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NOTE: This specification covers the requirements  
for remote air-cooled condensers for processes.

Drawings or schedule shall include total heat  
rejection capacity, capacity conditions, coil  
circuits, and control diagrams.

Edit this guide specification for project specific  
requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text.  
For bracketed items, choose applicable items(s) or  
insert appropriate information.

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

Comments and suggestions on this guide specification  
are welcome and should be directed to the technical  
proponent of the specification. A listing of  
technical proponents, including their organization  
designation and telephone number, is on the Internet.

Recommended changes to a UFGS 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 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.

AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION INSTITUTE (ARI)

ARI 460 (2005) Performance Rating of Remote  
Mechanical-Draft Air-Cooled Refrigerant  
Condensers

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING, REFRIGERATING AND AIR-CONDITIONING  
ENGINEERS (ASHRAE)

ASHRAE 15 (2007; Errata 2007) Safety Code for  
Refrigeration

ASHRAE 23 (2005) Methods of Testing for Rating  
Positive Displacement Refrigerant  
Compressors and Condensing Units

ASHRAE-06 (2004) Handbook, HVAC Systems and  
Equipment (IP Edition)

ASHRAE-07 (2004) Handbook, HVAC Systems and  
Equipment (SI Edition)

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM A 653/A 653M (2007) Standard Specification for Steel  
Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) or  
Zinc-Iron Alloy-Coated (Galvannealed) by  
the Hot-Dip Process

ASTM A 90/A 90M (2007) Standard Test Method for Weight  
[Mass] of Coating on Iron and Steel  
Articles with Zinc or Zinc-Alloy Coatings

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO)

ISO 1940-1 (2003; Corrigendum 2005) Mechanical  
Vibration - Balance Quality Requirements  
for Rotors in a Constant (Rigid) State -  
Part 1: Specification and Verification of  
Balance Tolerance - International  
Restrictions

NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (NEMA)

NEMA 250 (2003) Enclosures for Electrical Equipment

	(1000 Volts Maximum)
NEMA MG 1	(2007) Standard for Motors and Generators
NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)	
NFPA 70	(2007) National Electrical Code - 2008 Edition
SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS INTERNATIONAL (SAE)	
SAE J636	(1992; R 2001) V-Belts and Pulleys
UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES (UL)	
UL 1995	(2005) Standard for Heating and Cooling Equipment
UL 207	(2001; Rev thru Nov 2004) Standard for Refrigerant-Containing Components and Accessories, Nonelectrical

## 1.2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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**NOTE: If Section 23 00 00.00 40 HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIR-CONDITIONING is not included in the project specification, applicable requirements therefrom should be inserted and the following paragraph deleted.**  
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Section 23 00 00.00 40 HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIR-CONDITIONING applies to work specified in this section.

Manufacturer's Standard Color Chart shall indicate the manufacturer's standard color selections and finishes for condensers.

Record Drawings shall be submitted for air-cooled condenser units and shall provide current factual information including deviations from, and amendments to, the drawings and concealed and visible changes in the work.

Results of Contractors survey of Existing Conditions shall include features of existing structures and facilities within and adjacent to the jobsite. Commencement of work shall constitute acceptance of existing conditions.

Material, Equipment, and Fixture Lists shall be submitted for air-cooled condenser units including manufacturer's style or catalog numbers, specification and drawing reference numbers, warranty information, and fabrication site information.

Control Diagrams shall be submitted for air-cooled condenser units showing the physical and functional relationship of equipment. Electrical diagrams shall show size, type, and capacity of the system.

Design Analysis and Calculations shall be submitted for air-cooled condensers indicating the manufacturer's recommended wattage horsepower ratings, rotational speeds, and piston speeds.

Equipment and Performance Data shall be submitted for air-cooled condensers indicating use life, system functional flows, safety features, and other features such as electrical system protective device ratings.

Equipment Foundation Data shall be submitted including equipment weight and operation loads, location and projection of anchor bolts, and horizontal and vertical clearances for installation, operation, and maintenance. Data shall also include dimensions of foundations and relative elevations, and installation requirements such as noise abatement, vibration isolation, and utility services.

### 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. Submittals should be kept to the minimum required for adequate quality control.

A "G" following a submittal item indicates that the submittal requires Government approval. Some submittals are already marked with a "G". Only delete an existing "G" if the submittal item is not complex and can be reviewed through the Contractor's Quality Control system. Only add a "G" 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.

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.] [for information only. When used, a designation following the "G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

#### SD-01 Preconstruction Submittals

Material, Equipment, and Fixture Lists shall be submitted for air-cooled condenser units in accordance with paragraph entitled, "General Requirements," of this section.

Results of [Existing Conditions](#) shall be submitted in accordance with paragraph entitled, "General Requirements," of this section.

#### [SD-02 Shop Drawings](#)

Connection diagrams shall be submitted indicating the relations and connections of the following items. Drawings shall indicate the general physical layout of all controls, and internal tubing and wiring details.

