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NOTE: This specification covers the requirements for power roof ventilators designed to exhaust air from a building by means of a motor-driven fan.

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, 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

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NOTE: Provide drawings that indicate and schedule the following:

Unit number

Location

Cubic meter feet per minute air

Static pressure kilopascal inches of water

Fan revolutions per minute

Type of fan

Type of wheel

Housing style

Maximum tip speed

Noise level in sones

Fan motor power

Drive type

Controls

Type of damper(s)

Type of screens

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#### 1.1 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

Provide power roof ventilator[s] [system] complete with all components and accessory equipment as specified in this section.

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NOTE: If Section 23 00 00 AIR SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION, VENTILATION, AND EXHAUST SYSTEMS is not included in the project specification, insert applicable requirements therefrom and delete the first paragraph. If Section 26 60 13.00 40 LOW-VOLTAGE MOTORS is not included in the project specification, insert applicable requirements therefrom and delete the second paragraph.

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[Section 23 00 00 AIR SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION, VENTILATION, AND EXHAUST SYSTEMS applies to work specified in this section.

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[Section 26 60 13.00 40 LOW-VOLTAGE MOTORS applies to this section.

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Submit [Manufacturer's Catalog Data](#), including [Equipment and Performance Data](#) for power roof ventilator(s). As a minimum, include the following data:

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NOTE: Insert the appropriate agency in items "d" and "f" below if applicable, ie. Army, Navy, etc. and delete NASA.

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a. Fan Type

b. Fan Specifications, including:

- (1) Number of rotating fan blades/vanes
- (2) Number of stationary fan blades/vanes
- (3) Rotating Speed(s)
- (4) Number of belts (if belt driven)
- (5) Belt Lengths- measured at the pitch line (if belt driven)
- (6) Diameter of the drive sheave at the drive pitch line (if belt

driven)

(7) Diameter of the driven sheave at the drive pitch line (if belt driven)

c. Location of Installation

d. [NASA] [\_\_\_\_\_] Identification Number

e. Date of Installation (Required or Actual Acceptance Date)

f. Applicable [NASA] [\_\_\_\_\_] reference drawing number(s)

## 1.2 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 are automatically 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/SEI 7-05 (2006) Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures

### ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM A 653/A 653M (2009a) Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron Alloy-Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip Process

ASTM B 209 (2007) Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate

ASTM B 209M (2007) Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate (Metric)

ASTM B 37 (2008) Standard Specification for Aluminum

for Use in Iron and Steel Manufacturer

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)

RCBEA GUIDE

(2004) NASA Reliability Centered Building  
and Equipment Acceptance Guide

UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES (UL)

UL 705

(2004; R 2004 thru 2009) Standard for  
Power Ventilators

### 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. Keep submittals 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, use a code of up to three characters within the submittal tags 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 reviews the submittal for the Government.] Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

#### SD-02 Shop Drawings

Submit Shop Drawings for power roof ventilator systems

Submit [Installation Drawings](#) for power roof ventilator systems

Submit [Record Drawings](#) for power roof ventilators in accordance with paragraph entitled, "General Requirements," of this section.

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

Submit [Equipment and Performance Data](#)

Submit [Manufacturer's Catalog Data](#)

[Housing](#)

[Fan](#)

[Motor](#)

[Bases](#)

[Roof Curbs](#)

[Dampers](#)

[Screens](#)

[Sound Baffles](#)

#### [SD-06 Test Reports](#)

[Tests](#)

### 1.4 PREDICTIVE TESTING AND INSPECTION TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

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NOTE: The Predictive Testing and Inspection (PT&I) tests prescribed in Section [01 86 12.07 40](#) RELIABILITY CENTERED ACCEPTANCE FOR MECHANICAL SYSTEMS are MANDATORY for all [NASA] [\_\_\_\_\_] assets and systems identified as Critical, Configured, or Mission Essential. If the system is non-critical, non-configured, and not mission essential, use sound engineering discretion to assess the value of adding these additional test and acceptance requirements. See Section [01 86 12.07 40](#) RELIABILITY CENTERED ACCEPTANCE FOR MECHANICAL SYSTEMS for additional information regarding cost feasibility of PT&I.

