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### SECTION 09 64 23

#### WOOD PARQUET FLOORING 05/09

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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for wood parquet flooring systems.

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

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NOTE: On the drawings, show:

1. Location and extent of wood parquet flooring.
2. Where flooring is to be installed on concrete slab, indicate elevation of the top(s) of concrete slab.
3. Locations of equipment, columns, and other permanent obstructions adjoining flooring and around which flooring is to be laid.
4. Floor pattern that differs from conventional checkerboard pattern and is not defined by file sample.

## 5. Profile of shoe mold.

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### 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.

APA - THE ENGINEERED WOOD ASSOCIATION (APA)

APA E30 (2005) Engineered Wood Construction Guide

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM D 226/D 226M (2009) Standard Specification for Asphalt-Saturated Organic Felt Used in Roofing and Waterproofing

ASTM E 1333 (1996; R 2002) Determining Formaldehyde Concentrations in Air and Emission Rates from Wood Products Using a Large Chamber

ASTM E 648 (2009a) Standard Test Method for Critical Radiant Flux of Floor-Covering Systems Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source

HARDWOOD PLYWOOD AND VENEER ASSOCIATION (HPVA)

HPVA EF (2009) American National Standard for Engineered Wood Flooring

NOFMA: THE WOOD FLOORING MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (NOFMA)

NOFMA Grading Rules (1999) Official Flooring Grading Rules

## 1.2 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.] [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-03 Product Data

Hardwood Parquet Flooring

### SD-04 Samples

Hardwood Parquet Flooring

### SD-07 Certificates

Flooring Materials[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]]

### SD-08 Manufacturer's Instructions

Accessories and Supporting Materials  
Adhesive

Finish  
Premolded cork strips  
Polyurethane coating  
Wax Finish

## SD-10 Operation and Maintenance Data

Flooring Materials[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

### 1.3 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

Deliver materials to the building site in original, unopened packages, bundles, or containers. Protect materials against dampness during shipment and after delivery. Store materials under cover in a well ventilated building where materials will not be exposed to extreme changes of temperature and humidity. Do not store materials in buildings under construction until all wet-applied building materials are dry. Do not open packages, bundles, or containers until the flooring is to be installed. Remove rejected material from Government property.

### 1.4 ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

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NOTE: Control of temperature and humidity prior to laying flooring is necessary to prevent buckling and cupping. Since climatic conditions vary due to geographical location and the trend is toward natural ventilation for energy conservation, it is imperative to check with flooring manufacturer and local installers to determine correct temperature and humidity ranges for the project area.  
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Store the parquet flooring in the building or space where the parquet flooring is to be laid for a minimum of 3 days to allow absorbed moisture to evaporate. Separate the wood parquet so that all pieces are exposed to the air during this 3-day period to allow uniform acclimation. Maintain the temperature of the building or space between [21 and 10] [\_\_\_\_] and [\_\_\_\_] degrees C [70 and 50] [\_\_\_\_] and [\_\_\_\_] degrees F, and maintain the relative humidity between [30 and 65] [\_\_\_\_] and [\_\_\_\_] percent. Maintain the preceding temperatures and humidity conditions throughout the installation period.

### 1.5 SCHEDULING

Parquet flooring work shall be scheduled after completion of any other work which would raise the moisture content of the flooring or damage the finished surface of the flooring.

### 1.6 WARRANTY

Provide manufacturer's standard performance guarantees or warranties that extend beyond a one-year period.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 FLOORING MATERIALS

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NOTE: Selection of the type of flooring to be used should be based on the appropriate project design requirements, availability, and relative cost. The method of specifying the pattern is optional, but the "file sample" is recommended for projects for which the design is sensitive.

Acrylic impregnated hardwood floors are recommended for commercial type facilities. Prefinished urethane and stain/wax prefinishes are normally for residential or light commercial usage.

Choice of critical radiant flux level as it applies to building type and area of application will be made in accordance with the latest edition of MIL-HDBK 1008B or NFPA 101. Wherever the use of Class II (0.22 watts) finish is required, Class I (0.45 watts) will be permitted.

Critical radiant flux will be a minimum average of 0.45 watts when used in corridors in bachelor enlisted quarters, bachelor officer quarters, hospital, child care centers, temporary lodging facilities, and new construction detention and correctional facilities. Generally the critical radiant flux will be a minimum of 0.22 for corridors of other type facilities. Where an approved automatic sprinkler system is installed, Class II interior floor finish may be used where Class I floor finish is required, and where Class II is required, no critical radiant flux rating is required. Omit sentence if not applicable.

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Hardwood parquet flooring shall conform to NOFMA Grading Rules. [The flooring shall match the color and pattern of the sample on file at the office of the Contracting Officer.] [Pattern shall be [\_\_\_\_\_] [as indicated].] Flooring shall contain no more than 0.02 parts per million of formaldehyde when tested in accordance with ASTM E 1333. Hardwood flooring in corridors and exits shall have a minimum average critical radiant flux of [0.22] [0.45] watts per square centimeter when tested in accordance with ASTM E 648. Submit manufacturer's descriptive data, documentation stating physical characteristics and flame resistance, installation instructions and [two] [\_\_\_\_\_] samples of each type of parquet flooring. Samples shall be minimum 300 x 300 mm 12 x 12 inches. Submit statement from the manufacturer attesting that the materials meet the specified requirements. The statement shall be dated after the award of the contract, stating the Contractor's name and address, showing the name of the project and location, and listing the specific requirements being certified. Submit Data Package 1 in accordance with Section 01 78 23 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DATA.

