**Armstrong World Industries, Inc.**

### Ceiling & Suspension System Specification

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### METAL SUSPENSION SYSTEMS

### ShortSpan Applications

### PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

Drawings and general conditions of Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Divisions-1 Specification sections apply to work of this section.

### 1.2 SUMMARY

1. Section Includes:
   1. Suspension System Framing and Furring for Plaster and Gypsum Board Assemblies
   2. Wire hangers, fasteners, main runners, cross tees, and wall angle moldings.
2. Related Sections:
   1. Section 09250 - Gypsum Board
   2. Section 09150 - Acoustical Ceilings
   3. Division 15 Sections - Mechanical Work
   4. Division 16 Sections - Electrical Work
3. Alternates
   1. Prior Approval: Unless otherwise provided for in the Contract documents, proposed product substitutions may be submitted no later than TEN (10) working days prior to the date established for receipt of bids. Acceptability of a proposed substitution is contingent upon the Architect’s review of the proposal for acceptability and approved products will be set forth by the Addenda. If included in a Bid are substitute products that have not been approved by Addenda, the specified products shall be provided without additional compensation.
   2. Submittals, which do not provide adequate data for the product evaluation, will not be considered. The proposed substitution must meet all requirements of this section, including but not necessarily limited to, the following: Single source materials suppliers (if specified in Section 1.5); Furring System component profiles and sizes; Compliance with the referenced standards.

### 1.3 REFERENCES

1. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
   1. ESR 2311- Screw-attached Ceiling Panel Suspension Assemblies (ShortSpan Drywall Grid System)
   2. OTCR 32-16 ShortSpan Drywall Ceiling Framing System
   3. ASTM A 641 Standard Specification for Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Carbon Steel Wire.
   4. ASTM A 653 Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) by the Hot-Dip Process.
   5. ASTM A 1003 Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet, Cold Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy and High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability"
   6. ASTM B 117 Standard Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus
   7. ASTM C 635 Standard Specification for Metal Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panel Ceilings.
   8. ASTM C 636 Recommended Practice for Installation of Metal Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panels.
   9. ASTM C 645 Standard Specification for Nonstructural Steel Framing Members
   10. ASTM C 754 Installation of Steel Framing Members to Receive Screw-Attached Gypsum Board
   11. ASTM C 840 Specification for Application & Finishing of Gypsum Board
   12. ASTM C 1858 Standard Practice for Design, Construction, and Material Requirements for Direct Hung Suspended T-bar Type Ceiling Systems Intended to Receive Gypsum Panel Products in Areas Subject to Earthquake Ground Motions
   13. ASMT C 1925, Standard Test Method for Strength properties of Direct Hung, Suspended T bar ceilings system intended to receive gypsum board.
   14. ASTM C 1002 Standard Specification for Steel Drill Screws for the Application of Gypsum Board or Metal Plaster Bases.
   15. ASTM D 610 Standard Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Rusting on Painted Steel Surfaces
   16. ASTM E 119 Standard Test Method for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Material (if applicable).
   17. ASTM E 3090, Standard Test Method of Metal Ceiling Suspension Systems
   18. ESR-1289 ICC-ES Evaluation Report.
   19. CISCA Ceiling Systems Installation Handbook
   20. (Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) Fire Resistance Directory)

### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

1. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's technical literature.
2. Samples: 8 inch long samples of suspension system components, including main runner, cross tees and angle molding.
3. Certifications: Manufacturer's certifications that products comply with specified requirements, including laboratory reports showing compliance with specified tests and standards.

### 1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

1. Single-Source Responsibility: To ensure proper interface, all drywall furring components shall be produced or supplied by a single manufacturer.
2. All accessory components from other manufacturers shall conform to ASTM standards.
3. Fire Resistance Ratings: As indicated by reference to design designations in UL Fire Resistance Directory, for types of assemblies in which drywall ceilings function as a fire protective membrane and tested per ASTM E 119. Installation in accordance with the UL Design being referenced.
4. Coordination of Work:
   1. Coordinate drywall furring work with installers of related work including, but not limited to acoustical ceilings, building insulation, gypsum board, light fixtures, mechanical systems, electrical systems, and sprinklers.
   2. All work above the ceiling line should be completed prior to installing the drywall sheet goods. There should be no materials resting against or wrapped around the suspension system, hanger wires or ties.