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This section contains systems and/or equipment components regulated by NASA's Reliability Centered Building and Equipment Acceptance Program. This program requires the use of Predictive Testing and Inspection (PT&I) technologies in conformance with [RCBEA GUIDE](#) to ensure building equipment and systems installed by the Contractor have been installed properly and contain no identifiable defects that shorten the design life of a system and/or its components. Satisfactory completion of all acceptance requirements is required to obtain Government approval and acceptance of the Contractor's work.

Perform PT&I tests and provide submittals as specified in Section

[1.5 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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NOTE: If the RCBEA tailoring option is deselected,  
remove the brackets, include this subpart and edit  
as applicable to the project.  
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NOTE: If Section 23 00 00 AIR SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION,  
VENTILATION, AND EXHAUST SYSTEMS is not included in  
the project specification, insert applicable  
requirements therefrom and delete the first  
paragraph. If Section 26 60 13.00 40 LOW-VOLTAGE  
MOTORS is not included in the project specification,  
insert applicable requirements therefrom and delete  
the second paragraph.  
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Section 23 00 00 AIR SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION, VENTILATION, AND EXHAUST SYSTEMS  
applies to work specified in this section. Submit detailed [Shop Drawings](#)  
for power roof ventilator systems, and detailed [Record Drawings](#) upon  
completion of the installation..

[Section 26 60 13.00 40 LOW-VOLTAGE MOTORS applies to this section.]

Submit [Manufacturer's Catalog Data](#), including all [Equipment and Performance Data](#) for power roof ventilator.

]1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

Rate and label ventilators in accordance with the applicable standards of  
the Air Movement Control Association, and license to bear the AMCA seal for  
both air and sound.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 DESIGN AND FABRICATION REQUIREMENTS

Provide roof ventilators that comply with [UL 705](#) and are furnished complete  
with bases, curbs, flashing flanges, noise baffles, dampers, damper  
controls, louvers, and screens as indicated.

Provide ventilators that are designed for windloads in accordance with  
[ASCE/SEI 7-05](#) with the installed design not less than 210[\_\_\_\_\_] kilometer  
per hour 130[\_\_\_\_\_] miles per hour windload. Provide structural bracing  
that is properly spaced to accommodate this loading and in accordance with  
the design requirements of the covering material. Provide ventilators that  
are adequately reinforced and well braced with joints properly formed.  
Provide edges that are wired or beaded where necessary to ensure rigidity.  
Prevent galvanic action between different metals in direct contact by  
nonconductive separators. Make all soldering even and smooth.

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NOTE: Retain the following paragraph only when  
protected metal is required.  
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Provide corrosion-resistant steel bolts, rivets, and other fastenings used in connection with protected metal.

## 2.2 HOUSING STYLE(S)

Provide [round mushroom style] [louvered penthouse style] [low contour style] [vertical discharge style] power roof ventilator as indicated.

## 2.3 FAN TYPE(S)

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NOTE: When possible the use of sealed bearings is encouraged. One of the major causes of bearing failures is over-lubrication and lubrication contamination. Using sealed bearings helps to eliminate this failure mode.  
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Provide fan of the following type(s):

### 2.3.1 Type C-PRV Centrifugal, Direct Drive

For Type C-PRV ventilator, provide a centrifugal roof ventilator with direct drive, nonoverloading, backward-inclined wheel. Provide vibration isolated drive with elastomer. Provide drive components that are mounted in a compartment isolated from airstream.

### 2.3.2 Type CB-PRV Centrifugal, V-Belt Drive

For Type CB-PRV ventilator provide a centrifugal roof ventilator with V-belt drive, nonoverloading, backward-inclined wheel. Provide vibration isolated drive with elastomer. Provide drive components that are mounted in a compartment isolated from airstream.

