

SECTION 12 21 00

WINDOW BLINDS
08/17

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SUMMARY

Provide window treatment, complete with necessary brackets, fittings, and hardware. Provide each window treatment type as a complete unit in accordance with paragraph WINDOW TREATMENT PLACEMENT SCHEDULE. Mount and operate equipment in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Completely cover windows to receive a treatment.

1.2 REFERENCES

The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only.

JAPANESE STANDARDS ASSOCIATION (JSA)

JIS A 1901	(2015) Determination of the Emission of Volatile Organic Compounds and Aldehydes by Building Products - Small Chamber Test Method
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1.3 SUBMITTALS

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.] Submittals with an "S" are for inclusion in the Sustainability eNotebook, in conformance to Section 01 33 29 SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING. Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

SD-02 Shop Drawings

Installation

SD-10 Operation and Maintenance Data

Window Blinds; G[, [_____]]

[1.4 CERTIFICATIONS

1.4.1 Window Blinds

Provide products certified to meet indoor air quality requirements by JIS A 1901 or provide certification or validation by other third-party program that products meet the requirements of this Section. Provide current product certification documentation from certification body. When product does not have certification, provide validation that product meets the indoor air quality product requirements cited herein.

1.5 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

Deliver components to the jobsite in the manufacturer's original packaging with the brand or company name, item identification, and project reference clearly marked. Store components in a dry location that is adequately ventilated and free from dust, water, or other contaminants and has easy access for inspection and handling. Store materials flat in a clean dry area with temperature maintained above 10 degrees C. Do not open containers until needed for installation unless verification inspection is required.

1.6 WARRANTY

Provide manufacturer's standard performance guarantees or warranties that extend beyond a 1 year period.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 WINDOW BLINDS

Provide each blind, including hardware, accessory items, mounting brackets and fastenings, as a complete unit produced by one manufacturer. Unless otherwise indicated, all parts will be the same color and will match the color of the blind slat. Treat steel features for corrosion resistance. Submit product data and samples of each type and color of window treatment. Provide [slat][louver] samples 150 mm in length for each color.[Window blinds must meet emissions requirements of JIS A 1901 (use the office or classroom requirement, regardless of space type). Provide certification or validation of indoor air quality for window blinds.]

2.1.1 Horizontal Blinds

Provide horizontal blinds with[50 mm][25 mm] slats. Blind units must be capable of nominally 180 degree partial tilting operation and full-height raising. Blinds must be [inside][outside] mount. Provide tapes for 50 mm slats with longitudinal reinforced vinyl plastic in 1-piece turn ladder construction. Tapes for 25 mm slats must be braided polyester or nylon.

2.1.1.1 Head Channel and Slats

Provide head channel made of[steel or] aluminum with corrosion-resistant finish nominal[0.46 mm for 50 mm][0.61 mm for 25 mm] slats. Provide slats of aluminum, not less than [0.203][0.152][0.813] mm thick, and of sufficient strength to prevent sag or bow in the finished blind. Provide a sufficient amount of slats to assure proper control, uniform spacing, and adequate overlap. Enclose all hardware in the headrail.

2.1.1.2 Controls

A transparent tilting wand will be provided to tilt the slats, it will hang vertically by its own weight, and will swivel for easy operation. Provide a tilter control of enclosed construction. Provide moving parts and mechanical drive made of compatible materials which do not require lubrication during normal expected life. The tilter will tilt the slats to any desired angle and hold them at that angle so that any vibration or movement of ladders and slats will not drive the tilter and change the angle of slats. Include a mechanism to prevent over tightening. Provide a wand of sufficient length to reach to within 1500 mm of the floor.

[Provide cordless blinds .]

2.1.1.3 Intermediate Brackets

Provide intermediate brackets for installation, as recommended by the manufacturer, of blinds over [1200][1500][2100] mm wide.

2.1.1.4 Bottom Rail

Provide bottom rail made of corrosion-resistant steel with factory applied finish. Provide closed oval shaped bottom rail with double-lock seam for maximum strength. Bottom rail and end caps to match slats in color.

2.1.1.5 Braided Ladders

Provide braided ladders of 100 percent polyester yarn, color to match the slat color. Space ladders 15.2 slats per 300 mm of drop in order to provide a uniform overlap of the slats in a closed position.

2.1.1.6 Hold-Down Brackets

Provide universal type hold-down brackets for sill or jamb mount where indicated on placement list.

2.1.2 Light Control and Privacy Blinds

In addition to requirements for horizontal blinds, provide each unit with a feature that offers hidden slat holes for maximum light control and privacy.