#### 2.1.1 Laminated Block Flooring

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NOTE: The species are listed in descending order of wear resistance and hardness. Limit the species, based on quality required and compatibility with color desired or selected for the file sample. Size

of units will depend on pattern selected and should be stated.

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HPVA EF, plain face, factory finished. Fabricate face veneer of each block from [hard maple,] [red oak,] [white oak,] [birch,] [ash,] [beech,] [walnut,] [or] [cherry]. Flooring units shall be [\_\_\_\_\_] mm inches by [\_\_\_\_\_] mm inches.

#### 2.1.2 Slat Block Flooring

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NOTE: The species are listed in descending order of wear resistance and hardness. Limit the species, based on quality required and compatibility with color desired or selected for the file sample. Size of units will depend on pattern selected and should be stated.

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APA E30, unfinished, Select and Better Grade, fabricated from [hard maple,] [teak,] [red oak,] [white oak,] [ash,] [walnut,] [or] [cherry]. Provide finishing at the site as specified herein. Flooring units shall be [\_\_\_\_\_] mm inches by [\_\_\_\_\_] mm inches.

#### 2.1.3 Solid Block Flooring

##### 2.1.3.1 Grading

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NOTE: The species are listed in descending order of wear resistance and hardness. Limit the species, based on quality required and compatibility with color desired or selected for the file sample. Size of units will depend on pattern selected and should be stated.

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[[Red oak] [or] [white oak] fabricated into [prime] [Standard and Better] [or] [[hard maple,] [beech,] [or] [birch] fabricated into [First] [Second and Better]] Grade blocks, free from defects and discolorations. Blocks shall be graded in accordance with the rules of the association governing the grading of the species used.

##### 2.1.3.2 Construction

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NOTE: Quarter-sawn oak and edge-grain maple wear better, but the plain-sawn and flat-grain cuts are adequate and should be allowed for most projects.

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[Oak shall be quarter-sawn [or plain-sawn].] [Maple shall be edge-grain [or flat-grain].] Fasten the strips composing each block together tightly in a manner that will maintain the integrity of the block. Each block shall have a standard flooring tongue or corresponding matching grooves on each of the four edges, so arranged that the blocks can be laid in the conventional checkerboard pattern with the strips of each block at right angles to the strips of the adjacent blocks. The back of each strip in the



block may be flat or channeled. Face edges of blocks shall not be beveled.

#### 2.1.3.3 Dimensions

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NOTE: When red or white oak is specified, specify tolerances of plus or minus 0.80 mm (1/32 inch) in length and plus or minus 0.40 mm (1/64 inch) in width. When other species are specified, use first bracketed phrase.  
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Blocks shall be 228.6 mm 9 inches square [plus or minus 0.40 mm 1/64 inch in length and width] [plus or minus 0.80 mm 1/32 inch in length and plus or minus 0.40 mm 1/64 inch in width] and shall be not less than 19 mm 3/4-inch thick. The length of the face diagonals of each block shall be within 0.80 mm 1/32 inch to ensure squareness.

#### 2.1.3.4 Moisture Content

Not less than 5 percent or more than 12 percent at time of shipment.

#### 2.1.3.5 Finish

[Apply finish at the factory.] [Ship flooring to the site with a smooth surface without applied finish. Provide finish specified herein at the site.]

#### 2.1.4 Premolded Cork Strips

Cork strips shall be the same depth as the flooring and of width recommended by flooring manufacturer.

#### 2.1.5 Accessories and Supporting Materials

Submit manufacturer's material safety data sheets for adhesives, finishes, and other materials which may be considered hazardous because of toxicity, flammability, or reactivity.

##### 2.1.5.1 Wax Finish

As recommended by flooring manufacturer.

##### 2.1.5.2 Asphalt Saturated Felt

ASTM D 226/D 226M.

##### 2.1.5.3 Adhesive

Waterproof, suitable for use with [subflooring] [underlayment] used, and as recommended by flooring manufacturer.

##### 2.1.5.4 Primer

Primer shall be of a type recommended by flooring manufacturer.

##### 2.1.5.5 Shoe Molds

[Hard maple,] [red oak,] [white oak,] [ash,] [beech,] [birch,] [walnut,]

[or] [cherry]. Shape and size as indicated. Shoe molds shall be prefinished to match flooring.

## 2.2 FLOORING SYSTEMS

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**NOTE: Select flooring system to be used.**  
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### 2.2.1 Flooring on Concrete Slabs

The system shall consist of the application of block flooring on concrete slabs by means of adhesive.

