

SECTION 26 05 33 - RACEWAY & BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Rigid metal conduit and fittings.
- B. Electrical metallic tubing and fittings.
- C. Flexible metal conduit and fittings.
- D. Liquid-tight flexible metal conduit and fittings.
- E. Non-metallic conduit and fittings.
- F. Fire stopping.
- G. Sealing of conduit penetrations through walls.
- H. Wall and ceiling outlet boxes.
- I. Pull and junction boxes.

1.2 COORDINATION OF WORK PROVIDED UNDER OTHER SPECIFICATION DIVISIONS

- A. The Contractor shall coordinate requirements for conduit and boxes associated with the following:
 - 1. Telecommunications – Section 27 10 00
 - 2. Fire Alarm System – Section 28 31 13
 - 3. Door Access Controls – Section 28 13 00

1.3 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 26 27 26 - Wiring Devices
- B. Section 27 10 00 – Structured Cabling System
- C. Section 28 31 23 - Fire Alarm System.

1.4 REFERENCES

- A. ANSI C80.1 - Rigid Steel Conduit, Zinc-Coated.
- B. ANSI C80.3 - Electrical Metallic Tubing, Zinc-Coated.
- C. ANSI/NEMA FB 1 - Fittings and Supports for Conduit and Cable Assemblies.
- D. NEMA TC-2 - Electrical Plastic Tubing (EPT) and Conduit (EPC-40 and EPC-80).

- E. NEMA TC-3 - PVC Fittings for use with Rigid PVC Conduit and Tubing.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: Provide dimensions, knockout sizes and locations, materials, fabrication details, finishes, and accessories, for junction and pull boxes greater than 36 sq. in size.

1.6 PROJECT RECORD DRAWINGS

- A. Submit documents under provisions of Division 01 and Section 26 00 00.
- B. Record actual locations of underground conduits.

1.7 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Verify field measurements are as shown on Drawings.
- B. Electrical boxes are shown in approximate locations unless dimensioned. Install at location required for box to serve intended purpose. Include installation within 10 feet of location shown.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 RIGID METAL CONDUIT AND FITTINGS

- A. Rigid Steel Conduit: ANSI C80.1.
- B. Fittings and Conduit Bodies: ANSI/NEMA FB 1; threaded type, material to match conduit.

2.2 ELECTRICAL METALLIC TUBING (EMT) AND FITTINGS

- A. EMT: ANSI C80.3. galvanized tubing.
- B. Fittings and Conduit Bodies: ANSI/NEMA FB 1; steel compression type.

2.3 FLEXIBLE METAL CONDUIT AND FITTINGS

- A. Conduit: steel.
- B. Fittings and Conduit Bodies: ANSI/NEMA FB 1.

2.4 PLASTIC CONDUIT AND FITTINGS

- A. Conduit: NEMA TC-2 Schedule 40 PVC.
- B. Fittings and Conduit Bodies: NEMA TC-3.

2.5 LIQUID-TIGHT FLEXIBLE CONDUIT AND FITTINGS

- A. Conduit: Flexible metal conduit with PVC jacket.

- B. Fittings and Conduit Bodies: ANSI/NEMA FB 1.

2.6 CONDUIT SUPPORTS

- A. Conduit Clamps, Straps, and Supports: Steel or malleable iron.

2.7 FIRE STOP

- A. Fire stopping materials shall be NRTL listed to UL 1479 (ASTM E814). Installation methods shall conform to a UL fire stopping system. Submit specifications and installation drawings for the type of material to be used. Fire stopping materials shall be as manufactured by *3M, International Protective Coatings Corp., Specified Technologies, Inc., Carborundum Company, RayChem, Nelson Fire Stop* or approved equal.

2.8 OUTLET BOXES

- A. Sheet Metal Outlet Boxes: ANSI/NEMA OS 1, galvanized steel.
 - 1. Luminaire and Equipment Supporting Boxes: Rated for weight of equipment supported; include ½ inch male fixture studs where required.
- B. Cast Boxes: NEMA FB 1, Type FD. Provide gasketed cover by box manufacturer. Provide threaded hubs.

2.9 PULL AND JUNCTION BOXES

- A. Sheet Metal Boxes: NEMA OS1, galvanized steel.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 CONDUIT SIZING, ARRANGEMENT, AND SUPPORT

- A. Size conduit for conductor type installed, 3/4-inch minimum.
- B. Arrange conduit to maintain headroom and present a neat appearance.
- C. Route conduit parallel and perpendicular to walls, ceiling joists, and adjacent piping. In spaces where exposed ceiling joists exist, route conduit at ceiling deck between joists. Do not drill through joists without prior permission from Architect.
- D. Maintain minimum 6-inch clearance between conduit and heat sources such as flues, steam pipes and heating appliances.
- E. Arrange conduit supports to prevent distortion of alignment by wire pulling operations. Fasten conduit using galvanized straps, lay-in adjustable hangers, clevis hangers, or bolted split stamped galvanized hangers.