### 1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

1. Deliver materials to project site in original, unopened packages and store them in a fully enclosed space where they will be protected against damage from moisture, direct sunlight, surface contamination, and other causes.

### 1.7 WARRANTY

1. Suspensions System: Submit a written limited warranty executed by the manufacturer, agreeing to repair or replace grid components that are supplied with a hot-dipped galvanized coating or aluminum base material. Failures include, but are not limited to:  
   The occurrence of 50% red rust as defined by ASTM D 610 test procedures as a result of defects in materials or factory workmanship.
2. Warranty Period:  
   Grid: Ten years from date of installation.
3. The Warranty shall not deprive the Owner of other rights the Owner may have under other provisions of the Contract Documents and will be in addition to and run concurrent with other warranties made by the Contractor under the requirements of the Contract Documents.

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURERS

Suspension Systems: Armstrong World Industries, Inc.

### 2.2 SUSPENSION SYSTEMS

1. Components:
   1. ShortSpan Beam: Shall be double-web construction (minimum 0.0179 inch prior to protective coating, ASTM C645), hot dipped galvanized (per ASTM A653).
      1. **S7708P**: 96 inch x 1-13/16 inch web height, 1-1/2 inch flange, available with G40 or G90 hot dipped galvanization.
      2. **S7710P**: 120 inch x 1-13/16 inch web height, 1-1/2 inch flange, available with G40 or G90 hot dipped galvanization.
      3. **S7712P**: 144 inch x 1-13/16 inch web height, 1-1/2 inch flange, available with G40 or G90 hot dipped galvanization.
      4. **S7712PHRC**: 96 inch x 1-13/16 inch web height, 1-1/2 inch flange, available with G40 or G90 hot dipped galvanization. (61% Recycle content, 53% Post Consumer, 8& Pre-Consumer).
      5. **S7714P**: 168 inch x 1-13/16 inch web height, 1-1/2 inch flange, available with G40 or G90 hot dipped galvanization.
      6. **S7714PHRC**: 96 inch x 1-13/16 inch web height, 1-1/2 inch flange, available with G40 or G90 hot dipped galvanization. (61% Recycle content, 53% Post Consumer, 8& Pre-Consumer).
      7. **QSLPM12**: 144 inch x 1-11/16 inch web height, 1-1/2 inch flange, available with G40 or G90 hot dipped galvanization. Locking tabs 8” O.C.
   2. StrongBack Support for spans over 6 feet in seismic areas and 7 feet in Non-Seismic areas.
      1. **SB12P**: 144 inch x 2 inch, Knockouts 8” on center, available with G40 or G90 hot dipped galvanization.
   3. Wall Molding:
      1. **LAM12**: 12 foot Locking Angle Molding, 1-1/4 inch x 1-1/4 inch with pre-engineered locking tabs punched 8 inches on center, knurled surface, screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange, 4” O.C., .018 mil. 25g.
      2. **LAM151220E**:12 foot Locking Angle Molding, 1-1/2 inch x 1-1/2 inch with enhanced pre-engineered locking tabs punched 8 inches on center, 028 mil.  22g.
      3. **LAM12HRC**: 12 foot Locking Angle Molding, 1-1/4 inch x 1-1/4 inch with pre-engineered locking tabs punched 8 inches on center, knurled surface, screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange, 4” O.C., .018 mil. 25g.
      4. **KAM12**: 12 foot Knurled Angle molding, 1-1/4 inch x 1-1/4 inch, knurled surface, screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange, 4” O.C., .018 mil. 25g.
      5. **KAM12HRC**: 12 foot Knurled Angle molding, 1-1/4 inch x 1-1/4 inch, knurled surface, screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange, 4” O.C., .018 mil. 25g. (61% Recycle content, 53% Post Consumer, 8& Pre-Consumer).
      6. **KAM10**: 10 foot Knurled Angle molding, 1-1/4 inch x 1-1/4 inch, knurled surface, screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange 4” O.C., .018 mil. 25g.
      7. **KAM1510:** 10 foot Knurled Angle molding, 1-1/2 inch x 1-1/2 inch, knurled surface, screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange 4” O.C., .018 mil. 25g
      8. **KAM151020:** 10 foot Knurled Angle molding, 1-1/2 inch x 1-1/2 inch, knurled surface, screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange 4” O.C., .033 mil. 20g
      9. **KAM151020E:** 10 foot Knurled Angle molding, 1-1/2 inch x 1-1/2 inch, knurled surface, screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange 4” O.C., .028 mil. 22g
