

**SECTION 23 01 30.51
HVAC AIR DUCT CLEANING**

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 REFERENCE STANDARDS

- A. NADCA ACR - The NADCA Standard for Assessment, Cleaning, and Restoration of HVAC System; 2021.
- B. UL 181 - Standard for Factory-Made Air Ducts and Air Connectors; Current Edition, Including All Revisions.
- C. UL 181A - Closure Systems for Use with Rigid Air Ducts; Current Edition, Including All Revisions.

THE CONTRACTOR IS REFERRED TO THE “SPECIAL NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS SUMMARY FORM “THE “FORM OF PROPOSAL”; THE “FORM OF BID BOND”; “DIVISION 01 – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS” OF THE “CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS”; THE “CONTRACT DRAWINGS” AND ALL AMENDMENTS AND ADDENDA THERETO; ALL OF WHICH GOVERN THE WORK OF THIS SECTION.

1.02 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Cleaning of existing kitchen range hood exhaust duct system located in the shaft starting from kitchen ceiling to the existing exhaust fan on the roof and related components.
- B. Testing and inspection agency employed by Owner.

1.03 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

- A. Section 23 08 00 - Commissioning of HVAC.

1.04 DEFINITIONS

- A. HVAC System: For purposes of this section, the surfaces to be cleaned include all interior surfaces of the kitchen hood exhaust system duct from the points where the air enters the shaft to the points where the air is discharged from the duct and to the roof mounted exhaust fan. see [NADCA ACR](#) for more details.
 - 1. 1. Makeup air system is required to be cleaned.
 - 2. 2. Exhaust-only system is required to be cleaned.
- B. 1.04 REFERENCE STANDARDS
 - 1. [NADCA ACR](#) - Assessment, Cleaning and Restoration of HVAC Systems; 2013.
 - 2. [UL 181](#) - Standard for Factory-Made Air Ducts and Air Connectors; current edition, including all revisions.
 - 3. [UL 181A](#) - Closure Systems for Use with Rigid Air Ducts; Current Edition, Including All Revisions.

1.05 SUBMITTALS

- A. See Section 01 30 00 - Administrative Requirements, for submittal procedures.
- B. Qualifications Statement: Submit qualifications of proposed cleaning contractor for approval.
- C. Project Cleanliness Evaluation and Cleaning Plan, as specified.
- D. Project Closeout Report: Include field quality control reports, evidence of satisfactory cleaning, and documentation of items needing further repair.

1.06 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Information Available to Contractor: No existing system documentation is available.
- B. Cleaning Contractor Qualifications: Company specializing in the cleaning and restoration of HVAC systems as specified in this section.
 - 1. Certified by one of the following:
 - a. NADCA, National Air Duct Cleaners Association: www.nadca.com
 - 2. Having minimum of three years documented experience.
 - 3. Employing for this project a supervisor certified as an Air Systems Cleaning Specialist by NADCA.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- A. Vacuum Devices and Other Tools: Exceptionally clean, in good working order, and sealed when brought into the facility.
- B. Vacuum Devices That Exhaust Air Inside Building, Including Hand-Held and Wet Vacuums: Equipped with HEPA filtration with 99.97 percent collection efficiency for minimum 0.3-micron size particles and DOP test number.
- C. Vacuum Devices That Exhaust Air Outside Building, Including Truck- and Trailer-Mounted Types: Equipped with particulate collection including adequate filtration to contain debris removed from the HVAC system; exhausted in manner that prevents contaminant re-entry to building; compliant with applicable regulations as to outdoor environmental contamination.

2.02 SURFACE TREATMENTS

- A. Anti-Microbial Materials: EPA registered specifically for use on non-porous HVAC system surfaces and applied per manufacturer's instructions.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Comply with applicable federal, state, and local requirements.
- B. Perform cleaning, inspection, and remediation in accordance with the recommendations of NADCA "Assessment, Cleaning and Restoration of HVAC Systems" (ACR) and as specified herein.
- C. Where [NADCA ACR](#) uses the terms "recommended", "highly recommended", or "ideally" in regard to a certain procedure or activity, do that unless it is clearly inapplicable to the project.
- D. Take precautions to prevent introduction of additional hazards into occupied spaces.
- E. Obtain Owner's approval of proposed temporary locations for large equipment.
- F. Designate a decontamination area and obtain Owner's approval.
- G. When portions of the facility are to remain occupied or in operation during cleaning activities, provide adequate controls or containment to prevent access to spaces being cleaned by unauthorized persons and provide detailed instructions to Owner as to these controls or containment.
- H. If unforeseen mold or other biological contamination is encountered, notify Architect immediately, identifying areas affected and extent and type of contamination.

