

SECTION 234324 - AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEM

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION OF WORK

- A. This section describes the design, performance and installation of an air purification system intended for use as part of another manufacturer's air handling unit or mounted on the duct as shown on the plans, details and equipment schedules.

1.2 REFERENCED CODES AND STANDARDS

- A. The following codes and standards are referenced through out. The edition to be used is that currently enforced by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) or in absence of such direction that referenced by the current enforceable IBC code or as indicated by the contract documents, except where specifically referenced by this section of the specifications.

1. ASHRAE Standards 62 & 52
2. National Electric Code NFPA 70
3. UL 867

1.3 RELATED WORK

- A. Testing, Adjusting and Balancing
- B. Facility Access and Protection
- C. Ductwork
- D. Filters
- E. Water and Refrigerant Piping
- F. Electrical Wiring
- G. Control Wiring

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. The Air Purification System shall be a product of an established manufacturer within the USA.
- B. A qualified representative from the manufacturer shall be available to inspect the installation of the air purification system to ensure installation in accordance with manufacturer's recommendation.
- C. Technologies that do not address gas disassociation such as UV Lights, Powered Particulate Filters and/or polarized media filters shall not be considered. Uni-polar ion generators shall not be acceptable. "Plasma" particulate filters shall not be acceptable.

- D. Projects designed using ASHRAE Standard 62, IAQ Procedure shall require the manufacturer to provide Indoor Air Quality calculations using the formulas within ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2007 to validate acceptable indoor air quality at the quantity of outside air scheduled with the technology submitted. The manufacturer shall provide independent test data on a previous installation in a similar application, that proves compliance to ASHRAE 62 and the accuracy of the calculations.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's technical product data for ion generators including:
 - 1. Schedule of plasma generators indicating unit designation, number of each type required for each unit/application.
 - 2. Data sheet for each type of plasma generator, and accessory furnished; indicating construction, sizes, and mounting details.
 - 3. Performance data for each type of plasma device furnished.
 - 4. Indoor Air Quality calculations using the formulas within ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2007 to validate acceptable indoor air quality at the quantity of outside air scheduled (when projects are designed with outside air reduction).
 - 5. Product drawings detailing all physical, electrical and control requirements.
- B. Operating & Maintenance Data: Submit O&M data and recommended spare parts lists.

1.6 PRODUCT DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver in factory fabricated shipping containers. Identify on outside of container type of product and location to be installed. Avoid crushing or bending.
- B. Store in original cartons and protect from weather and construction work traffic.
- C. Store indoors and in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendation for storage.

1.7 WARRANTY

- A. Equipment shall be warranted by the manufacturer against defects in material and workmanship. This guarantee shall be by the Contractor to the Owner to replace for the Owner any defective workmanship, equipment, or material which has been furnished under this Contract at no cost to the Owner for a period of one year from the date of acceptance of the System at Substantial Completion.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 GENERAL

- A. The air purification system(s) shall be of the size, type, arrangement and capacity indicated and required by the unit furnished and shall be of the manufacturers specified.
- B. Acceptable Manufacturers: Plasma Air.

- C. All other Suppliers of comparable products requesting prior approval shall:
1. Submit for prior approval in accordance with the requirements of Section 230100.
 2. In addition, manufacturers submitting for prior approval for Bi-Polar Ionization must as part of the prior approval request provide their ASHRAE 62.1-2007 calculations that prove conformance to the ASHRAE Standard with the reduction of outside air to the scheduled values. A letter on the manufacturer's letterhead requesting prior approval must accompany the request for prior approval stating their calculations are ASHRAE compliant. A third party validation study performed on a previous installation of the same application shall also be included.

