RECOMMENDED SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOUND RETARDANT STEEL DOORS AND FRAMES

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this publication is to establish basic requirements for the specification, manufacture and installation of sound retardant steel doors, frame products and related items, for the guidance of Architects, Specifiers, users and producers.

SCOPE

Members of the Canadian Steel Door Manufacturer's Association (CSDMA) utilize this Specification as the minimum manufacturing standard for commercial, industrial, institutional sound retardant steel doors and frame products.

This publication contains information regarding materials, fabrication, handling and other related work, in accordance with Construction Specifications Canada's format for the National Master Specification (NMS), except where otherwise indicated.

This Specification contains certain options and items not applicable to every project. Therefore, it is not intended to be duplicated verbatim, but to be selectively edited and compiled, after due consideration of all factors relating to performance, function and architectural requirements.

The first two (2) pages of this document are provided as reference material only, and should not appear in project specifications.

All dimensions indicated are nominal. Requirements are stated in both imperial and corresponding hard metric values. Each is considered the standard for its measurement system. Specifiers are advised not to mix measurement systems.
All products, constructions and options included in this Specification are not necessarily available from each member manufacturer. Architects and Specifiers are encouraged to contact member manufacturers to assist in product selection to meet their project requirements.

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SPEC NOTE: Coordinate design and drawing requirements and Related Work of other Sections with the following CSDMA publications:
- *"Recommended Dimensional Standards for Commercial Steel Doors and Frames"*
- *"Selection and Usage Guide for Steel Doors and Frames"*
- *"Canadian Fire Labeling Guide"*

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 Work Included

As detailed or scheduled in the contract documents, supply only of:

.1 Sound retardant steel frame products, including frames, transom frames, sidelight and window assemblies, glazed or paneled, fire-rated and non-rated, including frame gasketing system.

SPEC NOTE: 'Flush' doors are defined as those without visible seams on faces of doors.

.2 Sound retardant steel doors, swing type, flush, with or without glazed openings, fire-rated and non-rated, including door bottom gasketing, and acoustical seal components.

1.2 Related Sections

.1	Building-in [and grouting] frame product into masonry	04 05 00
.2	Building-in frame product in [wood] [steel] stud walls	[06 10 00] [09 20 00]
.3	Installation of doors and hardware	06 20 00
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.11	Glass and glazing materials	08 80 00
.12	Field painting	09 90 00
.13	Wiring and/or conduit for electronic hardware	[ ]
14	Field measurements	[ ]
.15	Insulation of exterior frame product perimeter members	[ ]
.16	Fasteners for frame product in previously placed concrete, masonry or structural steel	[ ]
.17	Lintels, posts, columns, or other load bearing elements	[ ]

1.3 Defining Opening Sizes

SPEC NOTE: See the CSDMA publication, "Recommended Dimensional Standards for Commercial Steel Doors and Frames", for detailed listings of standard Metric (SI) and Imperial sizes. Non-standard (custom) metric and imperial sizes are available. Metric and imperial sizes should not be mixed.

.1 Width - Widths of openings shall be measured from inside to inside of frame jamb rabbets. (Referred to as "frame rabbet width" or "nominal door width")

.2 Height - Heights of openings shall be measured from the finished floor (exclusive of floor coverings) to the head rabbet of the frame. (Referred to as "frame rabbet height" or "nominal door height")

.3 Door Sizes - Doors shall be sized so as to fit the above openings and allow a 3 mm (0.125") nominal clearance at jambs and head of frame. A clearance of 19 mm (0.75") maximum shall be allowed between the bottom of the door and the finished floor (exclusive of floor coverings).

.4 Tolerances - Doors and frame product shall be manufactured and installed in accordance with the CSDMA's, "Recommended Dimensional Standards for Commercial Steel

Doors and Frames".

1.4 References

SPEC NOTE: The publications listed in Section 1.4 form part of this Specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in the text by basic designation only. When a more recent Standard is available, the Specifier must verify its applicability to the Specification prior to its inclusion.