      10. **KAM151220E:** 12 foot Knurled Angle molding, 1-1/2 inch x 1-1/2 inch, knurled surface, screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange 4” O.C., .028 mil. 22g
      11. **KAM21025**: 10 foot Knurled Angle molding, 2 inch x 2 inch, knurled surface, pre-punched holes in top flange 4” O.C., .018 mil. 25g.
      12. **KAM21020**: 10 foot Knurled Angle molding, 2 inch x 2 inch, knurled surface, pre-punched holes in top flange 4” O.C., .033 mil. 20g.
      13. **KAM2120EQ**: 10 foot Knurled Angle molding, 2 inch x 2 inch, knurled surface, pre-punched holes in top flange 4” O.C., .028 mil. 22g.
   4. Transition Molding: Drywall to Acoustical ceiling. Pre-Painted Armstrong Global White integral acoustical flange and drywall taping flange, hot dipped cold rolled steel.
      1. **7901**: 120 inch with 3/8 inch reveal and 9/16 inch acoustical flange.
      2. **7902**: 120 inch with 3/8 inch reveal and 15/16 inch acoustical flange.
      3. **7903**: 120 inch with 1 inch acoustical flange.
      4. **7904**: 120 inch with 15/16” flush horizontal flange.
      5. **7904PF**: 120 inch with 15/16” flush horizontal flange. (With Protective Film)
      6. **7905**: 120 inch with 9/16” flush horizontal flange.
      7. **7905PF**: 120 inch with 9/16” flush horizontal flange. (With Protective Film)
      8. **7906**: 120 inch “F” Flush vertical transition
      9. **7907**: 120 inch with 9/16” tegular horizontal flange.
      10. **7908**: 120 inch with 9/16” tegular horizontal flange.
      11. **7909**: 120 inch with 1 inch Step 15/16” horizontal flange.
      12. **7910**: 120 inch with 1 inch Step 9/16” horizontal flange.
      13. **7911**: 120 inch with 3/8 inch reveal and 9/16 inch acoustical flange.
      14. **7912**: 120 inch with 3/8 inch reveal and 15/16 inch acoustical flange.
      15. **7913**: 120 inch “F” with 3/8 inch reveal and 9/16 inch acoustical flange.
      16. **7914**: 120 inch “F” with 3/8 inch reveal and 15/16 inch acoustical flange.
   5. Axiom Aluminum extrusion Pre-Painted Armstrong Global White integral acoustical flange and drywall taping flange.
      1. **AXTRVESTR**: 120 inch x 9.16 inch x 1-11/16 inch Straight for Vector tile.
      2. **AXTRTESTR**: 120 inch x 9.16 inch x 1-11/16 inch Straight for Tegular tile.
      3. **AXTRTECUR**: 120 inch x 9.16 inch x 1-11/16 inch Curved for Tegular tile.
      4. **AXTR2STR**: 120 inch x 2 inch x 1-1/2 inch Straight.
      5. **AXTR2CUR**: 120 inch x 2 inch x 1-1/2 inch Curved.
      6. **AXTR4STR**: 120 inch x 4 inch x 1-1/2 inch Straight.
      7. **AXTR4CUR**: 120 inch x 4 inch x 1-1/2 inch Curved.
      8. **AXTR6STR**: 120 inch x 6 inch x 1-1/2 inch Straight.
      9. **AXTR6CUR**: 120 inch x 6 inch x 1-1/2 inch Curved.
      10. **AXTR8STR**: 120 inch x 8 inch x 1-1/2 inch Straight.
      11. **AXTR8CUR**: 120 inch x 8 inch x 1-1/2 inch Curved.
      12. **AX4SPLICEB**: Splice Plate.
      13. **AXTBC**: T-Bar Connector Clip.
      14. **AXBT**: Drywall Bottom Trim.
   6. Clips:
      1. **QSUTC**: Uptight Clip for direct attach to structure
   7. Screws for wallboard application shall be bugle head screws in accordance with thickness of material used.
   8. Metal Trim or Plastic Members (by others):
      1. Corner bead: Minimum #26 gauge, zinc alloy or plastic square edge type with expanded flanges.
      2. Casing bead: Minimum #24 gauge, zinc alloy or plastic square edge type with expanded flanges.
      3. Control Joints: Minimum #26 gauge, roll-formed zinc alloy, extruded aluminum or plastic with expanded flanges.
      4. Special Trim Shapes: As detailed on plans, extruded aluminum with acrylic coating by Fry Reglet or approved equal.
      5. Metal Lath: 3.4 lbs/square yard, galvanized 3/8 inch diamond mesh or flat rib lath; security lath for applications requiring high degree of security.
2. Structural Classification:
   1. Main Beam shall be heavy duty per ASTM C 635.
   2. Classification can require wires to be closer together for additional loading when used to support double layer gypsum, verticals, slopes, domes, half barrels, circles, soffits, canopies, and step conditions which call for loading or unusual designs and shapes in drywall construction. Using cross tees in the construction of circles, barrels, etc. is common in order to hold the radius.
   3. Deflection of fastening suspension system supporting light fixtures, ceiling grilles, access doors, verticals and horizontal loads shall have a maximum deflection of 1/360 of the span.

