

## DIVISION 8 – OPENINGS

### SECTION 08 45 13

#### STRUCTURED POLYCARBONATE WALL ASSEMBLIES

Items in **blue** indicate specification comments or choices to be selected, deleted or filled in as appropriate.

#### I. GENERAL

##### A. Work Included:

1. Single source factory fabricated and installed aluminum framework with structured polycarbonate glazing.
2. Sill cap flashing and other required flashings, anchorages, sealant, closures, attachments and other equipment as described herein for a complete watertight installation.
3. Engineering and drafting of production documents, including structural design calculations.
4. Shop drawing submittals.
5. Applied finish to aluminum extrusions and flashings.

##### B. Related Work Not Included:

1. Section 05120: Structural Steel.
2. Section 05160: Space Frames.
3. Section 05500: Metal Fabrications.
4. Section 07600: Other Flashing and Sheet Metal not included herein.
5. Section 08800: Other Glazing not included herein.
6. Section 08900: Glazed Curtain Walls.
7. Section **xxxxx**: Roofing.
8. Section **xxxxx**: Sealants.

##### C. Submittals:

1. Prior to starting fabrication, submit manufacturers' product specifications, test results showing compliance with performance criteria described below, complete shop drawings, handling installation and protection instructions. Indicate pertinent dimensioning, general construction, component connections and locations, anchorage methods, locations and installation details.
2. Provide pairs of samples for initial color selection on 6" long sections of extrusions or formed shapes. Where normal color variations are anticipated, include two or more units in each set indicating limits of color variations.
3. Submit structural calculations prepared in accordance with the Aluminum Association's Specifications for Aluminum Structures (SAS30) by a structural engineer qualified in the design of self-supporting glazed wall assembly systems and licensed to practice in the state where the product is manufactured.

4. Submit only if specifically requested:
  - a. Submit (2) 12-in. x 12-in. samples of each type of polycarbonate.
  - b. Submit (2) manufacturer's samples of each type of sealant.
  - c. Submit (2) 6-in. long samples of extrusions (with appropriate finish).
  - d. Submit (3) sets of as-built drawings and cleaning and maintenance manuals
  - e. Certification that insulating polycarbonate units will withstand specified design loads.

D. Quality Assurance:

1. The product installers must be permanent full-time employees of the product manufacturer.
2. Engage a single source manufacturer/installer for the product, who will assume undivided responsibility for all components, including structural design, engineering, fabrication, finishing, preparation at the job site, erection and glazing of the product and the weatherproof integrity of the system in place.
3. The manufacturer shall be able to demonstrate that it has performed successfully on comparably sized projects and of comparable design complexity over at least the previous ten years.
4. Comply with recommendations of Flat Polycarbonate Marketing Association (FGMA) "Glazing Manual" and "Sealant Manual" except where more stringent requirements are indicated. Refer to those publications for definitions of polycarbonate and glazing terms not otherwise defined in this Section or referenced standards.

E. System Performance Requirements:

1. Provide assemblies, including anchorage, capable of withstanding, without failure, the effects of the following:
  - a. Structural loads.
  - b. Thermal movements.
  - c. Movements of supporting structure.
2. Failure includes the following:
  - a. Deflection exceeding specified limits.
  - b. Water leakage.
  - c. Thermal stresses transferred to building structure.
  - d. Noise or vibration created by wind and thermal and structural movements.
  - e. Loosening or weakening of fasteners, attachments, and other components.
3. Structural Loads:
  - a. Wind Loads: As indicated on structural Drawings and as prescribed by governing building codes. Reference American National Standard "Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures" ANSI A58.1 -- latest edition.
  - b. Where permitted by code, a 1/3 increase in allowable stress for wind or seismic load shall be acceptable, but not in combination with any reduction applied to combined loads. In no case shall allowable values exceed the yield stress.
  - c. The deflection of a framing member in a direction parallel to the plane of polycarbonate, when carrying its full load, shall not exceed an amount which will reduce the polycarbonate or panel bite below 75% of the design dimension and the member shall have a 1/8-in. minimum clearance between itself and the edge of the fixed panel, polycarbonate, or component immediately adjacent, nor shall it impair the function of or damage any joint seals.
  - d. The system shall perform to these criteria under a combined load as dictated by the state building codes for all dead, snow, wind, thermal and building movement loads, as well as any additional service and construction loads.