.1 ANSI/NFPA 80, Standard for Fire Doors and Fire Windows
.2 ASTM A653/A653M, Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron Alloy Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip Process
.3 ASTM E90, Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements
.4 ASTM E413, Classification for Rating Sound Insulation
.5 CAN/ULC-S104, Standard Method for Fire Tests of Door Assemblies
.6 CAN/ULC-S106, Standard Method for Fire Tests of Window and Glass Block Assemblies
.7 CSA W59, Welded Steel Construction (Metal Arc Welding)
.8 CSDMA, Recommended Dimensional Standards for Commercial Steel Doors and Frames
.9 CSDMA, Selection and Usage Guide for Steel Doors and Frames
.10 CSDMA, Recommended Specifications for Commercial Steel Door and Frame Products

SPEC NOTE: The approved submittal drawings and the approved hardware schedule are the versions that have been provided to the contractor responsible for supply of steel door and frame products at the time of release for fabrication. These drawings and schedules are considered part of the contract documents.

1.5 Submittals

.1 Submit shop drawings in accordance with Section 01 33 23.
.2 Indicate each type of door, frame, steel, construction and core.
Indicate conformance with the accousical performance specifications and the materials required to achieve the ratings.
.3 Indicate material thickness, mortises, reinforcements, anchorages, locations of exposed fasteners, glazed or paneled openings, and arrangement of standard hardware.
.4 Include schedule identifying each unit, with door marks and numbers relating to numbering on drawings and door schedule of the Architect.
.5 Contractor responsible for coordination and installation of products provided under this Section shall;
  .1 Verify and provide to the contractor responsible for the supply of steel door and frame products, actual opening sizes and field conditions by field measurement before fabrication. Submittal drawings shall reflect measurements and conditions provided, and product manufactured accordingly. Coordinate field measurements with fabrication and construction schedules to avoid delays.
  .2 Verify that substrate conditions, whether existing or installed under other Sections, are as detailed in the Architect's drawings, and are acceptable for product installation in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
.6 Manufacturer shall not proceed with fabrication without receipt of approved submittal drawings and approved hardware schedule.

1.6 Warranty

Materials and workmanship shall be warranted by the manufacturer for a period of one (1) year from date of shipment, when stored and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of this Specification.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 Materials

.1 Acceptable Materials

Steel doors and frame product manufactured in accordance with this Specification by CSDMA members, are eligible for use on this project.

SPEC NOTE: Heavier galvanized coatings (reference ASTM A653) are available for specialized applications.

.2 Steel

Commercial grade steel to ASTM A653, CS, Type B, Coating Designation ZF75 (A25) minimum. Minimum steel thicknesses shall be in accordance with Appendix 1 of the CSDMA, "Recommended Specifications for Commercial Steel Door and Frame Products".

.3 Door Core Materials - Standard

.1 Sound Retardant Composite

Core materials for such units shall be manufacturer's proprietary standard, tested as part of a fully operable assembly, including door, frame, and gasketing system, in accordance with ASTM E90 and ASTM E413 to provide the Sound Transmission Class (STC) and sound Transmission Loss (TL) values within the critical frequency range, as specified by the [Architect] [Acoustic Consultant].

.4 Primers

Rust inhibitive touch-up only.

2.2 Fabrication - Frame Products

SPEC NOTE: "Frame Products" include steel frames, transom frames, sidelight and window assemblies. Section 2.2.1 applies to all construction 'types', unless indicated otherwise.

.1 General

SPEC NOTE: 14 gauge knocked-down frames are not generally available. Refer to the CSDMA, "Selection and Usage Guide for Steel Doors and Frames", and Table 1 of the CDSMA, "Recommended Specifications for Commercial Steel Door and Frame Products" for guidance on the selection of appropriate frame gauges.