2.1.3 Vertical Blinds

Provide vertical blind units capable of nominal 180 degree partial tilting operation and full stackback. Provide blinds that are listed by the manufacturer as designed for heavy duty strength applications including heavy duty hardware. Provide [ceiling][wall] mounted vertical blinds with [outside][inside] brackets. Provide blinds that are [sill][floor] length. Outside mount type installation must provide adequate overlap to control light and privacy.

2.1.3.1 Louvers

Provide louvers [which are fire resistant solid vinyl, UV stable, and impact resistant.][which are flame retardant fabric having straight, flat, unfrayed edges and flat, without noticeable twists. Provide a weight at the bottom of the louver without the insert discoloring the fabric.] [which are groover extruded from solid vinyl with clear non-yellowing channel lips to accept fabric inserts. Provide fabric inserts that are flame retardant and colorfast.] Louvers that are [90 mm must overlap not less than 10 mm][50 mm must overlap not less than mm] and be dimensionally stable.

2.1.3.2 Carriers

Provide carriers to support each louver made of molded plastic to transverse on self-fabricated wheels for smooth, easy operation. The hook of the carrier must have an automatic latch to permit easy installation and removal of the louver, and to securely lock the louver for tilting and traversing.

2.1.3.3 Headrail System

Provide headrail system not less than 1.19 mm thick and made of anodized aluminum alloy or 0.635 mm thick phosphate treated steel with a baked on ivory gloss enamel paint finish. Provide a headrail that extends the full width of the blind and can be closed with an end cap at each end and contain the traversing and tilting controls. One cap will contain the traversing and tilting controls. The opposite cap will house the pulley for the traversing cord.

2.1.3.4 Valance

Attach the manufacturer's standard valance to the headrail by metal or plastic holders which grip the top and bottom edge of the valance and accept an insert of the same material as the slats. Provide sufficient clearance behind the valance to permit the louvers to tilt without interference. Extend the headrail cover the full width of the blind.[Provide returns].

2.1.3.5 Controls

Provide tilting and traversing controls that hang compactly at the side of the blinds and reach within 1500 mm of the floor. Provide [tilt/traverse control][bead chain tilting control] that tilts all vanes simultaneously to any desired angle and hold them at that angle. Provide louvers that traverse [one way to the right] [one way to the left] [two-way split]. [A fiberglass wand that tilts the louvers by turning the wand and traverses the louvers by using the wand as a control]. Sliding glass doors will have a one way draw with stackback occurring opposite door openings.

2.1.3.6 Connectors and Spacers

The connector must be flexible, smooth and flat to slide unhindered when carriers move independently of each other, and to nest compactly when carriers are stacking. Relate the length of the links to the louver width in order to equally space the traversing louvers, to maintain uniform and adequate overlap of louvers, and to fully cover the width of the opening.

2.1.3.7 Intermediate Brackets

Provide intermediate installation brackets for blinds over 1575 mm wide.

2.2 COLOR

Provide color, pattern and texture [in accordance with Section 09 06 00 SCHEDULES FOR FINISHES][as indicated][selected from manufacturer's standard colors][____]. Color listed is not intended to limit the selection of equal colors from other manufacturers.]

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

After becoming familiar with details of the work, verify all dimensions in the field, and advise the Contracting Officer of any discrepancy before performing the work.

3.2 WINDOW TREATMENT PLACEMENT SCHEDULE

[All exterior windows include [____].] [Provide window covering as follows:

Room Number/Name	Window Covering Type	Vertical Blind Draw Direction	Window Type	Quantity
[____]	[____]	[____]	[____]	[____]

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3.3 INSTALLATION

Do not install building construction materials that show visual evidence of biological growth.

Submit drawings showing fabrication and Installation details. Show layout and locations of track, direction of draw, mounting heights, and details. Provide Manufacturer's Instructions and Operation and Maintenance Data. Perform installation of window blinds in accordance with the approved detail drawings and manufacturer's installation instructions. Install units level, plumb, secure, and at proper height and location relative to window units. Provide and install supplementary or miscellaneous items in total, including clips, brackets, or anchorages incidental to or necessary for a sound, secure, and complete installation. Do not start installation until completion of room painting and finishing operations.

3.4 CLEAN-UP

Upon completion of the installation, inspect window treatments for soiling, damage or blemishes; and adjust them for form and appearance and proper operating condition. Repair or replace damaged units as directed by the Contracting Officer. Isolate metal parts from direct contact with concrete, mortar, or dissimilar metals. Ensure blinds installed in recessed pockets can be removable without disturbing the pocket. The entire blind, when retracted, must be contained behind the pocket. For blinds installed outside the jambs and mullions, overlap each jamb and mullion 20 mm or more when the jamb and mullion sizes permit. Include all hardware, brackets, anchors, fasteners, and accessories necessary for a complete, finished installation.

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