[Motors](#)  
[Control Panel](#)  
[Air-Cooled Condenser](#)  
[Refrigerant-Containing Components](#)

The following shall be submitted for air-cooled condenser units showing in accordance with the paragraph entitled, "General Requirements," of this section.

[Control Diagrams](#)  
[Installation Drawings](#)  
[Record Drawings](#)

#### [SD-03 Product Data](#)

[Equipment Foundation Data](#) shall be submitted for the following items in accordance with the paragraph entitled, "General Requirements," of this section.

[Air-Cooled Condenser](#)  
[Fans and Drives](#)  
[Motors](#)  
[Vibration Isolation](#)

[Equipment and Performance Data](#) shall be submitted for air-cooled condensers in accordance with paragraph entitled, "General Requirements," of this section.

Manufacturer's catalog data shall be submitted for the following items:

[Air-Cooled Condenser](#)  
[Motors](#)  
[Control Panel](#)  
[Refrigerant-Containing Components](#)  
[Fans and Drives](#)  
[Condensing Pressure Control](#)  
[Casing](#)  
[Vibration Isolation](#)  
[Spare Parts](#)

#### [SD-04 Samples](#)

[Manufacturer's Standard Color Chart](#) shall be submitted in accordance with paragraph entitled, "General Requirements," of this section.

#### [SD-05 Design Data](#)

Design Analysis and Calculations shall be submitted for air-cooled condensers in accordance with paragraph entitled, "General Requirements," of this section.

#### SD-07 Certificates

Listing of Product Installation shall be submitted for air-cooled condenser units in accordance with paragraph entitled, "Installation," of this section.

Certificates of compliance shall be submitted for following items showing conformance with the referenced standards contained in this section.

Motors  
Control Panel  
Air-Cooled Condenser  
Refrigerant-Containing Components  
Fans and Drives  
Condensing Pressure Control  
Casing  
Vibration Isolation

#### SD-10 Operation and Maintenance Data

Operation and Maintenance Manuals shall be submitted in accordance with paragraph entitled, "Operation and Maintenance," of this section.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

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NOTE: Fan and motor balance shall conform to ISO Std.1940/1 - (1986) Balance Quality Requirements of Rigid Rotors - Determination of Permissible Residual Unbalance unless otherwise noted. Motor vibration levels shall conform to NEMA Specification MG-1, Motors and Generators, Part 7 unless otherwise noted.  
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### 2.1 AIR-COOLED CONDENSER PACKAGE

Air-cooled condenser shall be a packaged, self-contained assembly that includes fans, motors, drives, refrigerant condensing coils, controls, intercomponent piping and wiring, totally enclosed weatherproof casing, and frame mounting; the unit shall be ready for terminal field connections with fully automatic operation.

Condenser and spare parts shall conform to the applicable requirements of UL 1995, UL 207, ASHRAE 15, ASHRAE 23, ARI 460.

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NOTE: Revise the following paragraphs as required to suit project conditions. A lower ambient temperature suitability will require a more expensive low-ambient control.  
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Unit shall be suitable for startup and operation in ambient temperatures as low as 7 degrees C 45 degrees F.

## 2.2 FANS AND DRIVES

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NOTE: Select the first paragraph for on-the-roof and other applications where noise is not a factor. Select the second paragraph for on-grade locations adjacent to offices, situations requiring ducting, and generally for low-noise-level areas.

Where noise is a factor, drawings should show limiting speeds, outlet velocities, or noise criteria to suit project conditions.

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[Fans shall be propeller type, of corrosion-resistant construction, and shall be statically and dynamically balanced to ISO 1940-1-1986, [G6.3] [G2.5] [\_\_\_\_\_]. Fan discharge shall be vertical. Maximum fan-tip speed shall be 51 meter per second 10,000 feet per minute.]

[Fans shall be double-width, double-inlet, centrifugal-scroll type with forward curved or airfoil section bladed wheels. Fans shall be of corrosion-resistant construction and shall be statically and dynamically balanced to ISO 1940-1-1986, [G6.3] [G2.5] [\_\_\_\_\_]. Fan shaft first-critical speed shall be at 20 percent above fan operating speed.]

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NOTE: Select the first paragraph only for propeller fan units smaller than 5 horsepower with ratings less than 3730 watt. If the second paragraph is selected, not less than two belts should be specified for critical operations.

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[Fan drive shall be direct.]

[Fan drive shall be V-belt with corrosion-protected shaft and antifriction type bearings. Drive shall conform to ASHRAE-07 ASHRAE-06, Chapter 41; and shall be rated at not less than 1.5 times the identification plate motor wattage horsepower, SAE J636. Bearings shall be [sealed against moisture and dirt, shall be prelubricated, and shall be suitable for not less than 10,000 operating hours without need for relubrication] [lubricable type with grease supply and relief fittings together with extension tubing for accessibility where necessary] [Bearings shall be permanently lubricated sealed bearings]. Bearing cavity shall be completely packed with a grease suitable for the service.]

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NOTE: Modify or delete the following two paragraphs as required.

