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### SECTION 23 82 46

#### ELECTRIC UNIT HEATERS

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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for electric unit heaters. Drawings should indicate capacity, voltage, rating, control-circuit voltage, cfm, sizes, mounting height, and other pertinent data.

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.

UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES (UL)

UL 1996 (2009; R 2009) Standard for Electric Duct Heaters

## 1.2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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NOTE: If Section 26 00 00.00 20 BASIC ELECTRICAL MATERIALS AND METHODS is not included in the project specification, applicable requirements therefrom should be inserted and the following paragraph deleted.

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Section 26 00 00.00 20 BASIC ELECTRICAL MATERIALS AND METHODS applies to work specified in this section.

Include within the Fabrication Drawings for electric heaters the of fabrication and assembly details to be performed in the factory.

Include with the Equipment and Performance Data for electric heaters life, test, system functional flows, safety features, and mechanical automated details.

Include with the Manufacturer's Instructions for electric heaters the special provisions required to install equipment components and system packages. Detail impedances, hazards and safety precautions within the special notices.

## 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-02 Shop Drawings

Submit [Fabrication Drawings](#) in accordance with paragraph entitled, "General Requirements," of this section.

#### SD-03 Product Data

Submit Equipment and Performance Data in accordance with paragraph entitled, "General Requirements," of this section.

Submit manufacturer's catalog data for the following items:

[Electric Unit Heaters](#)  
[Heating Element](#)  
[Controls](#)  
[Casings](#)  
[Propellers and Motors](#)

#### SD-08 Manufacturer's Instructions

Submit [Manufacturer's Instructions](#) in accordance with paragraph entitled, "General Requirements," of this section.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 PRODUCT STANDARDS

Conform to the requirements of [UL 1996](#) for [electric unit heaters](#).

### 2.2 DESCRIPTION

Use Suspended [electric unit heaters](#) and arrange for discharge of air as

indicated.

Provide Electric unit heaters with not less than the indicated capacity and conform to requirements specified herein.

Factory prewire Electric unit heaters, ready for field terminal connections.

### 2.3 CASINGS

Construct casings with smoothly contoured propeller orifice rings of not less than 1.0 millimeter 20-gage cold-rolled carbon steel. Provide casing surface finish with phosphate pretreatment, prime coating, and baked-enamel finish.

### 2.4 AIR DISTRIBUTION

[Fit vertical discharge units with louver-cone diffusers.]

[Provide horizontal units with adjustable single- or double-deflection louvers.]

### 2.5 HEATING ELEMENT

Construct heating element of a resistance wire insulated by highly compacted refractory insulation protected by a sealed metallic-finned sheath. Component materials are as follows:

Provide resistance wire not less than 20-helix wound alloy approximately 80-percent nickel and 20-percent chromium.

Provide refractory insulation of magnesium oxide with a resistance of not less than 50,000-ohms after exposure to an ambient temperature and humidity of 32 degrees C 90 degrees F and 85 plus or minus 5-percent relative humidity, respectively, for not less than 24 hours.

Provide sheathing consisting of aluminum fins cast around an internal steel sheath containing refractory insulation and resistance wire or carbon-steel fins permanently attached to a tubular carbon-steel sheath containing refractory insulation and resistance wire and with external surfaces porcelainized.

[Maximum surface temperature of porcelain-protected steel sheathing shall be [370] [ ] degrees C [700] [ ] degrees F.]

[Maximum surface temperature of cast-aluminum sheathing shall be [260] [ ] degrees C [500] [ ] degrees F.]

### 2.6 CONTROLS

[Fit units up to and including 5 kilowatts with integral controls including thermal overload cutout switches, necessary transformers, liquid-vapor system, and low-mass bimetal thermostat as required. Provide automatically resettable cutout switch.]

[Provide unit with a remote unfused disconnect switch that opens ungrounded conductors in the OFF position and a thermostat with integral controls including thermal overload cutout switches, magnetic contactors, necessary transformers, and thermostat protection as required. Provide automatically resettable cutout switches.]

Provide wall-mounted thermostats complete with thermometer, mechanical high-limit stop, calibrated operator, and an adjustable heater to effect anticipation and to prevent override of space temperature with a range between 12 and 41 degrees C 55 and 105 degrees F and a differential not exceeding 1 degrees C 1.5 degrees F. Rate thermostat for operation at 24 volts, 60 hertz. Provide transformers, wiring, and devices necessary to meet this requirement. Finish cases in brushed or satin chrome.

## 2.7 PROPELLERS AND MOTORS

Provide propellers with [mill-aluminized] [galvanized-steel] [all-aluminum blades] and be statically and dynamically balanced to within 0.5 percent. Provide units with fan-inlet safety guards.

AMCA certify propellers and motors for air performance and noise level.

Protect motors against damage by the heating element and resilient mount.

Conform to Section 26 60 13.00 40 LOW-VOLTAGE MOTORS for motors except that load-matched and custom-designed motors may be used and be so identified on the shop drawings. For motors not so identified conform to the requirements specified.

Subfractional and fractional custom-designed or applied motors may deviate from the preceding motor requirements as follows:

Shaded-pole motors rated less than 125 watt 1/6-horsepower may be used for direct-drive service.

Permanent split-capacitor, split-phase, and capacitor-start motors rated 185 watt 1/4-horsepower and less may be used for direct-drive service.

Split-phase and capacitor-start motors, rated 185 watt 1/4-horsepower and less, may be used for belt-drive service.

Motor bearings may be manufacturer's standard prelubricated sleeve type except provide motor with antifriction thrust bearings, when specified. Lubricant provisions shall be extended service requiring replenishment not more than twice per year of continuous operation.

Provide motor identification plate per manufacturer's standard.

Provide motor speed and control per unit-heater manufacturer's standard.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

Install unit heaters in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions at the mounting heights indicated.

### 3.2 FIELD TESTING

Demonstrate in the presence of the Contracting Officer that the unit heaters operate satisfactorily.

Cycle unit heaters five times, from start to operating thermal conditions

to off, to verify adequacy of construction, system controls, and component performance.

Conduct an operational test for a minimum of 6 hours.

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