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION - GENERAL

1. Install suspension system and panels in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, in compliance with ASTM installation standard, and with applicable codes as required by the authorities having jurisdiction.
2. The Armstrong Drywall Grid System / ShortSpan System can be installed in interior or exterior applications.
3. To secure to metal clips, concrete inserts, steel bar joist or steel deck, use power actuated fastener, or insert. Coordinate placement for hanger wire spaced as required for expected ceiling loads and layout.
4. Install hanger wire as required with necessary on center spacing to support expected ceiling load requirements, following local practices, codes and regulations. Provide additional wires at light fixtures, grilles, and access doors where necessary. A pigtail knot shall be used with three tight wraps at top and bottom fastening locations.
5. Add additional wire as needed when using compatible clips and accessories.
6. Control Joints: Roll formed zinc alloy, aluminum, or plastic as required for expansion and contraction as shown on drawings.
7. Expansion Joints: Roll formed zinc alloy, aluminum, or plastic as required for expansion and contraction as shown on drawings.
8. StrongBack shall be suspended from the overhead construction with hanger wire or framing, spaced as required for expected ceiling loads, along the length of the ShortSpan beams.
9. Install ShortSpan Beams at on center spacing as specified by the drywall manufacturer. Typical drywall tee spacing:
   1. 16 inches on center with 5/8 or 1/2 inch gypsum board
   2. 24 inches on center with 5/8 inch gypsum board
10. Other items such as wood, sheet metal, or plastic panels should be screwed to comply with deflection limit equivalent to that of the ceiling installation.
11. Use channel molding or angle molding to interface with Drywall Grid System to provide perimeter attachment or to obtain drop soffits, verticals, slopes, etc.
12. To suspend a second ceiling beneath a new or existing drywall ceiling, without breaching the integrity of the upper ceiling, use the Drywall Clip. To form a transition from a drywall ceiling to an acoustical ceiling, use the Drywall Transition Clips spaced as required for expected loads.
13. For light fixtures (Type G, Type F) use secondary framing cross tees as required to frame opening.
14. Single cross tees in a rout hole to be secured by 7/16 inch framing screw or alternative methods.

### 3.2 INSTALLATION - EXTERIOR APPLICATIONS

1. Use G90 components for exterior applications.
2. Use vertical bracing as required by codes and standards in accordance with local jurisdiction (non-fire rated installations).
3. Install main beams as required according to Wind Uplift Design or local codes and standards.
4. Install cross tees as required according to Wind Uplift Design or local codes and standards, with additional tees when point loading (vertical), and with additional hanger at midspan of cross tee, as needed.

### 3.3 INSTALLATION - INTERIOR APPLICATIONS

1. Install main beams and cross tees at the on center spacing required for ceiling loading, and location of in-ceiling services.
2. Additional bracing as required by code.

### 3.4 INSTALLATION - RADIUS APPLICATIONS

1. Determine the bow or camber (Convex or Concave) in a main runner.
2. Establish a jig or pattern on a flat surface; mark locations to cut main beam; and use four pan head screws to fasten a Radius Clip (RC2) flat to the web between the bulb and the flange, per the manufacturer's instructions.
3. Install main beams with on center spacing and wire spacing, as needed, to support expected ceiling load.
4. Additional bracing may be required by code.
5. Install cross tees at on center spacing as specified by the manufacturer.

### END OF SECTION