical products by UL or another testing and inspecting agency acceptable to authorities having jurisdiction:
 - 1. Surface-Burning Characteristics: Comply with ASTM E 84 or UL 723; testing by a qualified testing agency. Identify products with appropriate markings of applicable testing agency.

- a. Flame-Spread Index: 25 or less.
 - b. Smoke-Developed Index: 450 or less.
2. Fire Growth Contribution: Complying with acceptance criteria of local code and authorities having jurisdiction when tested according to NFPA 265 Method B Protocol or NFPA 286.
- E. Electrical Components, Devices, and Accessories: Listed and labeled as defined in NFPA 70, by a qualified testing agency, and marked for intended location and application.

2.2 OPERABLE ACOUSTICAL PANELS

- A. Operable Acoustical Panels: Partition system, including panels, seals, finish facing, suspension system, operators, and accessories.
1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:
- a. Hufcor, Inc.
 - b. KWIK-WALL Company.
 - c. Moderco Inc.
 - d. Modernfold, Inc.
- B. Panel Operation: **[Manually operated, individual] [Manually operated, paired] [Manually operated, continuously hinged] [Electrically operated, continuously hinged]** panels.
- C. Panel Construction: As required to support panel from suspension components and with reinforcement for hardware attachment. Fabricate panels with tight hairline joints and concealed fasteners. Fabricate panels so finished in-place partition is rigid; level; plumb; aligned, with tight joints and uniform appearance; and free of bow, warp, twist, deformation, and surface and finish irregularities.
- D. Dimensions: Fabricate operable acoustical panel partitions to form an assembled system of dimensions indicated and verified by field measurements.
1. Panel Width: Standard widths.
- E. STC: Not less than 52.
- F. NRC: Not less than **[0.50] [0.60] [0.65] [0.90] <Insert number>**.
- G. Panel Weight: **<Insert value>** maximum.
- H. Panel Thickness: Not less than 4 inches (102 mm).
- I. Panel Materials:
- 1. Certified Wood: Wood for operable panel partitions shall be certified as "FSC Pure" according to FSC STD-01-001, "FSC Principles and Criteria for Forest Stewardship," and to FSC STD-40-004, "FSC Standard for Chain of Custody Certification."
 - 2. Recycled Content of Operable Panel Partitions:

- a. Recycled Content of Steel: Postconsumer recycled content plus one-half of preconsumer recycled content not less than 25 percent by weight.
 3. Steel Frame: Steel sheet, manufacturer's standard nominal minimum thickness for uncoated steel.
 4. Steel Face/Liner Sheets: Tension-leveled steel sheet, manufacturer's standard minimum nominal thickness for uncoated steel.
 5. Aluminum: Alloy and temper recommended by aluminum producer and finisher for type of use, corrosion resistance, and finish indicated; ASTM B 221 (ASTM B 221M) for extrusions; manufacturer's standard strengths and thicknesses for type of use.
 - a. Frame Reinforcement: Manufacturer's standard steel or aluminum.
 6. Gypsum Board: ASTM C 1396/C 1396M.
 7. Medium-Density Fiberboard: ANSI A208.2, made with binder containing no urea formaldehyde.
 8. Plywood: DOC PS 1; made with adhesive containing no urea formaldehyde.
- J. Panel Closure: Manufacturer's standard unless otherwise indicated.
1. Initial Closure: Flexible, resilient PVC, bulb-shaped acoustical seal.
 2. Final Closure: Constant-force, lever-operated mechanical closure expanding from panel edge to create a constant-pressure acoustical seal.
- K. Hardware: Manufacturer's standard as required to operate operable panel partition and accessories; with decorative, protective finish.
1. Hinges: Concealed (invisible).

2.3 SEALS

- A. General: Provide seals that produce operable panel partitions complying with performance requirements and the following:
1. Manufacturer's standard seals unless otherwise indicated.
 2. Seals made from materials and in profiles that minimize sound leakage.
 3. Seals fitting tight at contact surfaces and sealing continuously between adjacent panels and between operable panel partition perimeter and adjacent surfaces, when operable panel partition is extended and closed.
- B. Vertical Seals: Deep-nesting, interlocking astragals mounted on each edge of panel, with continuous PVC acoustical seal.
- C. Horizontal Top Seals: Continuous-contact, extruded-PVC seal exerting uniform constant pressure on track.
1. Mechanically Operated for Acoustical Panels: Extension and retraction of bottom seal by operating handle or built-in operating mechanism, with operating range not less than 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) between retracted seal and floor finish.