### 2.3.3 Type P-PRV Propeller, Direct Drive

For Type P-PRV ventilator, provide a propeller roof ventilator with direct drive that is vibration isolated with elastomer. Provide drive components that are mounted in a compartment isolated from airstream.

### 2.3.4 Type PB-PRV Propeller, V-Belt Drive

For Type PB-PRV ventilator, provide a propeller roof ventilator with V-belt drive that is vibration isolated with elastomer. Provide drive components that are mounted in a compartment isolated from airstream.

### 2.3.5 Type VA-PRV Vane Axial, Direct Drive

For Type VA-PRV ventilator, provide a vane axial roof ventilator with direct drive that is vibration isolated with elastomer.

### 2.3.6 Type VAB-PRV Vane Axial, V-Belt Drive

For Type VAB-PRV ventilator, provide a vane axial roof ventilator with V-belt drive that is vibration isolated with elastomer.

### 2.3.7 Type TA-PRV Tube Axial, Direct Drive

For Type TA-PRV ventilator, provide a tube axial roof ventilator with direct drive that is vibration isolated with elastomer.

### 2.3.8 Type TAV-PRV Tube Axial, V-Belt Drive

For Type TAV-PRV ventilator, provide a tube axial roof ventilator with V-belt drive that is vibration isolated with elastomer.

## 2.4 MATERIALS

Provide manufacturers' standard materials.

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NOTE: When more than one material is required,  
indicate location of various materials on the  
drawings.  
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### 2.4.1 Aluminum Alloy

Provide aluminum alloy in accordance with ASTM B 209M ASTM B 209 and ASTM B 37.

### 2.4.2 Zinc-Coated Steel

Provide zinc-coated steel in accordance with ASTM A 653/A 653M.

### 2.4.3 Fibrous Glass

Provide fibrous glass ventilators that are molded from a glass-fiber reinforced polyester resin with a pigmented polyester resin gel coat in manufacturer's standard color, and that are not less than .51 or more than 1.53 millimeter .02 and .06 inch thick. Provide matrix material that is not less than 30 percent, by weight, of chopped-fiber and random-strand glass fibers, and that is thoroughly saturated and impregnated with not more than 70 percent high-solids polyester resin with not less than 5 percent antimony trioxide fire-retardant additive. Provide material that is smooth, dense, and uniform in texture, color, and cross section and that is shatter-resistant, rigid, and free from visual defects, foreign inclusions, cracks, crazing, die lines, pinholes, striations, unsaturated and resin-poor areas, and excessive-resin areas.

## 2.5 FAN MOTOR

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NOTE: Modify voltage as required and select motor  
power based on air flow and static pressure in  
millimeter inches of water.  
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NOTE: When possible the use of sealed bearings is  
encouraged. One of the major causes of bearing  
failures is over lubrication and lubrication  
contamination. Using sealed bearings helps to  
eliminate this failure mode.  
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For belt drive motors smaller than 375 watt 1/2 horsepower, provide single-phase, 120 volts, 60 hertz with permanently lubricated ball bearings and provide split-phase type.

For motors 375 watt 1/2 horsepower and larger, provide three-phase [\_\_\_\_], 460 [\_\_\_\_] volts, 60 hertz.

Provide motors with local disconnects to provide means for fan and motor maintenance. Provide all motors with thermal overload protection. For motors located in airstreams, provide totally enclosed type.

For direct drive motors 375 watt 1/2 horsepower and smaller, provide the energy efficient permanent split capacitor type, single phase, 60 hertz.

## 2.6 BASES

For bases provided with the ventilators, provide factory formed, of the type indicated, of the same material as the hoods, and the thickness necessary to meet the design requirement for connection to the roof. Provide bases that are suitable for raised curb mounting where indicated. Form curb flanges of the base as cap flashing extending at least 50 millimeter 2 inches over roofing base. Where indicated or required, extend shafts of ventilators a sufficient distance through the supporting construction to permit attachment of vent ducts.

