

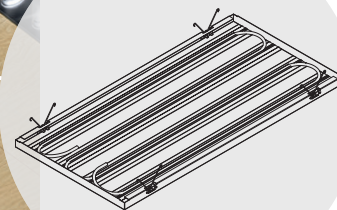
# METALWORKS™ Airtite® Radiant

## AR-B Torsion Spring Ceiling Panels

smooth texture



CAD/Revit® drawings at:  
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MetalWorks™ Airtite® Radiant AR-B 2' × 4' panels in Effects Ginger with M17 perforation and black trim

Radiant ceiling panels circulate hot or cold water via concealed copper tubing to provide efficient thermal comfort.

### KEY SELECTION ATTRIBUTES

- Efficient, lightweight radiant panel heats up and cools down quickly and uniformly
- Radiant panels provide 25-30% energy savings versus traditional HVAC systems
- Minimizes need for air filtration and eliminates drafts
- One convenient system includes oxygen barrier hoses with stainless steel sleeve, security clips and threaded adapters
- NRC of 0.70 for an active AR-B panel paired with a fiberglass infill panel
- Standard panel sizes include 2' × 2', 2' × 4', 2' × 6', and 2' × 8'; custom sizes and finishes available
- From panel design and layout to radiant performance and flow rate calculations, Armstrong works in coordination with engineers throughout the submittal process
- Effects™ wood-look finishes offer design options in bold and subtle wood grain looks; and custom non-metallic RAL® finishes are available upon request
- Interior panels feature swing-down accessibility
- Increased ceiling heights with reduced plenum depth
- Additional systems include:
  - AR-X Extruded Radiant Panel
  - AR-D Integral Diffuser Panel
  - AR-M Modular Panel
  - AR-L Radiant & Convection Panels
- Additional suspension designs (independently supported, t-grid, drywall concealed) available upon request
- MetalWorks™ FASTPeel™ panels feature an easier-to-remove protective film



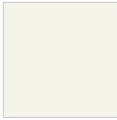
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## STANDARD COLORS & FINISHES Due to printing limitations, shade may vary from actual product.

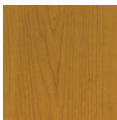


### Painted



Whitelume  
(WHA)

### Effects™ Classic Dye-Sublimation



Effects Cherry  
(FXCH)



Effects Dark Cherry  
(FXDC)



Effects Oak  
(FXOK)



Effects Walnut  
(FXWN)



Effects Walnut  
Espresso (FXWE)

### Effects™ Bold Dye-Sublimation



Effects Sea Salt  
(FXSS)



Effects Ginger  
(FXGR)



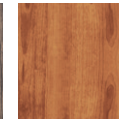
Effects Nutmeg  
(FXNM)



Effects Poppy  
Seed (FXPS)



Effects Peppercorn  
(FXPC)



Effects Almond  
(FXAL)

### Effects™ Subtle Dye-Sublimation



Effects Sesame  
(FXSE)



Effects Macadamia  
(FXMA)



Effects Cinnamon  
(FXCM)



Effects Flax  
(FXFL)



Effects Cocoa Bean  
(FXCB)



Effects Coriander  
(FXCO)

Contact ASQuote for custom size and perforation options.

## STANDARD PERFORATION OPTIONS (1:2 scale shown)



M1  
(Unperforated)



M14  
(Rg 3205)



M15  
(Rd 1612)



M16  
(Rd 1607)



M17  
(Rv 3223)



M18  
(Rd 3210)



M19  
(Rg 3220)

## CUSTOM COLORS & FINISHES Due to printing limitations, shade may vary from actual product.



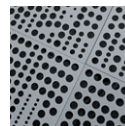
Custom Colors  
Available



Custom Wood-look  
Finishes Available

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## PERFORATION OPTIONS



Custom  
Perforations  
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## AR-B COOLING PERFORMANCE

### Cooling performance for modular panels

- AR-B panel performance based on 98% active surface area
- Perimeter (exterior) condition considered for outside wall to 15' into room space
- Emissivity of coating is at or greater than 0.93

		ROOM CONDITIONS AND GLASS PERCENTAGE					
ROOM AIR TEMPERATURE (MINUS MWT °F)		Interior Room	No Glass In Sun Or Fully Shaded Glass & Wall	25% Clear Exterior Wall In Sun	50% Clear Exterior Wall In Sun	75% Clear Exterior Wall In Sun	100% Clear Exterior Wall In Sun
	10	17	21	28	35	38	40
	11	19	23	30	37	40	42
	12	21	25	31	38	41	43
	13	22	27	33	40	43	45
	14	24	28	35	42	45	47
	15	26	30	38	44	47	48
	16	28	32	39	45	48	50
	17	30	34	41	47	50	52
	18	31	36	43	49	52	53
	19	33	38	45	50	54	55
	20	35	40	46	52	55	57
	21	37	42	48	54	57	58

Performance shown in BTUH/SF.