2.4 PANEL FINISH FACINGS

- A. General: Provide finish facings for panels that comply with indicated fire-test-response characteristics and that are factory applied to operable panel partitions with appropriate backing, using mildew-resistant nonstaining adhesive as recommended by facing manufacturer's written instructions.
1. Apply one-piece, seamless facings free of air bubbles, wrinkles, blisters, and other defects, with edges tightly butted, and with no gaps or overlaps. Horizontal seams are not permitted. Tightly secure and conceal raw and selvage edges of facing for finished appearance.
 2. Where facings with [**directional or repeating patterns or directional weave**] [**directional, repeating, or matching grain**] are indicated, mark facing top and attach facing in same direction.
 3. Match facing pattern 72 inches (1830 mm) above finished floor.
- B. Vinyl-Coated Fabric Wall Covering: Manufacturer's standard, mildew-resistant, washable, vinyl-coated fabric wall covering; complying with CFFA-W-101-D for type indicated; Class A.
1. Total Weight: **<Insert value>**.
 2. Antimicrobial Treatment: Additives capable of inhibiting growth of bacteria, fungi, and yeasts.
 3. Color/Pattern: **<Insert color/pattern>**.
- C. Carpet Wall Covering: Manufacturer's standard nonwoven, needle-punched carpet with fibers fused to backing, from same dye lot, treated to resist stains.
1. Color/Pattern: **<Insert color/pattern>**.
- D. Fabric Wall Covering: 100 percent polyolefin woven fabric, from same dye lot, treated to resist stains.
1. Color/Pattern: **<Insert color/pattern>**.
- E. High-Pressure Decorative Laminate: NEMA LD 3, Horizontal grade.
1. Color/Pattern: **<Insert color/pattern>**.
- F. Wood Veneer: Laminated to fire-retardant-treated wood core with moisture-resistant adhesive.
1. Species and Cut: **<Insert species and cut>**.
 2. Matching of Adjacent Veneer Leaves: [**Book**] [**Slip**] [**Random**] match.
 3. Veneer Matching within Panel Face: [**Running**] [**Balance**] [**Center-balance**] match.
 4. Panel-Matching Method: **<Insert requirement>**.
 5. Vertical Panel-Matching Method: [**Continuous match; veneer leaves of upper panels are continuations of veneer leaves of lower panels**] [**Vertical book match; veneer leaves are individually book matched from lower panels to upper panels**] [**Vertical slip match; veneer leaves are individually slip matched from lower panels to upper panels**] [**Panel vertical book match; panels are book matched from lower panels to upper panels**] [**Panel vertical slip match; panels are slip matched from lower panels to upper panels**].
 6. Wood-Veneer Finish: [**As selected by Architect from manufacturer's full range**], as follows:

a. Type: <Insert finish> over wood variety indicated.

- G. Trimless Edges: Fabricate exposed panel edges so finish facing wraps uninterrupted around panel, covering edge and resulting in an installed partition with facing visible on vertical panel edges, without trim, for minimal sightlines at panel-to-panel joints.

2.5 SUSPENSION SYSTEMS

- A. Tracks: Steel or aluminum [**mounted directly to overhead structural support,**] [**with adjustable steel hanger rods for overhead support,**] designed for operation, size, and weight of operable panel partition indicated. Size track to support partition operation and storage without damage to suspension system, operable panel partitions, or adjacent construction. Limit track deflection to no more than 0.10 inch (2.54 mm) between bracket supports. Provide a continuous system of track sections and accessories to accommodate configuration and layout indicated for partition operation and storage.

1. Panel Guide: Aluminum guide on both sides of the track to facilitate straightening of the panels; finished with factory-applied, decorative, protective finish.
2. Head Closure Trim: As required for acoustical performance; primed for field finish.

- B. Carriers: Trolley system as required for configuration type, size, and weight of partition and for easy operation; with ball-bearing wheels.

1. Multidirectional Carriers: Capable of negotiating intersections without track switches.

- C. Track Intersections, Switches, and Accessories: As required for operation, storage, track configuration, and layout indicated for operable panel partitions, and compatible with partition assembly specified. Fabricate track intersections and switches from steel or aluminum.

1. Curve-and-Diverter Switches: Allow radius turns to divert panels to an auxiliary track.
2. L Intersections: Allow panels to change 90 degrees in direction of travel.
3. T Intersections: Allow panels to pass through or change 90 degrees to another direction of travel.
4. X Intersections: Allow panels to pass through or change travel direction full circle in 90-degree increments, and allow one partition to cross track of another.
5. Multidirectional Switches: Adjustable switch configuring track into L, T, or X intersections and allowing panels to be moved in all pass-through, 90-degree change, and cross-over travel direction combinations.

- D. Aluminum Finish: Mill finish or manufacturer's standard, factory-applied, decorative finish unless otherwise indicated.

