**Armstrong World Industries, Inc.**

### Ceiling & Suspension System Specification

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### SECTION 09 22 26.23 (09 20 00)

### METAL SUSPENSION SYSTEMS

### Suspended Soffit Drywall 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. Main runners, cross tees, framing angles, aluminum trims, steel trims, accessories, hanger wire, finishing trims and fasteners.
2. Related Sections:
   1. Section 07 24 00 - Exterior Insulation and Finish System / EFIS
   2. Section 09 20 00 - Plaster and Gypsum Board
   3. Section 09 21 00 - Plaster and Gypsum Board Assemblies
   4. Section 09 22 00 - Supports for Plaster and Gypsum Board
   5. Section 09 23 00 - Gypsum Plastering
   6. Section 09 24 00 - Cement Plastering
   7. Section 09 25 00 - Other Plastering
   8. Section 09 26 00 - Veneer Plastering
   9. Section 09 27 00 - Plaster Fabrications / GFRG
   10. Section 09 51 00 - Acoustical Ceilings
   11. Section 09 53 00 - Acoustical Ceiling Suspension Systems
   12. Section 09 54 00 - Specialty Ceilings
   13. Section 09 58 00 - Integrated Ceiling Assemblies
3. Related Divisions:
   1. Division 21 00 00 - Fire Suppression
   2. Division 23 00 00 - HVAC
   3. Division 26 00 00 - Electrical / Lighting
4. 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. ASTM A 641 Standard Specification for Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Carbon Steel Wire.
   2. ASTM A 653 Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) by the Hot-Dip Process.
   3. ASTM A 1008 Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet, Cold Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy and High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability"
   4. ASTM D 610 Standard Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Rusting on Painted Steel Surfaces
   5. ASTM B 117 Standard Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus
   6. ASTM C 635 Standard Specification for Manufacture, Performance, and Testing of Metal Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panel Ceilings.
   7. ASTM C 636 Standard Practice for Installation of Metal Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panels.
   8. 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
   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 Panel Products
   11. ASTM C1002 Standard Specification for Steel Self-Piercing Tapping Screws for the Application of Gypsum Panel Products or Metal Plaster Bases to Wood Studs or Steel Studs.
   12. ASTM E 119 Standard Test Method for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials (if applicable).
   13. ASTM E3118 Standard for Seismic Ceiling Testing
   14. ESR-1289 ICC-ES Evaluation Report. (Pending. 2021 ESR Revision)

### 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. Contact Armstrong Installation Specialist for design application and field support. Pre-construction drawings for submittals are recommended for complex projects.
3. All accessory components from other manufacturers shall conform to ASTM standards.
4. 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.
5. 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. Contact your local Armstrong Sales Representative for support.

### 2.2 SUSPENSION SYSTEMS

1. 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, circles, soffits, canopies, and step conditions which call for loading or unusual designs and shapes in drywall construction.
   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.
2. Components:
   1. **SimpleSoffit Main Beam:** Shall be double-web construction (minimum 0.0179inch prior to protective coating, ASTM C645), hot dipped galvanized (per ASTM A653).
      1. **SSLU \_\_\_\_**: L Soffit up, 1-1/4 inch web height, 1-1/2 inch flange, custom length, custom routes (up to 6 routes).
      2. **SSLD \_\_\_\_**: L Soffit down, 1-1/4 inch web height, 1-1/2 inch flange, custom length, custom routes (up to 6 routes).
      3. **SSB \_\_\_\_**: Box Soffit, 1-1/4 inch web height, 1-1/2 inch flange, custom length, custom routes (up to 6 routes).
      4. **SSMS \_\_\_\_**: Multi-Step Soffit, 1-1/4 inch web height, 1-1/2 inch flange, custom length, custom routes (up to 6 routes).
   2. **Drywall Grid Cross Tees**: Shall be double-web steel construction (minimum 0.0179 inch prior to protective coating, ASTM C645), hot dipped galvanized (minimum G40 or G90 per ASTM A653)
      1. **XL8945P**: 48 inch, web height 1-1/2 inch with PeakForm bulb and pre-finished 1-1/2 inch knurled flange
      2. **XL8945PHRC**: 48 inch, web height 1-1/2 inch with PeakForm bulb and pre-finished 1-1/2 inch knurled flange. (61% Recycle content, 53% Post Consumer, 8& Pre-Consumer).
      3. **XL8965**: 72 inch, web height 1-1/2 inch with PeakForm bulb and pre-finished 1-1/2 inch knurled flange.
      4. **XL8965HRC**: 72 inch, web height 1-1/2 inch with PeakForm bulb and pre-finished 1-1/2 inch knurled flange. (61% Recycle content, 53% Post Consumer, 8& Pre-Consumer).
      5. **XL8947P**: 50 inch, web height 1-1/2 inch with PeakForm bulb and pre-finished 1-1/2 inch knurled flange. (For Type “F” 2’x4’ light fixture compatibility)
      6. **XL7936G90**: 36 inch web height 1-1/2 inch with PeakForm bulb and pre-finished 1-1/2 inch knurled flange.
      7. **XL8926:** 24 inch, web height 1-1/2 inch with PeakForm bulb and pre-finished 1-1/2 inch knurled flange.
   3. Wall Molding:

Typical Applications

* + 1. **KAM21025**: 10 foot Knurled Angle molding, 2 inch x 2 inch, knurled surface, pre-punched holes in top flange 4” O.C., 18 mil. (25 ga.)
    2. **KAM21020**: 10 foot Knurled Angle molding, 2 inch x 2 inch, knurled surface, pre-punched holes in top flange 4” O.C., 33 mil. (20 ga.)
    3. **LAM-12**: 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., 18 mil. (25ga.)
    4. **LAM-12HRC**: 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., 18 mil. (25ga.) (61% Recycle content, 53% Post Consumer, 8& Pre-Consumer).
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Alternates

* + 1. **KAM -12**: 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., 18 mil. (25ga.)
    2. **KAM -12HRC**: 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., 18 mil. (25ga.) (61% Recycle content, 53% Post Consumer, 8& Pre-Consumer).
    3. **KAM-10**: 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., 18 mil. (25ga.)
    4. **KAM1510B:** 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., 18 mil. (25ga.)
    5. **KAM1512B:** 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., 18 mil. (25ga.)
    6. **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., 33 mil. (20ga.)
    7. **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., 28 mil. (22ga.)
    8. **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., 28 mil. (22ga.)
    9. **KAM151020G90**: 10 foot Knurled Angle molding, 1-1/2 inch x 1-1/2 inch, knurled surface, pre-punched holes in top flange 4” O.C., 33 mil. (20ga.) G90 hot dipped galvanized.
    10. **KAM21020EQ**: 10 foot Knurled Angle molding, 2 inch x 2 inch, knurled surface, pre-punched holes in top flange 4” O.C., 28 mil. (22ga.)
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Curved Applications

* + 1. **SC151220EQ:** 12 foot Simple Curve Knurled Angle Molding, 1-1/2 inch x 1-1/2 inch, knurled face radius 37 inch ,screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange, 4” O.C., 28 mil. (22ga.)
    2. **SC151225:** 12 foot Simple Curve Knurled Angle Molding, 1-1/2 inch x 1-1/2 inch, knurled face radius 32 inch, screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange, 4” O.C., 18 mil. (25ga.)
    3. **SC21220EQ:** 12 foot Simple Curve Knurled Angle Molding,2 inch x 2 inch, knurled face radius 55 inch ,screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange, 4” O.C., 28 mil. (22ga.)
    4. **SC21225:** 12 foot Simple Curve Knurled Angle Molding, 2 inch x 2 inch, knurled face radius 40 inch, screw stop hem, pre-punched holes in top flange, 4” O.C., 18 mil. (25ga.)
  1. Support Hanger
     1. **SB12P**: Strong Back Support Hanger
     2. **HD8906**: 144 inch, web height 1-11/16 inch with PeakForm bulb and pre-finished 1-1/2 inch knurled flange
     3. **CBS4:** 4 inch channel beam splice used to suspend main beams to 1-1/2” black iron carrying channels
     4. **CBS6:** 6 inch channel beam splice used to suspend main beams to 1-1/2” black iron carrying channels
     5. **CBS8:** 8 inch channel beam splice used to suspend main beams to 1-1/2” black iron carrying channels
     6. **CBS10:** 10 inch channel beam splice used to suspend main beams to 1-1/2” black iron carrying channels
     7. **CBS12:** 12 inch channel beam splice used to suspend main beams to 1-1/2” black iron carrying channels
  2. Clips and Accessories
     + 1. **RC1:** Radius Clip
       2. **DW90C:** 90 Degree Drywall Angle Clip
       3. **DW45C:** 45 Degree Drywall Angle Clip
       4. **DW30C:** 30 Degree Drywall Angle Clip
       5. **DDC:** Double Drywall Clip

### 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. Contact Armstrong Installation Specialists for design application and field support. Install according to approved Pre-construction drawings recommended for complex projects. Contact your local Armstrong Sales Representative for support.
3. The Armstrong Drywall Grid System can be installed in interior or exterior applications.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Add additional wire as needed when using compatible clips and accessories.
7. Control Joints: Roll formed zinc alloy, aluminum, or plastic as required for expansion and contraction as shown on drawings.
8. Expansion Joints: Roll formed zinc alloy, aluminum, or plastic as required for expansion and contraction as shown on drawings.
9. Main beams shall be suspended from the overhead construction with hanger wire, spaced as required for expected ceiling loads, along the length of the main beams.
10. Install cross tees at on center spacing as specified by the drywall manufacturer. Typical drywall cross 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
11. 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.
12. Use channel molding or angle molding to interface with Drywall Grid System to provide perimeter attachment or to obtain drop soffits, verticals, slopes, etc.
13. 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.
14. For light fixtures (Type G, Type F) use secondary framing cross tees as required to frame opening.
15. Single cross tees in a route hole to be secured by 7/16 inch framing screw or alternative methods.

### END OF SECTION