METALWORKS V-P 500 ACOUSTIC BAFFLES

General Installation Instructions

Product Description
Armstrong MetalWorks V-P 500 Baffles consists of a range of powdercoated and perforated galvanised steel, linear profiles, suspended from U-Profile Channel System. The V-P 500 Baffles are typically 30mm thick and pre-fitted with a Glasswool acoustic pad: 25mm x 25kg/m³, with black acoustic fleece on both sides.

General Installation Conditions
Armstrong METALWORKS ceilings are interior finishes and conditions during the installation should reflect this. Armstrong recommends during installation that relative humidity should not exceed 99%, within a temperature range of 0 to 49 degrees Celsius and with the absence of any “standing water”. Conditions following completion should be maintained as such.

Because of the risk of soiling, the installation of ceiling tiles should only take place after the completion of any work generating large amounts of dust. The wearing of clean gloves is recommended for installation work. The ceiling installer is responsible for the satisfactory installation of the ceiling and adherence to industry best practice.

Baffles should only be stored in a dust-free and dry area. It is important to ensure that the tiles are not subjected to any mechanical influences, such as damage caused by the underlying surface. Baffles delivered on pallets should be stored in their original packaging until they are installed. Where this is not possible, care should be taken to ensure that cartons are stored with the designated side facing upwards. The installation company is responsible for the careful storage of tiles.

The integrity of the entire suspended ceiling depends on the hangers – commonly 5mm gal rod is used, with some contractors using 2.5mm wire and M6 Threaded Rod. Bracing is to be applied where required to ensure the U-Profile Suspension System remains square.

1. Before You Start
All material delivered to site should be checked for damage, unopened and original packages. At this stage if you are unsure of the suitability of material for this project, ask questions, as it is very expensive to remove materials that have been installed. All materials to be kept dry and protected from the elements.

2. Plenum Space
The installation of METALWORKS V-P 500 Acoustic Baffles panels requires no more space in the plenum than that which is required to hang the suspension system. Baffles never need to travel into the plenum space during installation or removal.

3. Determine Ceiling Orientation
- It is important at this stage to determine the direction the ceiling grid and V-P Baffles to be installed.
- The drawing supplied by the builder will show the panel direction required (rectangular panels).
- U-Profile Channels are typically oriented perpendicular to the roof purlins or joists.

Suspension Components for METALWORKS V-P 500 Acoustic Baffles
4. Installation Of Hangers and U-Profile

- The 5mm Gal rod shall to be cut to pre-determined lengths, and a hook bent to 30° on one end (must be a sharp bend, so the suspension bracket will fit into the bend without the rod straightening).

Where specified, the U-Profile Channel can be suspended on 6mm galvanised threaded rod. See Fig. 2 for details (Suspension Clip for Threaded Rod)

- Fit the Suspension Clip to the rod at this stage and fasten with Plug-In Clip

- The Plug-In Clip is correctly fitted with the longer tongue face up (see Fig 1). The Locking clip can be removed by pressing down on the upper tongue.

Fig. 1: Locking Clip Installation

- Ensure all suspension rods are vertical.

- Install U-Profile Channels at 1200mm (maximum) centres with Suspension Hangers (5mm Rod and Clip) at 1200mm (maximum) centres along the length of each U-Profile Channel (item IND300100B). Ensure Locking Clips are installed to secure the Suspension Clip to the U-Profile Channel. See Fig. 2 for details and specific components: 5mm Rod, Suspension Clip and Plug-In Clip

Fig. 2: U-Profile Channel and Suspension Components

- The U-Profile Channels adjacent to the perimeter must have three suspension points, with the other Unigrid Channels in between requiring a minimum of two suspension points.

- U-Profile Channels are to be secured to the perimeter with the Wall Anchor. See Fig. 3 for details

Fig 3: U-Profile Detail at Perimeter

- U-Profile Channels are to be joined end to end with a U-Profile Channel Connector (item IND300120). See Fig. 4

- To ensure the U-Profile Channels are kept precisely on module, tolerances in the U-Profile Channel can be absorbed in the joint with the connector.

Fig 4: U-Profile Channel and Connector

5. U-Profile and Baffle Layout

- The 1st U-Profile Channel must be no more than 300mm from the perimeter, with the first suspension point being no greater than 300mm from the end of the U-Profile Channel.