- E. Steel Finish: Manufacturer's standard, factory-applied, corrosion-resistant, protective coating unless otherwise indicated.

2.6 ELECTRIC OPERATORS

- A. General: Factory-assembled electric operation system of size and capacity recommended and provided by operable panel partition manufacturer for partition specified; with electric motor and factory-prewired motor controls, speed reducer, chain drive, control stations, control devices, and accessories required for operation. Include wiring from control stations to motor. Coordinate operator wiring requirements and electrical characteristics with building electrical system.

- B. Comply with NFPA 70.
- C. Control Equipment: Comply with NEMA ICS 1, NEMA ICS 2, and NEMA ICS 6.
- D. Motor Electrical Characteristics:
 - 1. Horsepower: Manufacturer's standard.
 - 2. Volts: 120.
 - 3. Phase: Single.
 - 4. Hertz: 60.
- E. Control Stations: Two single-key-operated, constant-pressure control stations located remotely from each other on opposite sides and opposite ends of partition run. Wire in series to require simultaneous activation of both key stations to operate partition. Each three-position control station labeled "Open," "Close," and " Stop." Furnish two keys per station.
- F. Obstruction-Detection Devices: Equip each motorized operable panel partition with indicated automatic safety sensor that causes operator to immediately shut off motor.
 - 1. Sensor Edge: Contact-pressure-sensitive safety edge along partition's leading edge.
- G. Limit Switches: Adjustable switches, interlocked with motor controls and set to automatically stop operable panel partition at fully extended and fully stacked positions.
- H. Emergency Release Mechanism: Quick disconnect-release of electric-motor drive system, permitting manual operation in event of operating failure.
- I. Electric Interlock: Equip each motorized operable panel partition with electric interlocks at locations indicated, to prevent operation of operable panel partition under the following conditions:
 - 1. On storage pocket door, to prevent operation if door is not in fully open position.
 - 2. On partitions at location of convergence by another partition, to prevent operation if merging partitions are in place.

2.7 ACCESSORIES

- A. Pass Doors: Swinging door built into and matching panel materials, construction, acoustical qualities, finish and thickness, complete with frames and operating hardware. Hinges finished to match other exposed hardware.
 - 1. Accessibility Standard: Fabricate doors to comply with applicable provisions in ICC A117.1 and the U.S. Architectural & Transportation Barriers Compliance Board's ADA-ABA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities.
 - 2. Single Pass Door: 36 by 84 inches (914 by 2134 mm).
 - 3. Double Pass Door: 72 by 84 inches (1829 by 2134 mm).
 - 4. Pass-Door Hardware: Equip pass door with the following:
 - a. Door Seals: Mechanically operated floor seal on panels containing pass doors.
 - b. Panic hardware.
 - c. Concealed door closer.
 - d. Exit Sign: Recessed, self-illuminated.

- e. Lock: Deadlock to receive cylinder, operable from both sides of door. See Section 087100 "Door Hardware" for lock cylinder and keying requirements.
- B. Storage Pocket Door: Full height at end of partition runs to conceal stacked partition; of same materials, finish, construction, thickness, and acoustical qualities as panels; complete with operating hardware and acoustical seals at soffit, floor, and jambs. Hinges in finish to match other exposed hardware.
 - 1. Rim Lock: Deadlock to receive cylinder, to secure storage pocket door in closed position. See Section 087100 "Door Hardware" for lock cylinder and keying requirements.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine flooring, structural support, and opening, with Installer present, for compliance with requirements for installation tolerances and other conditions affecting performance of operable panel partitions.
- B. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. General: Comply with ASTM E 557 except as otherwise required by operable panel partition manufacturer's written installation instructions.
- B. Install operable panel partitions and accessories after other finishing operations, including painting, have been completed in area of partition installation.
- C. Install panels from marked packages in numbered sequence indicated on Shop Drawings.
- D. Broken, cracked, chipped, deformed, or unmatched panels are not acceptable.
- E. Broken, cracked, deformed, or unmatched gasketing or gasketing with gaps at butted ends is not acceptable.
- F. Light-Leakage Test: Illuminate one side of partition installation and observe vertical joints and top and bottom seals for voids. Adjust partitions for alignment and full closure of vertical joints and full closure along top and bottom seals. [**Perform test and make adjustments before NIC testing.**]

3.3 ADJUSTING

- A. Adjust operable panel partitions, hardware, and other moving parts to function smoothly, and lubricate as recommended by manufacturer.
- B. Adjust pass doors and storage pocket doors to operate smoothly and easily, without binding or warping.
- C. Verify that safety devices are properly functioning.

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3.4 DEMONSTRATION

- A. Engage a factory-authorized service representative to train Owner's maintenance personnel to adjust, operate, and maintain operable panel partitions.

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