2.2 BI-POLAR IONIZATION DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

- A. Each piece of air handling equipment, so designated on the plans, details, equipment schedules and/or specifications shall contain a Plasma Generator with Bi-polar Ionization output as described here within.
- B. The Bi-polar Ionization system shall be capable of:
1. Effectively killing microorganisms downstream of the bi-polar ionization equipment (mold, bacteria, virus, etc.).
 2. Controlling gas phase contaminants generated from human occupants, building structure, furnishings and outside air contaminants.
 3. Capable of reducing static space charges.
 4. Effectively reducing space particle counts.
- C. The bi-polar ionization system shall operate in a manner such that equal amounts of positive and negative ions are produced. Uni-polar ion devices shall not be acceptable.
1. Air exchange rates may vary through the full operating range of a constant volume or VAV system. The quantity of air exchange shall not be increased due to requirements of the air purification system.
 2. Velocity Profile: The air purification device shall not have maximum velocity profile.
- D. Humidity: Plasma Generators shall not require preheat protection when the relative humidity of the entering air exceeds 85%. Relative humidity from 0 - 100%, condensing, shall not cause damage, deterioration or dangerous conditions within the air purification system.
- E. Equipment Requirements:
1. Electrode Specifications (Bi-polar Ionization):
 - a. Each Plasma Generator with Bi-polar Ionization output shall include the required number of electrodes and power generators sized to the air handling equipment capacity. Bi-polar ionization tubes manufactured of glass and steel mesh shall not be acceptable due to replacement requirements, maintenance, performance output reduction over time, ozone production and corrosion.
 - b. Electrodes shall be energized when the main unit disconnect is turned on and the fan is operating.
 - c. Manufacture shall demonstrate that no voltage potential exists due to exposed electrical components.

F. Air Handler Mounted Units:

1. Where so indicated on the plans and/or schedules Plasma Generator(s) shall be supplied and installed. The mechanical contractor shall mount the Plasma Generator and associated power supplies. All interconnecting wiring shall be UL and NEC NFPA 70 approved. Electrical contractor shall provide a 120V circuit to the ion generators.

G. Ionization Requirements:

1. Plasma Generators with Bi-polar ionization output shall be capable of controlling gas phase contaminants and shall be provided for all equipment listed above.
 - a. The Bi-polar ionization system shall consist of Bi-Polar Plasma Generator and power supply. The Bi-polar system shall be installed where indicated on the plans or specified to be installed. The device shall be capable of being powered by 110VAC to 208VAC to 240VAC without the use of an external transformer. Ionization systems requiring isolation transformers shall not be acceptable.
 - b. Ionization Output: The ionization output shall be controlled such that an equal number of positive and negative ions are produced. Imbalanced levels shall not be acceptable.
 - c. Ionization output from each electrode shall be a minimum of 15 million ions/cc when tested at 2" from the ionization generator.
2. Ozone Generation:
 - a. The operation of the electrodes or Bi-polar ionization units shall conform to UL 867-2007 with respect to ozone generation.

H. Electrical Requirements:

1. Wiring, conduit and junction boxes shall be installed within housing plenums in accordance with NEC NFPA 70. Plasma Generator shall accept an electrical service of 115 VAC to 240VAC, 1 phase, 50/60 Hz.

I. Control Requirements:

1. All Plasma Generators shall have internal short circuit protection, overload protection, and automatic fault reset.
2. The installing contractor shall mount and wire the Plasma device within the air handling unit specified or as shown on the plans. The contractor shall follow all manufacturer IOM instructions during installation.
3. Units shall be provided with external ion detector for proof that unit is generating ions.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 GENERAL

- A. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining all air systems until the owner accepts the building (Owner Acceptance).

3.2 ASSEMBLY AND ERECTION: PLASMA GENERATOR WITH BI-POLAR IONIZATION

- A. All equipment shall be assembled and installed in a workman like manner to the satisfaction of the owner, architect, and engineer.

- B. Any material damaged by handling, water or moisture shall be replaced, by the mechanical contractor, at no cost to the owner.
- C. All equipment shall be protected from dust and damage on a daily basis throughout construction.

3.3 TESTING

- A. Provide the manufacturers recommended electrical tests.

3.4 COMMISSIONING AND TRAINING

- A. A manufacturer's authorized representative shall provide start-up supervision and training of owner's personnel in the proper operation and maintenance of all equipment.

END OF SECTION 234324