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Standard Specification for Steel Air Ventilating Grille Units for Detention Areas¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification applies to air ventilating grille units for detention areas, assembled in part from materials conforming to Specifications A 627, A 628, and A 629.

1.2 The assemblies described herein are intended to provide two types of security, designated Type A and Type B.

1.2.1 *Type A*—A ventilation unit, utilizing homogeneous TR steel bars for the principal security component.

1.2.2 *Type B*—A ventilation unit utilizing perforated tool-resisting steel plate for the principal security component.

1.3 It is presumed that equipment manufacturers will fabricate and assemble the materials so as not to impair the performance characteristics specified in the applicable material specifications.

1.4 The descriptions herein of certain assemblies are not intended to infer that other assemblies cannot be used to obtain similar results.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- A 6/A 6M Specification for General Requirements for Rolled Structural Steel Bars, Plates, Shapes, and Sheet Piling²
- A 29/A 29M Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon and Alloy, Hot-Wrought and Cold-Finished, General Requirements for³
- A 627 Specification for Homogeneous Tool-Resisting Steel Bars for Security Applications⁴
- A 628 Specification for Tool-Resisting Composite Steel Plates for Security Applications⁵
- A 629 Specification for Tool-Resisting Steel Flat Bars and Shapes for Security Applications⁴

² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.04.

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 grille unit—assembly of steel plate, round bars, flat bars, wire mesh, and other steel shapes, suitably fastened by welds, rivets, bolts, or other means in walls and ceilings for the purpose of permitting air to flow in or out of detention areas while preventing ingress or egress of persons confined therein.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 Equipment Manufacturer—A manufacturer who fabricates and assembles security products, including toolresisting steel enclosures, for installation in areas requiring security against ingress and egress. This manufacturer processes the semifinished bar to produce a finished bar suitable for fabrication into components and is responsible for all heat treating and other fabricating processes to obtain the performance characteristics specified. The manufacturer is also responsible for fabricating and assembling all ancillary items so as not to impair the performance characteristics of the materials.

3.2.2 *Performance Characteristics*—The response to tests of specific materials as required in Specifications A 627, A 628, and A 629.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material under this specification shall include the following information:

4.1.1 Description of Bars:

4.1.1.1 Name of material (homogeneous steel, mild steel, or other name),

4.1.1.2 Cross section (double ribbed round, hexagon, or other shape),

4.1.1.4 ASTM designation A 627 and date of issue.

4.1.2 Description of Flat Bars and Shapes:

4.1.2.1 Dimensions (thickness, width, web thickness, other descriptions of special shapes), and

4.1.2.2 ASTM designation A 629 and date of issue.

4.1.3 Description of Tool-Resisting Composite Plate:

- 4.1.3.1 Dimensions (width, length, and thickness),
- 4.1.3.2 Size and spacing of holes in plate, and
- 4.1.3.3 ASTM designation A 628 and date of issue.

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³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.05.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol. 04.07.

⁵ Discontinued; see 1982 Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.03.

^{4.1.1.3} Dimensions (nominal diameter), and

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4.1.4 Description of Wire Mesh:

4.1.4.1 Material description (welded wire mesh, woven wire mesh), and

4.1.4.2 Free air requirements.

4.1.5 Description of Framing Members:

4.1.5.1 Material description (thickness, width, length).

4.1.6 Description of Fastening:

4.1.6.1 Welding where required,

4.1.6.2 Bolting (methods of preventing removal of nuts),

4.1.6.3 Riveting (methods of securing against attack), and

4.1.6.4 Embedding in concrete or masonry construction.

4.1.7 Drawings to describe assembly of components into complete grille unit.

4.1.8 ASTM designation A 750 and date of issue.

4.1.9 Designation of security type—A or B.

4.1.10 Exterior dimensions of each grille unit in a series or schedule.

4.1.11 Free air requirements of each grille unit in a series or schedule.

4.1.12 Whether a certificate of conformance is required (see 7.1).

4.1.13 Special requirements, if any.

5. Physical Requirements

5.1 *Type A* (Figs. 1-3):

5.1.1 Homogeneous Bars:

5.1.1.1 Homogeneous bars shall be in accordance with Specification A 627.

5.1.1.2 The spacing between the homogeneous bars shall be $4 \pm \frac{1}{16}$ in. (101.6 \pm 1.6 mm) on centers.

5.1.2 Steel Flat Bars:

5.1.2.1 Non-tool-resisting steel bars, conforming to any of the specifications of Specifications A 6 and A 29, are acceptable. Other steel bars may also be used as agreed upon between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

5.1.2.2 The steel flat bars shall be $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) thick by $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. (63.5 mm) wide.

5.1.3 Wire Mesh-3/8 in. mesh, 10-gage steel wire.

5.1.4 Frame Bar (Figs. 2 and 3):

5.1.4.1 The frame bars shall be $\frac{3}{16}$ in. (4.8 mm) thick by the dimensions shown on Figs. 2 and 3.

5.1.4.2 Non-tool-resisting steel bars, conforming to any of the specifications of Specifications A 6 and A 29, are acceptable. Other steel bars may also be used as agreed upon between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

5.1.5 Fastening:

5.1.5.1 Frame bar shall be bolted to hold wire mesh to the frame of the grille unit (Figs. 2 and 3).

5.1.5.2 Threads shall be battered to prevent nut removal.

5.1.5.3 Steel flat bars shall be welded to the supports (Figs. 1-3).



FIG. 1 Vent Grille in Plate Wall or Ceiling Supply or Exhaust.



FIG. 3 Vent Grille in Concrete Wall Supply or Exhaust.

5.2 *Type B* (Figs. 4-6):

5.2.1 Composite Steel Plate:

5.2.1.1 The dimensions shall be $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6.3 mm) thick by length by width.

5.2.1.2 Composite steel plate shall be in accordance with Specification A 628.

5.2.1.3 The free area of each perforation shall be a minimum of 1.75 in.^2 (44.4 mm²).

5.2.1.4 The dimension of each perforation in the plate walls shall be $2 \pm \frac{1}{16}$ in.² (50.8 \pm 1.6 mm²) (Fig. 4).

5.2.1.5 The distance between perforations shall be $1 \pm \frac{1}{16}$ in. (25.4 ± 1.6 mm) in each direction.

5.2.2 Wire Mesh-3/8 in. mesh, 10-gage steel wire.

5.2.3 Fastening:

5.2.3.1 The mesh shall be attached to the composite plate by means of bolts or studs.

5.2.3.2 Threads shall be battered to prevent nut removal.

6. Inspection

6.1 All tests and inspections shall be made prior to shipment unless otherwise specified or agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier as a part of the purchase contract.

7. Certification

7.1 When specified on the purchase order, the equipment manufacturer shall furnish a certificate of conformance that the grille unit was manufactured in accordance with the requirements of this specification.

8. Keywords

8.1 air ventilating grille units; detention; perforated toolresisting steel plate; security; steel air ventilating grille units; steel bars; tool-resistance; tool-resisting steel bars; toolresisting steel plate







FIG. 6 Vent in Masonry Wall Supply or Exhaust.

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