## AR-B HEATING PERFORMANCE

### Heating performance

- AR-B panel performance based on 98% active surface area
- Perimeter (exterior) condition considered for outside wall to 15' into room space
- Emissivity of coating is at or greater than 0.93
- Glazing condition has negligible impact on exterior zoned heating

		PANEL LOCATION		
		Mean Water Temperature (MWT)	Interior	Exterior
ROOM AIR TEMPERATURE (MINUS MWT °F)	30	100	41	46
	35	105	48.3	53.3
	40	110	55.5	60.5
	45	115	62.8	67.8
	50	120	70	75
	55	125	76.9	86.3
	60	130	84.4	97.5
	65	135	91.3	108.8
	70	140	98.8	120
	75	145	106.3	131.3
	80	150	113.1	142.5
	85	155	120	153.8
	90	160	128.1	165
	95	165	135.6	176.3
	100	170	142.5	187.5
	105	175	150	198.8
	110	180	158.1	210
	115	185	165	221.3
	120	190	171.9	231.3
	125	195	180	243.8
	130	200	186.9	255
	135	205	195	266.3
	140	210	201.9	277.5
	145	215	N/A	288.8
	150	220	N/A	300

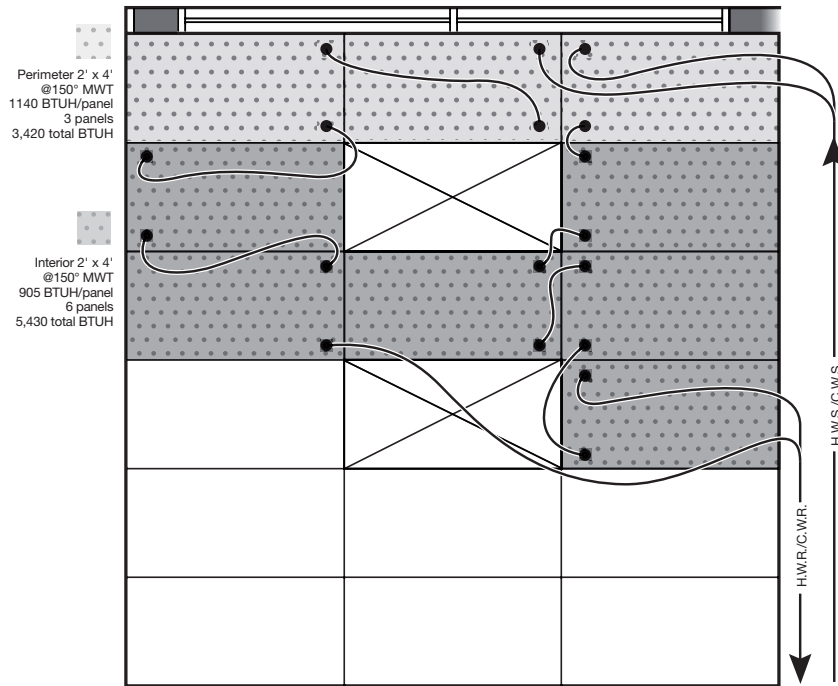
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## PANEL DESIGN



## DESIGN PROCEDURE

The design of a radiant ceiling panel heating system should follow the usual guidelines of a closed water system. To design such a system, we need to find the following:

1. Calculate the heat loss per zone or room
2. Determine the number of 2' x 2' or 2' x 4' modular panels
3. Determine the panel layout and water flow
4. Calculate the water pressure drop based upon panel layout and piping arrangement

## DESIGN EXAMPLE: RECTANGULAR BUILDING

Given conditions:

- 100' x 150' floor plan
- 12 FT. floor-to-floor
- Inside design = 72°F Dry Bulb
- Supply Water Temp = 180°F
- Return Water Temp = 160°F
- Heat loss for each floor = 175,000 BTUH

### 1. Calculate the heat loss per zone per linear foot of perimeter, and per zone.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Heat loss/LF of perimeter} &= \frac{175,000 \text{ BTUH}}{500 \text{ LF}} \\ &= 350 \text{ BTUH/LF} \\ 50 \text{ LF zone heat loss} &= 50 \text{ LF} \times 350 \text{ BTUH/LF} \\ &= 17,500 \text{ BTUH}\end{aligned}$$

### 2. Determine the number of panels.

The ceiling has a 2' x 4' grid layout. The perimeter performance of a 2' x 4' modular panel at 170°F MWT is 1,500 BTUH per panel.