.1 Frame product shall be manufacturer's proprietary standard construction, tested as part of a fully operable assembly, including door, frame, glazing and gasketing system, in accordance with ASTM E90 and ASTM E413 to provide the Sound Transmission Class (STC) and sound Transmission Loss (TL) values within the critical frequency range, as specified by the [Architect] [Acoustic Consultant].

.2 Frame products shall be mortised, blanked, reinforced, drilled and tapped at the factory for templated hardware only, in accordance with the approved hardware schedule and templates provided by the hardware supplier.

.3 Mortised cutouts shall be protected with steel guard boxes (may be omitted on dry wall applications).

.4 Frame products shall be reinforced only, where required, for surface mounted hardware, anchor hinges, thrust pivots, pivot reinforced hinges, or non-templated hardware. Drilling and tapping is by others, on site, at time of installation.

.5 Provide anchorage appropriate to floor, wall and frame construction. Quantities, types and

locations of wall anchorage shall be as per manufacturer's proprietary design.

.6 Frame product shall be prepared for and supplied complete with manufacturer's proprietary design of frame gasketing system.

.7 Provide factory-applied touch up primer at areas where zinc coating has been removed during fabrication.

SPEC NOTE: The following are not generally available as fire-rated products: thermally broken frame product, or louvers or dampers in transoms, sidelights or windows. Fire-rated transom frames, sidelight and window assemblies are generally available only as welded type products.

.8 Fire-rated frame products shall be provided for those openings requiring fire protection as determined and scheduled by the Architect. Frames, transom and sidelight assemblies shall be listed for conformance with CAN/ULC-S104. Accoustical gaskets and seals shall be appropriately listed for use on fire rated frames. Window assemblies shall be listed for conformance with CAN/ULC-S106. All fire-rated frame products shall bear the label of, and be listed by a nationally recognized testing agency having a factory inspection service. Labeling shall be in accordance with NFPA 80, the listing authority's policies and label materials, and shall identify the manufacturer. Fire-rated frame products shall be constructed as listed for labeling in the Follow-Up Service Procedures/Factory Inspection Manuals issued by the listing agency to individual manufacturers.

2.2.2 Welded Type

.1 Frame product shall be accurately mitered or mechanically jointed.

SPEC NOTE: Refer to Appendix 2 of the CSDMA, "Recommended Specifications for Commercial Steel Door and Frame Products", for illustrations of the weld types defined below. Edit 2.2.2.2 to include only those constructions referenced in 2.2.1.1.

.2 Corner joints shall be securely welded as per the manufacturer's proprietary construction.

.3 Joints at mullions, sills and center rails shall be securely welded as per the manufacturer's proprietary construction:

.4 Welding shall conform to CSA W59.

.5 Where frame product is to be installed prior to the adjacent partition, a floor anchor shall be securely attached to the inside of each jamb profile. Each floor anchor shall be provided with two (2) holes for securing to the floor. For conditions that do not permit the use of a floor anchor, an additional wall anchor, located within 150 mm (6") of the base of the jamb, shall be substituted.

.6 Weld in two (2) temporary jamb spreaders per door opening to maintain proper alignment during shipment and handling, which shall not be used for installation.

.7 Glazing stops shall be formed steel channel, minimum 16 mm (0.625") height, accurately fitted, butted at corners and fastened to frame sections with counter-sunk oval head sheet metal screws.

.8 Prior to shipment, mark each frame product with an identification number as shown on the approved submittal drawings.

2.3 Fabrication - Doors

.1 Doors shall be manufacturer's proprietary construction, tested as part of a fully operable assembly, including door, frame, glazing and gasketing system, in accordance with ASTM E90

and ASTM E413 to provide the Sound Transmission Class (STC) and sound Transmission Loss (TL) values within the critical frequency range, ass specified by the [Architect] [Acoustic Consultant].

.2 Doors shall be mortised, blanked, reinforced, drilled and tapped at the factory for templated hardware only, in accordance with the approved hardware schedule and templates provided by the hardware supplier.