## 2.7 ROOF CURBS

Provide factory-formed metal ventilator curbs of the type and design required for the ventilator and suitable for roof configuration and flashing.

Provide job-built curbs that conform to the recommendations of the ventilator manufacturer, sized correctly for the ventilator, and suitable for type of supporting roof construction.

## 2.8 BACK-DRAFT DAMPERS

Provide gravity operated back-draft dampers with adjustable counterweight of the same material as fan housing.

[Provide motor operated back-draft dampers of the same material as fan housing.]

[Interlock damper actuating motor with fan motor.]

## 2.9 SCREENS

Provide [bird screens] [insert screens] with frames of the same material as that used in the ventilators and securely attach in a manner that permits easy removal for access and cleaning.

## 2.10 SOUND BAFFLES

Provide permanent construction sound baffles that are impervious to moisture. Provide removable baffles.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

Install power roof ventilators in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions. Properly coordinate installation of ventilators with other work. Coordinate anchors, attachments, and other items to be built, for installation as the work progresses. Rigidly install ventilators in a weathertight and watertight manner free from vibration. Refer to Section 23 05 48 VIBRATION AND SEISMIC CONTROLS FOR HVAC PIPING AND EQUIPMENT for vibration isolation considerations.

Submit Installation Drawings for power roof ventilator in accordance with referenced standards in this section.

### 3.2 TESTS

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NOTE: If the specified system is identified as critical, configured, or mission essential, use Section 01 86 12.07 40 RELIABILITY CENTERED ACCEPTANCE FOR MECHANICAL SYSTEMS to establish predictive and acceptance testing criteria. Include the first paragraph, delete the second paragraph and paragraphs entitled, Vibration Analyzer, Acceptance, Lubrication, and Final Test Reports, of this section.  
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Perform PT&I tests and provide submittals as specified in Section 01 86 12.07 40 RELIABILITY CENTERED ACCEPTANCE FOR MECHANICAL SYSTEMS.

[ After installation, test each power roof ventilator to demonstrate proper operation at indicated and specified performance requirements including running, balance, noise, and proper direction of fan rotation.

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#### [3.2.1 Vibration Analyzer

Use an FFT analyzer to measure vibration levels. The following characteristics are required: A dynamic range greater than 70 dB; a minimum of 400 line resolution; a frequency response range of 5 Hz-10 KHz(300-600000 cpm); the capacity to perform ensemble averaging, the capability to use a Hanning window; auto-ranging frequency amplitude; a minimum amplitude accuracy over the selected frequency range of plus or minus 20 percent or plus or minus 1.5 dB.

Use either stud-mounted accelerometer or mount using a rare earth, low mass magnet and sound disk (or finished surface) with the FFT analyzer to collect data. Provide accelerometer with mass and mounting that minimally influence the frequency response of the system over the selected measurement range.

#### ] [3.3 ACCEPTANCE

Prior to final acceptance, use precision alignment devices to demonstrate that fan and motor are aligned as specified.

Prior to final acceptance, verify conformance to specifications with vibration analysis. Provide vibration levels that are not more than .075 in/sec at 1 times run speed and at fan/blade frequency, and .04 in/sec at

other multiples of run speed.

] [3.4 LUBRICATION

Provide movable parts of dampers and related operating hardware that are lubricated in accordance with manufacturer's printed instructions and that operate smoothly and quietly without binding.

] [3.5 FINAL TEST REPORTS

Provide final test reports to the Contracting Officer. Provide reports with a cover letter/sheet clearly marked with the System name, Date, and the words "Final Test Reports - Forward to the Systems Engineer/Condition Monitoring Office/Predictive Testing Group for inclusion in the Maintenance Database."

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