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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for requirements for walk-in refrigerators and freezers.

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).

Use of electronic communication is encouraged.

Brackets are used in the text to indicate designer choices or locations where text must be supplied by the designer.

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NOTE: Lighting and refrigeration equipment are included in this guide specification.

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NOTE: Indicate the following information on the project drawings for each cold storage room:

1. Configuration and dimensions (width, length, and height).
2. Sections showing floor construction, including details through door openings. Design floors for food service facilities with prefabricated floor sections in depressed pad with quarry tile finish. Experience has shown that this type of floor construction should be used in walk-in refrigerated rooms.

3. Sections showing supporting steel for ceiling panels if required for the project.
4. Details of shelves.
5. Details and location of light fixtures.
6. Location of refrigeration equipment.
7. Storage temperature, cooler capacity, evaporator air flow rate, and evaporator temperature.
8. Electrical characteristics for lights, condensing units, and evaporators.

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## PART 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: Issue (date) of references included in project specifications need not be more current than provided by the latest guide specification. Use of SpecsIntact automated reference checking is recommended for projects based on older guide specifications.

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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)

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|---------|--|
| ARI 365 | (2003) Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-Conditioning Condensing Units |
| ARI 420 | (2000) Unit Coolers for Refrigeration                                      |

#### NSF INTERNATIONAL (NSF)

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| NSF 7 | (2001) Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers |
|-------|--|

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)

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|-------------|---|
| MIL-R-43900 | (Rev B; Notice 2) Refrigerators, Freezers, Prefabricated, Mechanical, Commercial, Walk-In |
|-------------|---|

#### U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA)

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|--------------|--|
| FS A-A-52128 | (Basic) Shelving, Storage, Stationary and Mobile, Food Storage |
|--------------|--|

UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES (UL)

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| UL 303 | (1995) Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning<br>Condensing and Compressor Units |
| UL 412 | (1993; Rev thru Nov 2001) Refrigeration<br>Unit Coolers                      |
| UL 427 | (1994; Rev thru Oct 1998) Refrigerating<br>Units                             |

1.2 SUBMITTALS

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NOTE: Submittals must be limited to those necessary for adequate quality control. The importance of an item in the project should be one of the primary factors in determining if a submittal for the item should be required.

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 projects.

Submittal items not designated with a "G" are considered as being for information only for Army projects and for Contractor Quality Control approval for Navy 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.] The following shall be submitted in accordance with Section 01330 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-02 Shop Drawings

Cold-storage rooms

SD-03 Product Data

Cold-storage rooms

Shelves

Refrigeration equipment

SD-06 Test Reports

Start-up and initial operational tests

SD-08 Manufacturer's Instructions

Cold-storage rooms

Refrigeration equipment

Include equipment start-up and initial operation. Include evacuation and charging procedures for refrigeration equipment.

SD-10 Operation and Maintenance Data

Cold-storage rooms, Data Package 1; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

Refrigeration equipment, Data Package 2; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

Submit in accordance with Section 01781 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DATA.

SD-11 Closeout Submittals

Posted operating instructions for refrigeration equipment

1.3 REFRIGERATION PIPING

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NOTE: Insert appropriate Section number and title  
in blank below using format per UFC 1-300-02.  
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Provide as specified under [\_\_\_\_\_].

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 COLD-STORAGE ROOMS

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NOTE: Select the appropriate type, size, and style  
from the latest edition of MIL-R-43900.  
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MIL-R-43900, factory-fabricated type with the following requirements:

- a. Type [\_\_\_\_\_]
- b. Size [\_\_\_\_\_]
- c. Style [\_\_\_\_\_]

- d. Entrance doors shall be [swing] [sliding] type with [right-handed] [left-handed] openings.
- e. Refrigeration systems shall be the [remote] [self-contained] type.
- f. Electrical characteristics as indicated.
- g. Preservation and packing shall be commercial grade.
- h. Provide recording thermometer.
- i. Provide temperature alarm system [with connector for remote temperature alarm].
- j. Provide interior lighting.
- [k. Provide outdoor weather cap.]
- [l. Provide outdoor condensing unit cover.]
- [m. Provide strip curtains.]
- n. Provide condensing unit outdoor controls for operation down to [\_\_\_\_\_] degrees C F ambient temperature.

## 2.2 SHELVES

FS A-A-52128, stationary type, slotted shelves, stainless steel construction, 450 to 500 mm 18 to 20 inches front to rear, by 1200 mm 48 inches long, by 1470 to 1680 mm 58 to 66 inches high, except as indicated otherwise. Preproduction samples are not required.