.3 Holes 12.7 mm (0.5") diameter and larger shall be factory prepared, except mounting and through-bolt holes, which are by others, on site, at time of hardware installation. Holes less than 12.7 mm (0.5") diameter shall be factory prepared only when required for the function of the device (for knob, lever, cylinder, thumb or turn pieces) or when these holes over-lap function holes.

.4 Doors shall be reinforced only, where required, for surface mounted hardware, anchor hinges, thrust pivots, pivot reinforced hinges, or non-templated hardware. Drilling and tapping is by others, on site, at time of installation.

.5 Provide factory-applied touch-up primer at areas where zinc coating has been removed during fabrication.

.6 Fire-rated doors shall be provided for those openings requiring fire protection and temperature rise ratings, as determined and scheduled by the Architect. Such products shall be listed for conformance with CAN/ULC-S104. All fire-rated doors shall bear the label of, and be listed by a nationally recognized testing agency having a factory inspection service. Labeling shall be in accordance with NFPA 80, the listing authority's policies and label materials, and shall identify the manufacturer. Fire-rated doors shall be constructed as listed for labeling in the Follow-Up Service Procedures/Factory Inspection Manuals issued by the listing agency to individual manufacturers.

.7 Prior to shipment, mark each door with an identification number as shown on the approved submittal drawings.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 Site Storage and Protection of Materials

SPEC NOTE: Site storage and the protection of materials are not the responsibility of the steel door and frame manufacturer. The following is provided for the direction of the contractor responsible for site storage and protection of materials.

.1 Doors and frame product shall be removed from their wrappings or coverings upon receipt on site, be stored in a vertical position, and be spaced with blocking to permit air circulation between them.

.2 All materials shall be thoroughly inspected upon receipt and all discrepancies, deficiencies and/or damages shall be immediately reported, in writing, to the supplier.

.3 All damages incurred during shipment shall be noted on the carrier's Bill of Lading and immediately reported, in writing, to the supplier.

.4 Any scratches or disfigurement of doors or frame product caused by shipping or handling shall be promptly cleaned and touched-up with a zinc-rich primer.

.5 All materials shall be properly stored on planks or dunnage, out of water and covered to protect from damage from any cause.

3.2 Installation

SPEC NOTE: Refer to the manufacturer's installation instructions for detailed recommendations. Installation is not the responsibility of the steel door and frame manufacturer. The

following is provided as recommendations for the contractor responsible for installation of these products.

.1 Prior to installation, remove temporary shipping spreaders.
.2 Prior to installation, the area of floor on which the frame is to be installed, and within the path of the door swing, shall be checked and corrected for flatness.
.3 Door and frame product shall be checked for correct size, swing, rating and opening number.
.4 The supplier shall be advised of any discrepancies prior to installation.
.5 Set frames plumb, square, level and at correct elevation.
.6 Fire-rated door and frame product shall be installed in accordance with the terms of their listings, NFPA-80, or the local Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).
.7 Secure anchorages and connections to adjacent construction.
.8 Brace frames rigidly in position while building-in. Install wood spreaders at third points of frame rebate height to maintain frame width. Provide vertical support at centre of head for openings exceeding 1200 mm (48") in width.
.9 During the setting of frame product, check and correct as necessary for opening width, opening height, square, alignment, twist and plumb, in accordance with the CSDMA, "Recommended Dimensional Standards for Commercial Steel Doors and Frames".
.10 Remove wood spreaders after frames have been built-in.

SPEC NOTE: The use of water-based masonry grout, with or without antifreeze agents, should be carefully weighed during the specification process. The grouting of mullions and other closed sections is not recommended, and plaster based grouts should not be used. Grouting is not required for fire-rated frame product.

.11 Make allowance for deflection to ensure structural loads are not transmitted to frame product.
.12 Install doors, and hardware in accordance with hardware templates and manufacturer's instructions.
.13 Adjust operable parts for correct clearances and function.
.14 Install glazing.
.15 Finish paint in accordance with Section 09 90 00.

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