### 3. Determine panel layout and water flow

Based on either room size or zone size, determine modular arrangement. Therefore, a 50-FT. zone (circuit) without perimeter walls would have 12 - 2' x 4' modular panels in series.

$$\text{Total GPM} = \frac{\text{Total BTUH/zone}}{500 \times \text{water temp. drop } ^\circ\text{F}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{GPM} &= \frac{17,500 \text{ BTUH}}{500 \times 20^\circ\text{F}} \\ &= 1.75 \text{ GPM}\end{aligned}$$

This zone will be divided up into two circuits of six - 2' x 4' modular panels.

### 4. Calculate the water pressure drop based upon piping arrangement.

Each circuit of six - 2' x 4' modular panels would have a flow of 0.9 GPM per the pressure drop table.

Per the pressure drop table, at .9 GPM shows .67 FT. of W.P.D. per panel.

Pressure drop for the panels on this circuit:

$$6 \times 0.67 = 4.02 \text{ FT. of water}$$

Per the pressure drop table, for 3/8" L copper at 0.9 GPM shows 5.81 of WPD per 100 ft. of tube.

Per example below, there will be 45 LF of 3/8" L copper:


$$\begin{aligned}\frac{45 \times 5.81}{100} &= 2.61 \text{ ft. of water} \\ \text{Total pressure drop} &= 4.02 + 2.61 \\ &= 6.34 \text{ ft. of water}\end{aligned}$$

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### ACOUSTIC INFORMATION

Perforation			NRC with acoustical fleece	NRC with 1" fiberglass infill †
 M17† RV 3223	ARB Active		0.65	0.70
	ARB Inactive		0.70	0.90

† Maximum NRC achieved with acoustical infill (Item 8200T10 or 5823).  
For infill panel information, visit [armstrongceilings.com/mwaccessories](http://armstrongceilings.com/mwaccessories)

### ACCESSORIES

	Item No. ♦	Description	Dimensions (Inches) Nominal W x L x H	Color	Pieces/ Carton
Wall-to-Wall Installs	7147_ _	Torsion Spring Perimeter Trim (Extruded)	1 × 120 × 4"	WH, SG, MY, BL* Available in Effects™ panel as custom finish	6
	7131_ _	Torsion Spring Perimeter Trim (Formed)	1 × 96 × 4-1/4"	LMA, BAA, SAA	6
Other Accessories	7129	Torsion Spring Hook Access Tool	N/A	N/A	1
	7130	Torsion Spring Suction Access Tool (for unperforated panels only)	N/A	N/A	1
	7126	Spreader Hold Down	1 × 10-5/8 × 1-1/2"	N/A	50
	BERC2	2" Beam End Retaining Clip	N/A	Mill Finish	200

♦ When specifying or ordering, include the appropriate color code with the item number (e.g. 7131 L M A)

\* Coordinates with WHA, SIA, MYA Torsion Spring panel finishes.

NOTE: Accessory quantities to be designed, coordinated and confirmed during shop drawing process.  
Custom box molding is available in .50 aluminum

### SUSPENSION SYSTEMS

	Item No.	Description	Dimensions (Inches)
15/16" Prelude® XL® Suspension System	7301TS	Prelude XL 12' HD Main Beam – slotted for Torsion Spring	144 × 15/16 × 1-11/16"
	XL8320	Prelude XL 2' Cross Tee	24 × 15/16 × 1-11/16"

NOTE: Suspension layout to be designed during shop drawing process.

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Diagram illustrating the components of a roof assembly, showing an exploded view of the structure. The components are labeled as follows:

- 7147 (Standard Torsion Spring Bulkhead)
- FXSPlice (Bracket For Corner Bent To 90° Angle)
- 7301TS (Main Beam Slotted 6" O.C.)
- FXTBC with bottom tab cut off at line (screws attached by others)
- AR-B Torsion Spring Active Panel
- XL8320 (24" Cross Tee)
- FXTBC with bottom tab cut off at line (screws attached by others)

0.556"

1/4"

7130 TS  
(Main Beam  
Slotted 6" O.C.)

Perimeter  
Trim  
(7131)

4-1/4"

XL 8320  
(Standard 2"  
Cross Tee)

1-1/2"

1"

Technical drawing of the AR-B Torsion Spring Active Panel assembly. The drawing shows a side view of the assembly with various dimensions and labels. Dimensions include: .750" (width of the top section), 4.000" (total height), .883" (height of the bottom section), .945" (width of the base), 5.750" MAX. (length of the top section), 1.500" (height of the bottom section), and 7301TS (Main Beam Slotted 6" O.C.) (length of the main beam). Labels include: 7147 (Standard Torsion Spring Bulkhead), 7301TS (Main Beam Slotted 6" O.C.), FXTBC with bottom tab cut off at line (screws attached by others), and AR-B Torsion Spring Active Panel.

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