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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for gravity-type roof ventilators including stationary, turbine, and ridge types.

Adhere to [UFC 1-300-02](#) Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) Format Standard when editing this guide specification or preparing new project specification sections. Edit this guide specification for project specific requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed items, choose applicable item(s) or insert appropriate information.

Remove information and requirements not required in respective project, whether or not brackets are present.

Comments, suggestions and recommended changes for this guide specification are welcome and should be submitted as a [Criteria Change Request \(CCR\)](#).

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PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a Reference Identifier (RID) outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.

References not used in the text will automatically be deleted from this section of the project specification when you choose to reconcile references in the publish print process.

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (ASCE)

ASCE 7-16 (2017; Errata 2018; Supp 1 2018) Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM A653/A653M (2020) Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron Alloy-Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip Process

ASTM B209 (2014) Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate

ASTM B209M (2014) Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate (Metric)

ASTM B221 (2014) Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Bars, Rods, Wire, Profiles, and Tubes

ASTM B221M (2013) Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Bars, Rods, Wire, Profiles, and Tubes (Metric)

SHEET METAL AND AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS' NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (SMACNA)

SMACNA 1793 (2012) Architectural Sheet Metal Manual, 7th Edition

1.2 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

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**NOTE: To determine the ventilator size and performance requirements, the latest ventilator manufacturer's recommendations should be used, including latest ASHRAE Handbook "Fundamentals" published by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers.**

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Design ventilators for use with the specific type of project roofing system, and to provide uniform and continuous air flow. Ventilator design shall provide protection against rain and snow, and shall be provided with a continuous weep along the bottom of both sides of wind band. Units

shall be self-cleaning by the action of the elements, and shall have provisions for carrying water and normal wind-transported soil matter to the outside. Design units for windspeeds of not less than [36] [\_\_\_\_\_] m/second [80] [\_\_\_\_\_] mph in accordance with ASCE 7-16. Ventilators shall be free of internal obstructions or moving parts which will require maintenance, and shall be complete with type of mounting indicated on drawings.

### 1.3 SUBMITTALS

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NOTE: Review submittal description (SD) definitions in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit the following list to reflect only the submittals required for the project.

The Guide Specification technical editors have designated those items that require Government approval, due to their complexity or criticality, with a "G." Generally, other submittal items can be reviewed by the Contractor's Quality Control System. Only add a "G" to an item, if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army projects, a code of up to three characters within the submittal tags may be used following the "G" designation to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy, Air Force, and NASA projects.

The "S" following a submittal item indicates that the submittal is required for the Sustainability eNotebook to fulfill federally mandated sustainable requirements in accordance with Section 01 33 29 SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING. Locate the "S" submittal under the SD number that best describes the submittal item.

Choose the first bracketed item for Navy, Air Force and NASA projects, or choose the second bracketed item for Army projects.

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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are for [Contractor Quality Control approval.] [information only. When used, a designation following the "G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] Submittals with an "S" are for inclusion in the Sustainability eNotebook, in conformance to Section 01 33 29 SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING. Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-02 Shop Drawings

Roof Ventilators; G[, [\_\_\_\_\_]]

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

Manufacturer shall specialize in design and manufacture of the type of roof ventilators specified in this section, and shall have a minimum of [\_\_\_\_\_] years of documented successful experience. Provide a ventilator installer experienced in the installation of ventilator types specified.

1.5 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

Roof ventilators shall be cartoned or crated prior to shipment. Protect ventilators from moisture and damage. Remove damaged items from the site.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

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**NOTE: Materials selected for ventilators will be based on the degree of permanence of the installation. Typically, aluminum will be used for permanent-type installation, and galvanized steel will be used for a temporary nature. For special situations where appearance is important, or resistance to specific corrosive conditions is required, special paint type coatings are available from manufacturers. Manufacturer's literature should be reviewed to specify special coatings.**  
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2.1.1 Aluminum Extrusions

Aluminum extrusions shall be alloy 6063, temper T5 in compliance with **ASTM B221M ASTM B221**.

2.1.2 Aluminum Sheets

Aluminum sheets shall be alloy 5005, temper H15 or alloy 3003, temper H14 in compliance with **ASTM B209M ASTM B209**.

2.1.3 Galvanized Steel Sheets

Steel sheets shall be commercial quality, zinc-coated steel (hot-dip galvanized) of quality established by **ASTM A653/A653M**, minimum G90 coating thickness.

2.2 RIDGE VENTILATORS

Provide roof ridge ventilators fabricated of [galvanized steel] [aluminum], and assembled to any desired length. Continuous-run ridge ventilators shall be connected with splice plates of type which will telescope together and not require fasteners, soldering or welding. Provide ventilators with [manually-operated single-leaf dampers complete with accessories to meet design and performance requirements.] [UL labeled fire-actuated damper system complete with accessories to meet building

code requirements.] Dampers and airshafts shall be complete with urethane gasketing for extra-tight enclosures. Provide metal closure strips, which match the panel roof rib contours, to close out weather and provide a secure seat for ventilators. [Insect] [Bird] screens shall be provided.