4. Thermal Movements:
  - a. Provide for such expansion and contraction of component materials as will be caused by the ambient surface temperature range without buckling, stress on polycarbonate, failure of seals, undue stress on structural elements, reduction of performance or other detrimental effects.
  - b. Base engineering calculation on surface temperatures of materials due to both solar heat gain and nighttime-sky heat loss.
  - c. Temperature Change (Range): 120 deg F, ambient; 180 deg F, material surfaces.
5. Air Infiltration and Water Penetration:
  - a. Provide assemblies that comply with test-performance requirements indicated, as evidenced by reports of tests performed on manufacturer's standard assemblies by a qualified independent testing agency.
  - b. When tested in accordance with ASTM E-283, air infiltration shall not exceed .06 cfm/sf of fixed area at a test pressure of 6.24 psf.
  - c. When tested in accordance with ASTM E-331, there shall be no uncontrolled water penetration at a test pressure of 12.0 psf.

F. Warranty:

1. Provide written warranty from the product manufacturer stating that all work of this Section will remain free from defects in materials and workmanship. The work shall remain free of leaks, defective design, defective materials and construction.
2. Provide written warranty stating that all insulating polycarbonate units will remain free of defects in manufacture. Defects include the following:
  - a. Delamination.
  - b. Color changes from original in excess of *insert selection from section 'II.D.6.a' here.* units Delta E when measured per ASTM D 2244.
  - c. Losses in light transmission beyond 6 percent from original when measured per ASTM D 1003.
3. Warranty that installed system shall be free from harmonic vibration, wind whistles, noises caused by thermal movement, loosening, weakening or fracturing attachments to other adjacent components.
4. Warranty period: (5) five years after the date of substantial completion.

## II. PRODUCTS

A. Manufacturers:

1. The specifications are based on the products of Wisconsin Solar Design, [wisconsinsolardesign.com](http://wisconsinsolardesign.com).
2. *Complete or delete:* The following manufacturers will be accepted when complying with the specifications herein:
  - a. [Manufacturer #2, website]
  - b. [Manufacturer #2, website]
3. *Complete or delete:* Other manufacturers must pre-qualify with the Architect [not less than [7] [10] [14] days prior to the bid closing date.] [per the project requirements listed in Specification Section [00/01]. ]

## B. Aluminum Framing System:

1. Extruded Aluminum Framing Members: ASTM B221 Alloy G.S. 10A-T6, 6063-T6 alloy and temper.
2. Structural members: 0.125" thick minimum.
3. Extruded caps, closures and miscellaneous trim: 0.040" thick minimum.
4. Aluminum sheet for Closures and Flashings: ASTM B209-86 3003-H14 with a minimum thickness of .040 inch, finished to match framing members.
5. Sheet metal flashings/closures/claddings are to be furnished shop formed to profile in min. 10-ft. lengths. When lengths exceed 10-ft., field trimming of the flashing and field forming the ends is necessary to suit as-built conditions. Sheet metal ends are to overlap 6-in. to 8-in. minimum, set in a full bed of sealant and riveted if required.

## C. Aluminum Finishes:

1. General: Comply with NAAMM's "Metal Finishes Manual for Architectural and Metal Products" for recommendations for applying and designating finishes.
2. Finish designations prefixed by AA comply with the system established by the Aluminum Association for designating aluminum finishes.
3. All aluminum to receive a *select* [high performance 2-coat fluoropolymer painted finish, conforming to AAMA 2604] [high performance 3-coat fluoropolymer finish, conforming to AAMA 2605] [Class I anodized finish, conforming to Aluminum Association Standard AA-M21C22A42/A44 and AAMA 606.1 or AAMA 608.1.], *select* [insert color] [color to be selected by Architect from manufacturer's *select* [standard] [full] range of colors.]

## D. Glazing:

1. Panel and Joint System:
  - a. Panels are to be translucent, extruded polycarbonate sheet with cellular cross section that provides isolated airspaces and that is coextruded with a UV-protective layer.

***NOTE: For Dimensions/Appearance/Performance/Weatherability below, ensure that inserted values are all per a single selected polycarbonate panel thickness and color.***

2. Dimensions:
  - a. Panels are to be *insert thickness from 'Translucent Glazing Options' performance table here* mm thick, with a maximum width of 4'. *Note: some panels also available up to 6' wide; contact Wisconsin Solar Design.*
  - b. Panels are to be extruded in a single, continuous length, up to 39'.
3. Appearance:
  - a. Color: *select: [insert color from 'Translucent Glazing Options' performance table] [As selected by the Architect from manufacturer's standard color range].*
4. Performance:
  - a. Panel U-Factor: Not more than *insert U-Factor from 'Translucent Glazing Options' performance table here* Btu/sq. ft. x h x deg F per NFRC 100.
  - b. Visible Light Transmission: *select: [insert LT% from 'Translucent Glazing Options' performance table here , per ASTM E 972 or ASTM E 1084.] [To be determined based on color selection]*
  - c. Solar Heat Gain Coefficient: *select: [insert SHGC from 'Translucent Glazing Options' performance table here , per NFRC 201.] [To be determined based on color selection.]*
5. Fire Rating:
  - a. Plastic Self-Ignition Temperature: 1058 deg F or more per ASTM D 1929.