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[Fan drive shall be equipped with an adjustable sheave which shall be sized for installation at its midpoint setting and shall provide 20-percent speed adjustment.]



Motors shall be mounted on an adjustable base; motors with ratings larger than 7460 watt larger than 10 horsepower shall be mounted on a pivoted motor base.]

Drive shall be weather-protected. Drive and fan discharge and inlet shall be guarded in accordance with the recommendations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). Fan guards shall be hot-dip galvanized after fabrication and shall be suitable for salt-air atmosphere; electrogalvanizing is not acceptable.

## 2.3 MOTORS

Motors shall conform to NEMA MG 1 and be totally enclosed type.

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NOTE: Retain the following paragraph for direct  
drive units.  
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[Motors shall be resiliently mounted.]

## 2.4 REFRIGERANT-CONTAINING COMPONENTS

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NOTE: Modify the following paragraphs as required  
to suit project. Check subcooling requirements for  
project.  
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Condensing coils shall be designed and sized specifically for air-cooled condenser service. Coil construction shall be seamless copper tube, with copper extended surface integral with or mechanically attached to the tube. Coil frame shall be not less than 2.8 millimeter 12-gage galvanized steel. [Coils shall be factory tested pneumatically under water at not less than 2758 kilopascal 400 pounds per square inch gage.] A purging vent shall be provided at the highest point of the entering refrigerant header of each coil circuit. Coil subcooling shall be provided when a differential not greater than 7 degrees C below zero degrees C 20 degrees F exists between condensing and ambient temperatures.

Condenser coil and receiver shall have an excess capacity of not less than 20 percent for storage of pumped-down refrigerant.

Condensing coil and remainder of refrigerant circuit shall be cleaned and factory charged with dry nitrogen or refrigerant.

Coil shall be protected from physical damage.

## 2.5 CONDENSING PRESSURE CONTROL

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NOTE: Retain the following paragraph only for  
single-phase powered units.  
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Condensing pressure control shall be accomplished by an electronic solid-state control system that will modulate speed of a motor conforming to requirements specified herein from 0 to 100 percent by fan cycling or by a combination of these methods.

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NOTE: Retain one of the following two paragraphs  
for single- or three-phase powered units.  
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[Condensing pressure control shall be accomplished by [condenser-coil  
flooding system] [modulation of dampers located in the discharge  
airstream].]

[Condensing pressure control shall be accomplished by [fan cycling]  
[modulation of dampers located in the discharge airstream] [combination of  
fan cycling and discharge damper modulation].]

Where condenser is being used as a combination receiver, the pump-down  
capacity shall be not less than 80 percent of the available refrigerant  
volume.

## 2.6 CASING

Casing shall be constructed of minimum 1.3 millimeter 18-gage  
mill-galvanized steel that has been phosphatized, primed, and finished with  
the manufacturer's standard enamel. [Casing shall be specially treated for  
use in a coastal environment.]

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NOTE: Specify 2.5 ounces 71 gram of zinc  
specifications for "heavy-duty" heavier steel.  
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Mill galvanized steel shall conform to ASTM A 653/A 653M and shall be  
coated with not less than 380 gram 1.25 ounces of zinc per square meter foot  
of two-sided surface when tested in accordance with ASTM A 90/A 90M.

Casing frame shall be constructed of mill galvanized steel or shall be  
hot-dip galvanized after fabrication to equal or exceed mill galvanizing  
requirements.

Casing shall include access doors and coil end enclosure. Control panel  
may be located within or external to casing.

## 2.7 CONTROL PANEL

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NOTE: Modify the following paragraphs for remote  
location.  
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Condenser-mounted control panel and intercomponent piping and wiring shall  
be provided. Control panels exposed to the weather shall have NEMA 250,  
Type 3 enclosures and NEMA 250, Type 1 enclosures if protected by casing.  
Electrical work shall conform to NFPA 70 requirements and shall incorporate  
UL-listed components.

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NOTE: Modify the following paragraph to suit  
project requirements.  
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Control panel shall be provided with the following factory-mounted controls: 115-volt control power transformer, fan contactors, fan controls for low ambient operation, and compressor interlock.

## 2.8 VIBRATION ISOLATION

Vibration isolation provisions shall conform to requirements specified under Section 23 05 48 VIBRATION AND SEISMIC CONTROLS FOR HVAC PIPING AND EQUIPMENT.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

[Listing of Product Installation](#) shall be submitted for air-cooled condenser units showing at least 5 installed units, similar to those proposed for use, that have been in successful service for a minimum period of 5 years. List shall include purchaser, address of installation, service organization, and date of installation.

Equipment shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

[Installation Drawings](#) shall be submitted for air-cooled condenser units. Drawings shall indicate overall physical features, dimensions, ratings, service requirements, weights of equipment, and details of equipment room layout and arrangement.

### 3.2 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Contractor shall submit [6] [\_\_\_\_\_] copies of the [Operation and Maintenance Manuals](#) 30 calendar days prior to testing the air-cooled condenser units. Data shall be updated and resubmitted for final approval no later than 30 calendar days prior to contract completion.

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