### 2.2.2 Flooring on [Subflooring] [Underlayment]

The system shall consist of the application of block flooring on [subflooring] [underlayment]. The provision of [subflooring] [underlayment] is specified in Section [\_\_\_\_]. The application of block flooring shall be by means of [nails] [adhesive].

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 PREPARATION OF SURFACES

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**NOTE: If flooring is to be applied on slab-on-ground construction, site grading and drainage should be such that water will not collect under slab. A polyethylene vapor barrier of not less than 0.15 mm (6 mils) thick and at least 150 mm (6 inches) of porous fill consisting of clean, washed gravel graded from 19 to 38 mm (3/4 inch to 1-1/2 inch) sizes should be specified in Division 3. A single-ply, asphalt-saturated felt or 0.15 mm (6 mil) polyethylene film set in asphalt may be applied to top of slab if acceptable to flooring manufacturer. Add to this paragraph, if warranted.**  
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#### 3.1.1 Concrete Slabs

Do not install flooring on surfaces that are unsuitable for proper installation. Before work is begun, defects such as rough or scaling concrete, low spots and high spots, and uneven surfaces shall be corrected, and all damaged portions of concrete slabs shall be repaired. If concrete curing compounds or surface sealers have been applied to the concrete slabs, the compounds and sealers shall be removed from the slabs by an approved method. Concrete slabs shall be level [within tolerance specified in the Section [03 31 00.00 10 CAST-IN-PLACE STRUCTURAL CONCRETE] [03 30 00 CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE]] [within a tolerance of 2 mm/meter 0.25 inch per 10 feet.]

#### 3.1.2 [Underlayment] [Subflooring]

Repair damaged portions, and replace defective boards with sound boards; renail loose or warped boards, and drive protruding or loose nails flush.

### 3.1.3 Adhesive-Applied Wood Flooring on Concrete Slab

Clean concrete floor slabs that are to receive flooring. Remove spots of [paint,] [plaster,] [masonry droppings,] grease, dirt, and other foreign matter.

### 3.1.4 Nailed Wood Flooring on [Subflooring] [Underlayment]

Cover [subflooring] [underlayment] over which nailed wood flooring is to be laid with a layer of asphalt saturated felt. Lap all edges at least 50 mm 2 inches.

### 3.1.5 Adhesive-Applied Wood Flooring on [Subflooring] [Underlayment]

Prepare [subflooring] [underlayment] in accordance with the printed instructions of the flooring manufacturer.

## 3.2 INSTALLATION

Do not install flooring until other work that might cause damage to flooring has been completed, until all wet work is completed and has cured for [14] [\_\_\_\_\_] days, and until exterior openings are closed. New concrete slabs to receive flooring shall have a 60-day minimum cure before application of flooring. Perform flooring installation, including sanding and finishing, in conformance with manufacturer's printed instructions. Provide mechanical ventilation of area receiving flooring as required to maintain concentrations of toxic gases and explosive vapors below permissible levels.

### 3.2.1 Flooring on Concrete Slabs

Apply block flooring on concrete slabs in accordance with the flooring manufacturer's printed instructions.

### 3.2.2 Flooring on [Subflooring] [Underlayment]

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**NOTE: Wood or plywood subflooring or hardboard underlayment should be specified in Section 06 10 00 ROUGH CARPENTRY of the project specifications.**  
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[In applying wood blocks with nails, lay blocks with close joints when nailing to [subflooring] [underlayment]. Drive blocks firmly together, and blind-nail each block.] [In applying block flooring with an adhesive, use the materials and follow the methods stipulated in the manufacturer's printed instructions.]

### 3.2.3 Expansion Spaces

Provide expansion spaces at walls and partitions. Expansion spaces shall be of size as recommended by flooring manufacturer. Install premolded cork strips in expansion spaces in accordance with flooring manufacturer's directions.

### [3.2.4 Shoe Molds

Nail shoe molds to baseboards. [Baseboards are specified in Section [\_\_\_\_].]

### ]3.3 SANDING AND FINISHING [SLAT] [SOLID] BLOCK FLOORING

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NOTE: Coordinate these requirements with Section  
09 90 00 PAINTS AND COATINGS of the project  
specifications.

If prefinished flooring is used, delete this  
paragraph.

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#### 3.3.1 Sanding

Sand and buff floors to smooth and level surface, free of sanding marks and in proper condition to receive the finish specified. After final sanding and buffing, vacuum or tack floors in accordance with finish manufacturer's recommendations. Wipe off foot marks.

#### 3.3.2 Finishing

After final sanding and buffing have been completed, apply two coats of finish; use polyurethane coating recommended by flooring manufacturer for type and specie of wood flooring specified. When floors are dry, apply two coats of wax, unless otherwise recommended in writing by manufacturer of flooring. Spread at rate of 0.07 L/10 square meters one gallon per 1,500 square feet. Within 15 to 30 minutes after wax application, polish floors with weighted floor brush or electric polisher.

#### 3.4 PROTECTION

After completion of laying [and the finishing and drying] of floors, cover flooring immediately with nonstaining kraft building paper. Edges of paper shall be lapped and taped. At project completion and acceptance, carefully take up and remove the protective paper.

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