- b. Burning Extent: Class CC1, per ASTM D 635.
- c. Smoke-Developed Index: Class A, per ASTM E.
- d. Flame-Spread Index: Class A, per ASTM E 84.
- e. Panels shall be self-extinguishing.
- 6. Weatherability:
  - a. Color Stability: Not more than *insert Δ number from 'Translucent Glazing Options' performance table here* units Delta E when measured according to ASTM D 2244 after outdoor weathering according to procedures in ASTM D 1435.
  - b. Outdoor Weathering Conditions: 60 months in Arizona or 120 months in a moderate North American climate.
  - c. Light transmission shall not decrease more than 6% over ten (10) years, as measured by ASTM D1003.
- 7. Impact Resistance:
  - a. No failure at impact of ice balls of up to 1.1" at velocity up to 82' per ASTM E-822-81 second using ice balls of up to 1.1".
  - b. Impact and shatter resistance of 200 ft. lbs per ASTM D-3841.

E. Accessory Materials;

- 1. Fasteners: ASTM B221 2024-T4 aluminum or 300 series stainless steel with integral color coating to match finish of aluminum where exposed to view; cadmium plated steel for connections to supporting structure.
- 2. Glazing gaskets -- manufacturer's standard.
- 3. Setting blocks -- extruded Type II silicone rubber, manufacturer's standard.
- 4. Sealant -- Dow Corning ® 795 Silicone Building Sealant, a one-part, neutral-cure, medium-modulus silicone rubber. The cured sealant tensile adhesion strength at ±50 percent elongation = 50 psi in accordance with ASTM C 1135.

### III. EXECUTION

A. Site Tolerances:

- 1. All supporting and adjacent construction will be held to within + ½" of theoretical.
- 2. Tolerances for the installation of related products: Refer to the sections noted in the "Related Work Not Included" paragraph above for specified tolerances for adjoining construction.

B. Pre-installation:

- 3. The furnishing of temporary covering, weatherproofing and protection of the work area before and after the product installation are excluded from the work of this section.

C. Installation:

- 1. Manufacturer shall be totally responsible for the complete erection and glazing of the product installation.
- 2. Prior to the installation of the product, arrange for the representative of the product manufacturer to examine the structure and substrate to determine that they are properly prepared, sized and ready to receive the work specified herein.
- 3. Assist general contractor to coordinate installation with adjacent work such as roofing, sheet metal and other work to ensure a complete weatherproof assembly.
- 4. Contact between aluminum and dissimilar metals shall receive a protective coating at asphalt paint for the prevention of electrolytic action and corrosion.

5. Install system's frame, polycarbonate and accessory items as needed in accordance with the manufacturer's printed instructions matching profiles, sizes and spacing indicated on approved shop drawings.
6. During installation, remove labels, part number markings, sealant smears, handprints, and construction dirt from all components. Touch-up damaged coatings and finishes and repair minor damage to eliminate all evidence of repair. Remove and replace work that cannot be satisfactorily repaired.
7. Anchor work securely to supporting structure, but allow for differential and thermal movement.
8. Erect system plumb and true and in proper alignment and relation to established lines and grades as shown on the approved shop drawings.
9. Handle polycarbonate in accordance with the recommendations of the FNMA, latest edition. Use rubber spacers to maintain separation of polycarbonate and adjacent metal framework.
10. Touch-up areas damaged during installation.
11. Where required, locate weep holes in sill to positively drain condensation to exterior of system at each rafter connection.
12. Sealants to be installed per sealant manufacturers' instructions. Do not perform structural silicone sealant work when the metal temperature is below that recommended by the sealant manufacturer.
13. Before application, remove mortar dirt, dust moisture and other foreign matter from surfaces sealant will contact. Apply sealant in a tooled and uniform manner to completely fill joint. Remove excess sealant to leave uniform smooth edge.

D. Field Quality Control: *Delete this section if field testing is not needed.*

1. *Water Test: select: [Installer to] [Owner to] engage qualified testing agency to test installed system in accordance with AAMA 501.2*

E. Cleaning:

1. Remove any temporary coverings and protection of adjacent work areas at the completion of product installation. Repair or replace damaged installed products. Clean installed products in accordance with manufacturer's instructions prior to owner's acceptance. Remove construction debris from project site and legally dispose of debris.
2. This subcontractor is required to leave polycarbonate and metal surfaces clean at the conclusion of the installation. Final cleaning is to be performed by the general contractor, not this subcontractor, just prior to acceptance of the project by the owner.

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