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DIVISION: 23 00 00 — HEATING VENTILATING, AND AIR-CONDITIONING (HVAC)
Section: 23 31 16.16 — Thermoset Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic Ducts

REPORT HOLDER:

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EVALUATION SUBJECT:**Spunstrand Standard and Insulated Underslab Ducts****1. EVALUATION SCOPE****Compliance with the following codes:**

- 2012, 2009 and 2006 *International Residential Code*® (IRC)
- 2012, 2009 and 2006 *International Mechanical Code*® (IMC)

Compliance with following standards:

- LC1014 Listing Criteria for Underground Plastic Air Ducts
- UL 181 Standard for Safety for Factory-Made Air Ducts and Connectors

2. USES

The Spunstrand Standard and Insulated Underslab ducts described in this report are used as Class 1 air ducts with a maximum rated positive pressure equivalent to 10-inch water column, a maximum rated negative pressure of 4.8-inch water column and a maximum velocity of 2,500 feet per minute. Additional details are given in Table 1.

3. DESCRIPTION

The standard (noninsulated) duct is constructed with filament-wound, polyester resin-impregnated, continuous fiberglass strands wound over an inner liner of a Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) listed Class 1 duct liner identified as Lamtec R-3070 Foil-Scrim-Kraft liner, manufactured by the Lamtec Corporation, Mount Bethel, Pennsylvania. Also available is an insulated duct using the same UL listed Class 1 duct liner. The insulation is identified as $\frac{5}{8}$ inch thick Elfoam brand modified isocyanurate foam, manufactured by the Elliott Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, and having a 1.9-pcf density and a Class 1 flame-spread classification when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84.

The same filament-wound manufacturing method described above with sandwich-type construction providing fiberglass reinforced plastic on both sides of the insulation is used for the insulated ducts. The ducts are manufactured in 4-inch through 70-inch diameters. The 4-inch through 26-inch ducts are available in 20-foot lengths and the larger sizes in 10-foot lengths. Straight sections of the duct are joined by using a 6-inch-wide internal sheet metal sleeve of No. 26 gage to No. 22 gage (0.0187 inch to 0.0296 inch thick) galvanized steel, depending upon the duct size. The sleeve is first screw-attached to one section of pipe to be joined using no fewer than three equally spaced sheet metal screws for ducts through 12-inch diameter, five screws for ducts 26-inch through 36-inch diameter and sixteen screws for ducts larger than 36 inches. A bead of Presstite No. 579.6 Waterproof Mastic is applied around the circumference at the end of the duct. The adjacent section of duct is slipped over the sleeve and pressed tightly against the mastic, forming a waterproof seal. Sheet metal screws then secure the second section of duct to the sleeve. Finally, the joint is wrapped with Nashua Type 357 duct closure tape. As an alternate to the Nashua 357 duct tape, a single wrap of 4-inch-wide Polyken 260 Foilastic tape with P-29 primer provided by Spunstrand Inc. may be used.

Standard fittings similarly constructed, such as ells, wyes, tees, crosses, branches concentric and eccentric reducers are available. Attachment procedures of these fittings are similar to those for straight sections. Trenches are dug for the duct on the desired locations, allowing for cover around the duct for a minimum of 4 inches of pea gravel or other select fill material approved by the building official. After all joint connections are made as described above and the duct system is lowered into position, backfilling is completed and the concrete slab is poured on top. The top of the duct should be a minimum of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches and a maximum of 5 feet below the concrete slab.

4. INSTALLATION**4.1 General:**

Installation must be in accordance with the manufacturer's published installation instructions and Section 603 of the *International Mechanical Code*® (IMC).

Ducts evaluated in this report shall only be installed underground or embedded, and shall not be used in exposed applications.

4.2 Duct Sizing:

Ducts must be sized in accordance with Section 603.2 (Duct Sizing) of the *International Mechanical Code*® (IMC).

5. CONDITIONS OF USE

Spunstrand Standard and Insulated Underslab Ducts described in this report comply with, or are suitable alternatives to what is specified in, those codes listed in Section 1 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

- 5.1 Ducts must be installed in accordance with manufacturer’s published installation instructions.
- 5.2 The maximum temperature for air conveyed by the ducts in this report shall be 150 °F (66°C) at the discharge of the unit entering the system.
- 5.3 Ducts shall have a minimum slope of 1/8 inch per foot (10.4mm/m) to allow drainage to a point provided with access.
- 5.4 The design of concrete slabs with embedded air duct pipe is beyond the scope of this report.
- 5.5 Underground air duct pipes located below the base flood elevation shall be designed and installed to resist hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and stresses, including the effects of buoyancy, during

the occurrence of the flooding to the design floor elevation, in accordance with Section 603.13 (Flood hazard areas) of IMC.

5.6 The maximum depth Below Flood Elevation at which the duct can be installed, based on testing in accordance with Section 4.3.2 of LC1014.

5.7 Spunstrand Standard and Insulated Underslab Ducts are manufactured by Spunstrand Inc. in Wallace, Idaho, under a quality control program with annual surveillance inspections by RADCO (AA-650).

6. IDENTIFICATION

Each piece of The Spunstrand Standard and Insulated Underslab Ducts must be permanently and legibly marked at interval of not greater than 10 feet (3.0 m) with following items:

- Manufacturer’s name or trademark
- The rated air velocity
- The rated negative and positive pressure
- ICC-ES PMG mark of conformity.

TABLE 1—SPUNSTRAND UNDERSLAB AIR DUCT PHYSICAL DATA

NOMINAL INSIDE DIAMETERS (inches)	STANDARD DUCT—NO INSULATION			INSULATED DUCT ¹				
	Wall Construction		Approx. Weight (lbs./ft.)	Inner Wall		Outer Wall		Approx. Weight (lbs./ft.)
	No. of Plies	Nom. Wall Thickness (inch)		No. of Plies	Nom. Wall Thickness (inch)	No. of Plies	Nom. Wall Thickness (inch)	
4	3	0.0675	0.9	2	0.0450	3	0.0675	1.5
5	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	1.8
6	0	0	1.2	0	0	0	0	2.2
7	0	0	1.4	0	0	0	0	2.6
8	0	0	1.6	0	0	0	0	3.0
9	0	0	1.7	0	0	0	0	3.4
10	0	0	1.9	0	0	0	0	3.7
12	0	0	2.2	0	0	0	0	4.9
14	0	0	2.5	0	0	0	0	5.3
16	4	0.0900	3.8	0	0	0	0	5.9
18	0	0	4.2	0	0	0	0	6.7
20	0	0	4.6	0	0	0	0	7.5
22	5	0.1125	6.2	0	0	0	0	8.2
24	0	0	6.7	3	0.0675	4	0.0900	10.6
26	0	0	7.2	0	0	0	0	11.7
28	6	0.1350	9.2	0	0	0	0	12.5
30	0	0	9.8	0	0	0	0	13.3
32	0	0	10.5	0	0	0	0	14.4
36	8	0.1800	15.6	4	0.0900	0	0	17.7
42	9	0.2025	20.3	0	0	0	0	20.4
48	10	0.2250	25.5	0	0	0	0	23.3
54	12	0.2700	31.6	0	0	5	0.1125	32.7
60	13	0.2925	37.8	0	0	6	0.1350	40.3
70	15	0.3375	57.3	5	0.1125	9	0.2025	65.9

¹Thickness shown does not include the 5/8-inch-thick foam core.