- F. Group conduit in parallel runs where practical and use conduit rack constructed of steel channel with conduit straps or clamps. Provide space for 25 percent additional conduit.
- G. Do not fasten conduit with wire or perforated pipe straps. Remove all wire used for temporary conduit support during construction, before conductors are pulled.
- H. Support conduit at spacing not to exceed limits stipulated in NFPA 70.

3.2 CONDUIT INSTALLATION

- A. Cut conduit square using a saw or a pipecutter; de-burr cut ends.
- B. Bring conduit to the shoulder of fittings and couplings and fasten securely.
- C. Use conduit hubs or sealing locknuts for fastening conduit to cast boxes, and for fastening conduit to sheet metal boxes in damp or wet locations.
- D. Install no more than the equivalent of three 90-degree bends between boxes.
- E. Use conduit bodies to make sharp changes in direction, as around beams.
- F. Use hydraulic one-shot conduit bender or factory elbows for bends in conduit larger than 1-inch size.
- G. Avoid moisture traps where possible; where unavoidable, provide junction box with drain fitting at conduit low point.
- H. Use suitable conduit caps to protect installed conduit against entrance of dirt and moisture.
- I. Provide No. 12 AWG insulated conductor or suitable nylon pull rope in empty conduit, except sleeves and nipples.
- J. Install expansion joints where conduit crosses building expansion joints.
- K. Where conduit penetrates walls or floors, seal opening around conduit. Use UL listed foamed silicone elastomer compound for fire rated walls.
- L. Route conduit through roof openings for piping and ductwork where possible; otherwise, route through roof jack with pitch pocket.
- M. Do not install conduits within the poured-in-place floor slabs above grade.
- N. Where conduit(s) pass(es) from refrigerated or cooled atmosphere to warmer areas where condensation of water vapor may occur within raceways, conduit bodies sealed with "Duct Seal" type compound shall be provided after conductors are installed.
- O. Flexible conduit shall not exceed three (3) feet in length.
- P. Install top of underground conduit 30 inches (min.) below finished grade.

- Q. Slope underground conduit away from building.
- R. Use rigid galvanized steel conduit sweeps for underground elbows in conduit sizes 2 inch and larger.

3.3 CONDUIT INSTALLATION SCHEDULE

- A. Underground Installations: PVC Schedule 40.
- B. Exposed Outdoor Locations: Rigid steel conduit.
- C. Concealed Interior Locations: Electrical metallic tubing.
- D. Exposed Interior Locations: Electrical metallic tubing.
- E. Interior Motor Connections: Flexible metal conduit.
- F. Exterior Motor Connections: Liquid-tight flexible conduit.

3.4 FIRE STOP INSTALLATION

- A. Provide fire stop for all cables and conduits and conduit sleeves that pass through fire-rated partitions, ceilings and/or floors.

3.5 BOX INSTALLATION

- A. Install electrical boxes as shown on Drawings, and as required for splices, taps, wire pulling, equipment connections and compliance with regulatory requirements.
- B. Install electrical boxes to maintain headroom and to present neat mechanical appearance.
- C. Install pull boxes and junction boxes above accessible ceilings and in unfinished areas only.
- D. Inaccessible Ceiling Areas: Install outlet and junction boxes no more than 6 inches from ceiling access panel or from removable recessed luminaire.
- E. Install boxes to preserve fire resistance rating of partitions and other elements.
- F. Align adjacent wall-mounted outlet boxes for fire alarm devices, switches, receptacle outlets, intercom call stations, telecommunications outlets, thermostats, and similar devices with each other.
- G. Use flush mounting outlet boxes in finished areas.
- H. Do not install flush mounting boxes back-to-back in walls; provide minimum 6-inch separation. Provide minimum 24 inches separation in acoustic rated walls.
- I. Where two (2) or more single-gang boxes are to be installed side-by-side, mount boxes a stud-width apart.

- J. Secure flush mounting box to interior wall and partition studs. Accurately position to allow for surface finish thickness.
- K. Use stamped steel bridges to fasten flush mounting outlet box between studs.
- L. Install flush mounting box without damaging wall insulation or reducing its effectiveness.
- M. Use adjustable steel channel fasteners for hung ceiling outlet box.
- N. Do not fasten boxes to ceiling support wires.
- O. Support boxes independently of conduit.
- P. Use gang boxes where more than one device is mounted together. Do not use sectional box.
- Q. Use gang box with plaster ring for single device outlets.
- R. Use cast outlet box in exterior locations and wet locations.
- S. Install knockout closure in unused box openings.

3.6 INTERFACE WITH OTHER PRODUCTS

- A. Coordinate mounting heights and locations of outlets mounted above counters, benches, and backsplashes.
- B. Position outlet boxes to locate luminaires as shown on Architectural Reflected Ceiling Plans.

3.7 ADJUSTING

- A. Adjust flush-mounting outlets to make front flush with finished wall material.

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