3.02 EXAMINATION

- A. Prior to the commencement of any cleaning work, prepare and submit to Architect a project evaluation and plan for this project, including considerations recommended in [NADCA ACR](#).

- B. Inspect the system as required to determine appropriate methods, tools, equipment, and protection.
- C. Start of cleaning work constitutes acceptance of existing conditions.
- D. When concealed spaces are later made accessible, examine and document interior conditions prior to beginning cleaning.
- E. Document all instances of mold growth, rodent droppings, other biological hazards, and damaged system components.

3.03 PREPARATION

- A. When cleaning work might adversely affect life safety systems, including fire and smoke detection, alarm, and control, coordinate scheduling and testing and inspection procedures with authorities having jurisdiction.
- B. Ensure that electrical components that might be adversely affected by cleaning are de-energized, locked out, and protected prior to beginning work.
- C. Air-Volume Control Devices: Mark the original position of dampers and other air-directional mechanical devices inside the HVAC system prior to starting cleaning.
- D. Access to Concealed Spaces: Use existing service openings and make additional service openings as required to accomplish cleaning and inspection.
 1. Do not cut openings in non-HVAC components without obtaining the prior approval of Owner.
 2. Make new openings in HVAC components in accordance with NADCA Standard 05; do not compromise the structural integrity of the system.
 3. Do not cut service openings into flexible duct; disconnect at ends for cleaning and inspection.
- E. Ceiling Tile: Lay-in ceiling tile may be removed to gain access to HVAC systems during the cleaning process; protect tile from damage and reinstall upon completion; replace damaged tile.

3.04 CLEANING

- A. Use any cleaning method recommended by [NADCA ACR](#) unless otherwise specified; do not use methods prohibited by [NADCA ACR](#), or that will damage HVAC components or other work, or that will significantly alter the integrity of the system.
- B. Obtain Owner's approval before using wet cleaning methods; ensure that drainage is adequate before beginning.
- C. Ducts: Mechanically clean all portions of ducts.
- D. Hoses, Cables, and Extension Rods: Clean using suitable sanitary damp wipes at the time they are being removed or withdrawn from their normal position.
- E. Registers, Diffusers, and Grilles: When removing, take care to prevent containment exposure due to accumulated debris.
- F. Coils: Follow [NADCA ACR](#) completely including measuring static pressure drop before and after cleaning; do not remove refrigeration coils from system to clean; report coils that are permanently impacted.
- G. Collect debris removed during cleaning; ensure that debris is not dispersed outside the HVAC system during the cleaning process.
- H. Store contaminated tools and equipment in polyethylene bags until cleaned in the designated decontamination area.

3.05 REPAIR

- A. Repair openings cut in the ventilation system so that they do not significantly alter the airflow or adversely impact the facility's indoor air quality.
- B. At insulated ducts and components, accomplish repairs in such a manner as to achieve the equivalent thermal value.
- C. Reseal new openings in accordance with NADCA Standard 05.
- D. When new openings are intended to be capable of being re-opened in the future, clearly mark them and report their locations to Owner in project report documents.

3.06 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Ensure that the following field quality control activities are completed prior to application of any treatments or coatings and prior to returning HVAC system to normal operation.
- B. Visually inspect all portions of the cleaned components; if not visibly clean as defined in [NADCA ACR](#), re-clean and reinspect.
- C. Coils: Cleaning must restore the coil pressure drop to within 10 percent of the coil's original installed pressure drop; if original pressure drop is not known, coil will be considered clean if free of foreign matter and chemical residue based on visual inspection.
- D. Notify Architect when cleaned components are ready for inspection.
- E. Notify Owner's testing and inspection agency when cleaned components are ready for inspection.
- F. Owner reserves the right to verify cleanliness using [NADCA ACR](#) Surface Comparison Testing or NADCA Vacuum Test.
- G. When directed, re-clean components until they pass.
- H. Contractor shall bear the costs of retesting due to inadequate cleaning.
- I. Submit evidence that all portions of the system required to be cleaned have been cleaned satisfactorily.

3.07 ADJUSTING

- A. After satisfactory completion of field quality control activities, restore adjustable devices to original settings, including, but not limited to, dampers, air directional devices, valves, fuses, and circuit breakers.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- A. Double-bag waste and debris in 6 mil, 0.006 inch thick polyethylene plastic bags.
- B. Dispose of debris off-site in accordance with applicable federal, state and local requirements.

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