- The U-Profile Channels are to be installed parallel, in a manner that the punchings along the length, align from one U-Profile Channel to the next.

Note: the U-Profile Channels are directional and punched on both sides at 50mm OC, and 25mm offset. See Fig. 2 for details.

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**U-Profile Suspension Components**

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**Typical Baffle Weights**

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* Baffle with Standard Acoustic Inlay
5. U-Profile and Baffle Layout – Continued

Baffle Layout – Various Baffle Heights

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6. Installation of The V-P500 Baffle to the U-Profile Channel

- Locate and fasten V-P500 Baffle Hangers along the Unigrid™ Channels at the required centres – as per specification and drawings. See Detail I. Install V-P Baffles sections as per Detail I

* If the pitch distance of the Baffles doesn’t fit with the modulation of the U-Profile (steps of 25mm), the Locking Clip needs to be inserted into a long hole. The hanger position should be fixed by using a pop-rivet or self-drilling screw.

7. Connecting V-P 500 Baffles and Installing End Caps (Refer to Detail J and L)

8. Cutting Options

Two different types of equipment are recommended for cutting these metal panels. Each has its own set of advantages and limitations and will be presented in order of preference based on speed.

**CAUTION:** Cut edges of metal parts can be extremely sharp! Handle metal carefully to avoid injury. Always wear safety glasses and gloves when working with metal.

- **Electric Shears or Nibblers**
  These electric shears resemble a drill motor attached to a pair of scissors blades. There are actually three blades; one movable centered between two stationary. When used, the tool removes a strip of material about 8mm wide. They produce a clean cut, and is quicker than using aviation snips.

  **Procedure:** Mark the cut line on the face of the panel. Use aviation snips to remove a section of the edge material on the waste side of the cut line. This step is required to provide access to the face for the shears. Cut the panels face up.

  **NOTE:** To prevent scratching the face of the panel, observe the direction that the 8mm band of waste material takes as it coils up in front of the cut. Position successive panels so that this coil moves across the scrap portion of the panel.

- **Aviation Snips**
  Both left cut and right cut aviation snips will be required for notching operations and for cutting holes for penetrations through the panel face.

  **Procedure:** Notching Snips are used as needed to cut through the edge detailing on panels to provide clearance for shears or to ease corners. Application will vary depending on edge detail.

9. Penetrations Cutouts

**Procedure:** Penetrations are created by first drilling or punching a hole near the center and then cutting in a spiral pattern to the finished size and shape.

Exercise caution during this procedure as the hand will be in close proximity to the cut edge of the panel.

10. Baffle Removal

All Baffles are removable without moving up into the plenum.

**Procedure:** V-P 500 Baffles are removed by reversing the Installation procedure illustrated on previous page.
11. Creating Openings / Voids For Integration of Services

- Openings can be simply created in the Baffle Ceiling as per the drawing below. Baffle sections are to be cut to specified length on site, using an aluminium drop saw.

- Additional U-Profile Channels and Suspension Hangers are to be applied where Baffles are cut (refer drawing for detail). Baffle sections should not cantilever more than 300mm from supporting U-Profile Channel.

- All Mechanical services to be independently supported.

12. Backloading

Unless approved, Armstrong metal ceilings are designed to support only their own weight plus that of light weight insulation. All mechanical services must be independently supported.

13. Maintenance

Ceiling Baffles may be cleaned at any time. However, any maintenance work on suspended ceilings should only be carried out after the technical functions of the ceiling installation have been carefully checked. In cases of doubt, the relevant Armstrong sales office should be contacted.

In the case of damage to individual Baffles, these can be exchanged within the systems. In such instances, especially after extended periods of use, colour variations may occur when individual tiles are replaced.

Armstrong – paint coatings
Armstrong ceiling Baffles are finished with a polyester powdercoat.

Cleaning of Armstrong MetalWorks metal ceilings.

The frequency of cleaning will depend upon the function and usage of each area and the efficiency of the air conditioning/heating system. This period can only be determined after handover and occupancy. Although the ceiling materials are provided with durable paint finish, abrasive or strong chemical detergent should not be used. A mild detergent diluted in warm water applied with a soft cloth, rinsed and finally wiped off with a chamois leather will maintain the ceiling in good condition. Oily or stubborn stains if not removed by washing can be wiped off with white spirit but care is necessary to avoid affecting the gloss level of the paint finishes.