### 2.3 STATIONARY VENTILATORS

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**NOTE: Review building code requirements to determine if no damper or manually-operated dampers are acceptable. If dampers must meet fire code requirements, carefully review code and ventilator manufacturer's data before editing this spec.**  
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Provide stationary roof ventilators fabricated of [galvanized steel] [aluminum] with seamless spun conical-shaped weathercap, and having straight-through drainage for eliminating the possibility of air-borne debris collecting in the ventilator openings. [Insect] [Bird] screens shall be provided.

### 2.4 TURBINE VENTILATORS

Provide turbine ventilators fabricated of [galvanized steel] [aluminum] [corrugated] [flat] sheets, complete with sensitive ball-bearing action to enable the slightest motion of air to move the rotor head where suction is maintained at low wind velocities. Ventilators shall have 360 degree operating surface to assure access of wind currents regardless of wind velocities. Rotor head shall be anchored to prevent head from lifting or jumping off the rotor in high winds. Rotor crown plate shall be seamless. [Bird] [Insect] screens shall be provided.

#### 2.4.1 Dampers

Turbine ventilators shall be provided with [dampers manually-operated with direct pull-chain or rack and pinion] [push-button control electric gear motor-operated dampers] [thermostat control electric gear motor-operated dampers].

#### 2.4.2 Rotor Shaft

Rotor shaft bearings shall be entirely shielded in corrosion-resistant aluminum casing. Bearings shall be pre-lubricated and shall have life-time warranty. Bearings shall be at top and bottom to assure accurate alignment. Shaft and bearings shall be easily replaceable as a unit. Rotor collar shall be rolled and welded.

### 2.5 FABRICATION

Ventilators shall be fabricated in accordance with approved shop drawings. Welds, soldered seams, rivets and fasteners shall be clean, secure, watertight, and smooth. Edges shall be wired or beaded, where necessary, to ensure rigidity. Joints between sections shall be watertight and shall allow for expansion and contraction. Galvanic action between different metals in direct contact shall be prevented by nonconductive separators.

## 2.6 CURB BASES

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**NOTE: Delete this paragraph if flange-mounting is used.**  
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Ventilator bases for curb-mounted installations shall be of size indicated on drawings, and shall be designed specifically for the type of ventilator and roofing system approved for this project. Curb bases shall be factory-formed and flashed for a watertight installation. Curb bases shall be fabricated of material and finish to match the ventilator.

## 2.7 SCREENS

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**NOTE: Insect screens are typically required for ventilators in hospitals, mess halls, bakeries and similar buildings. Insect screens should not be used when exhausting noxious gases because insect screens will clog up. Bird screens should be used where insect screens are not required. Edit as required.**  
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Screens shall be furnished by ventilator manufacturer as part of ventilator assembly. Screen (with frames) shall be manufactured of material to match ventilators, and shall be designed to be easily removed for cleaning purposes.

## 2.8 FINISH

### 2.8.1 Galvanized Steel Finish

Galvanized steel roof ventilators shall be factory-coated with rust-resistant primer and [baked-on finish coats of acrylic] [finish coats to match metal roof panels] [two-coat high-performance coating system] [field-painted in accordance with Section 09 90 00 PAINTS AND COATINGS] [\_\_\_\_\_].

### 2.8.2 Aluminum Finish

Aluminum roof ventilators shall be factory-finished [to match metal roof finish and color] [with two-coat fluoropolymer high-performance coating system] [\_\_\_\_\_].

### 2.8.3 Color

Color shall be in accordance with [Section 09 06 00 SCHEDULES FOR FINISHES] [\_\_\_\_\_].

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 PREPARATION

Prepare rough openings and other roof conditions in accordance with approved shop drawings and manufacturer's recommendations. Rough openings shall be field-measured and recorded on shop drawings prior to fabrication of roof ventilators. Before starting the ventilator work, protect

surrounding roof surfaces from damage. Coordinate fabrication with construction schedule. Submit dimensioned drawings indicating location of each type of ventilator including details of construction, gauges of metal, and methods of operation of dampers and controls.

### 3.2 INSTALLATION

Coordinate roof ventilator installation with roofing work, and in accordance with approved shop drawings, manufacturer's published instructions, and chapter 8 of [SMACNA 1793](#). The ventilator installation shall be watertight and free of vibration noise. Protect aluminum surfaces from direct contact with incompatible materials. Aluminum surfaces which will be in contact with sealant shall not be coated with a protective material. Aluminum shall not be used with copper or with water which flows over copper surfaces. Clean roof ventilators in accordance with ventilator manufacturer's recommendations.

### 3.3 PROTECTION

Protect exposed ventilator finish surfaces against the accumulation of paint, grime, mastic, disfigurement, discoloration and damage for duration of construction activities.

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