## 2.3 REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT

MIL-R-43900, except as modified in this section. Refrigerant equipment shall be designed for [remote] [self-contained] installation. Design units for 16 to 18 hour operation at the indicated interior temperature in [\_\_\_\_\_] degrees C F ambient temperature. Capacities, air delivery, and dimensions shall be as indicated.

### 2.3.1 Remote Condensing Units

Factory-fabricated and rated in accordance with UL 303 and ARI 365. Provide with motor, [air-cooled] [water-cooled] condenser, receiver, compressors, mounted on a common base. Compressors shall be [hermetic] [accessible-hermetic] type.

### 2.3.2 Evaporators

Factory-fabricated and rated in accordance with UL 412 and ARI 420. Forced-convection, unit-cooler type, made to be suspended from the ceiling panels, with forced-air discharged parallel to the ceiling. Provide with air circulating motor, multifin tube-type coil and grille assembled within a protective housing. Air circulation motors shall be lifetime sealed, and the entire unit-cooler assembly shall be accessible for cleaning. Provide a drip pan and drain connection. When the cold storage room is used for freezing, provide an automatic [hot-gas] [electric heat] defrosting system. Provide [timer] [demand] type defrost controllers.

### 2.3.3 Self-Contained Refrigerant Systems

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NOTE: Select mounting. Side-mounted units are  
available in sizes up to 6 kW 7 1/2 horsepower.  
Top-mounted units are available in sizes up to 4 kW  
5 horsepower.  
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Factory-fabricated in accordance with UL 427 for [side-wall] [top-wall]  
mounting. Systems shall include a condensing unit mounted on the exterior  
and a forced air evaporator mounted on the interior directly opposite.

### 2.4 HEATING CABLE

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NOTE: The following paragraph is for units  
operating at below-freezing temperatures.  
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Provide condensate drain lines and drains below freezer floors with  
electric heating cable, thermostatically controlled to maintain [\_\_\_\_]  
degrees C F at zero flow rate. Cable shall be size [\_\_\_\_] to provide  
[\_\_\_\_] watts per meter linear foot.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

Installation procedures shall conform to NSF 7, and the manufacturer's  
instructions. Submit a set of instructions covering both assembly of the  
rooms and installation of the refrigeration equipment before starting  
installation.

### 3.2 MANUFACTURER'S FIELD SERVICES

Furnish manufacturer's representatives who are trained to perform the  
services specified. The representatives shall furnish and services on the  
following matters:

- a. Erection, alignment, and testing.
- b. Charging equipment with refrigerant and oil.
- c. Starting equipment and training government personnel as to its  
proper care, operation, and maintenance.

### 3.3 TESTS

Perform the tests for each room and provide everything required. Notify  
the Contracting Officer 10 days before performing the tests. Tests shall  
be performed in the presence of a manufacturer's representative.

#### 3.3.1 Start-Up and Operational Tests

Start up and initially operate the systems upon completion of the  
installation of the equipment and refrigerant piping. Adjust the safety  
and automatic controls to place them in operation and sequence. Record

manufacturer's recommended readings hourly. Operational tests shall cover a period of not less than 24 hours.

#### 3.3.2 Performance Tests

Upon completion of the operational tests the systems shall be performance tested. Test duration shall not be less than 8 hours. Tests shall include the following information to be in the report with conclusions regarding the adequacy of the systems:

- a. Time, dates and duration of tests.
- b. Inside dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperatures maintained in each room during the tests employing recording instruments calibrated before the tests.
- c. Outside dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperatures obtained from recording instruments calibrated and checked hourly with a sling psychrometer.
- d. Evaporator and condenser entering and leaving temperatures taken hourly with the compressors in operation.
- e. The make, model and capacity of each evaporator and condensing unit.
- f. Voltmeter and ammeter readings for condensing units and evaporators.

#### 3.4 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Provide a framed and glassed control chart indicating a layout of the refrigeration systems, including piping, valves, wiring, and control mechanisms. Install control chart where directed. Submit printed instructions covering the maintenance and operation of refrigeration equipment. Tag shutoff valves in accordance with the printed instructions.

Provide special tools as necessary for repair and maintenance of the equipment.

#### 3.5 CLEANING

Remove masking-protection from stainless steel and other finished surfaces.

Wash and clean floors, walls, shelves, and ceilings inside rooms and exposed surfaces on the outside. Clean glass, fixtures and fittings.

#### 3.6 INSTRUCTING OPERATING PERSONNEL

Upon completion of the work and at a time designated by the Contracting Officer, provide for the instruction of Government personnel in the operation and maintenance of each refrigeration system. The period of instruction shall be for not less than one 8-hour working day.

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