**SECTION 32 31 22**

**STAINLESS STEEL LOUVER FENCES AND GATES**

**\*\*\*\*\* Ametco® Manufacturing Corporation manufactures fixed louver fencing from three different metals - galvanized steel, aluminum, and stainless steel. Galvanized steel has excellent strength and corrosion resistance, but can have rough areas resulting from the galvanizing process. In contrast, aluminum fencing has a very smooth finish. It is also lightweight and hence suited for roof-mounted screens. Stainless steel fencing has the greatest strength, best corrosion resistance, and does not have rough areas typical of galvanized steel. Refer to Ametco® product literature for additional information to assist in selecting type of material for fixed louver fencing.**

**This guide specification can be used to specify Eclipse® Stainless Steel Fixed Louver Fencing and Total Eclipse® Stainless Steel Fixed Louver Fencing manufactured by Ametco® Manufacturing Corporation. Galvanized fixed louver fencing can be specified with SECTION 32 31 20 - ORNAMENTAL STEEL FENCES AND GATES and aluminum fixed louver fencing can be specified with SECTION 32 31 21 - ALUMINUM LOUVER FENCES AND GATES.**

**The specifier will need to edit this guide specification for a specific project to reflect the options and applications being used. The guide section has been written so that most editing can be accomplished by deleting unnecessary requirements. Options are indicated by [ ]. Notes to assist the specifier in selecting options and editing the guide specification are printed in bold and indicated with \*\*\*\*\*. For final editing, all brackets and notes will need to be deleted from the guide.**

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**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 SUMMARY**

A. Section includes: Ornamental fixed louver modular fencing panels fabricated with formed stainless steel louvers and flat stainless steel bars, including flat bar stainless steel fence posts and stainless steel louver gates.

B. Related sections:

**\*\*\*\*\* List other specification sections dealing with work directly related to this section such as the following. \*\*\*\*\***

1. Section 03 30 00 - Cast-in-Place Concrete: Concrete footings for support of fence posts.

2. Section 32 31 11 - Gate Operators: Electric operator for ornamental steel gates.

**1.2 REFERENCES**

**\*\*\*\* List by number and full title reference standards referred to in remainder of specification section. Delete non-applicable references. \*\*\*\*\***

A. ASTM International (ASTM):

1. ASTM A167 - Stainless and Heat-Resisting Chromium-Nickel Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip.

2. ASTM A269 - Seamless and Welded Austenitic Stainless Steel Tubing for General Service.

3. ASTM A276 - Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes.

4. ASTM B117 - Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus.

5. ASTM D822 - Filtered Open-Flame Carbon-Arc Exposures of Paint and Related Coatings.

6. ASTM D2794 - Resistance of Organic Coatings to the Effects of Rapid Deformation (Impact).

7. ASTM D3363 - Test Method for Film Hardness by Pencil Test.

**1.3 SUBMITTALS**

A. Provide in accordance with Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures:

1. Product data for components and accessories.

2. Shop drawings showing layout, dimensions, spacing of components, [interface with electric gate operator,] and anchorage and installation details.

3. Sample: [8 by 10 inches] [203 by 254 mm] minimum size sample of fence panel illustrating design, fabrication workmanship, and selected color coating.

4. Copy of warranty specified in Paragraph 1.4 for review by Architect.

**1.4 WARRANTY**

A. Provide in accordance with Section 01 77 00 - Closeout Procedures:

1. 20-year warranty for factory finish against cracking, peeling, and blistering under normal use.

**PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

**2.1 ACCEPTABLE MANUFACTURERS**

A. Ametco Manufacturing Corporation, 4326 Hamann Parkway, P.O. Box 1210, Willoughby, Ohio 44096; 800-362-1360.

B. Manufacturers of equivalent products submitted and approved in accordance with Section 01 25 13 - Product Substitution Procedures.

**2.2 MATERIALS**

**\*\*\*\*\* Stainless steel provided by Ametco® Manufacturing Corporation is Type 304, basic chromium-nickel austenitic stainless steel and provides excellent corrosion resistance and strength. \*\*\*\*\***

A. Stainless steel louvers: ASTM A167, Type 304.

B. Stainless steel tubing: ASTM A269, Type 304.

C. Stainless steel posts: ASTM A276, Type 304.

D. Grout: Non-shrink type, pre-mixed compound consisting of non-metallic aggregate, cement, and water-reducing and plasticizing additives.

**2.3 FENCE SYSTEM**

**\*\*\*\*\* Ametco® Manufacturing provides two types of stainless steel louver fencing. Eclipse® provides 80 percent visual blocking and Total Eclipse® provides 100 percent visual blocking. \*\*\*\*\***

A. Type: Ornamental fencing system consisting of fixed louver modular fence panels fabricated with formed stainless steel louvers and flat stainless steel bars welded to back of louvers and supported by stainless steel fence posts and stainless steel louver gates and gate hardware; [Eclipse] [Total Eclipse] Stainless Steel Fixed Louver Fencing as manufactured by Ametco Manufacturing Corporation.

B. Fixed louver fence panel:

**\*\*\*\*\* Eclipse® and Total Eclipse® Stainless Steel Fixed Louver panels can be installed with the louvers in either a vertical or a horizontal position. Louvers can be formed and spaced to allow either 80 or 100 percent direct vision screening. Spacing for 80 percent visual blocking is 2-1/16 inches (52 mm) and for 100 percent blocking is 1-13/16 inches (46 mm).**

1. [Vertical] [Horizontal] fixed louver bars: Formed stainless steel louver bars, [1-31/32 inches] [50 mm] wide, spaced at [[1-13/16] [2-1/16] inches] [[46] [52] mm]. Extend louver flange to allow [80] [100] percent direct visual screening.

2. Cross bars: [1/2 by 1/8 inch] [13 by 3 mm] flat bars welded perpendicular to back side of louver bars and spaced at [18 inches] [457 mm.]

**\*\*\*\*\* Fence panels are provided in standard heights and widths. Refer to Ametco® product literature for available sizes. Custom sizes can also be obtained as a special order. \*\*\*\*\***

3. Panel height: [[36] [48] [60] [62-3/8] inches.] [[889] [1219] [1524] [1584] mm.]

4. Panel width: [64-21/32 inches.] [1642 mm.]

**\*\*\*\*\* Fence posts for stainless steel louver fencing are flat bar stainless steel shapes. \*\*\*\*\***

C. Posts: Flat bar stainless steel shapes.

1. Size: [2-1/2 by 5/16 inch] [64 by 8 mm].

2. Length: [\_\_\_\_\_].

**2.4 GATES**

A. Provide gates of type and size indicated on Drawings. Equip gates with manufacturer's standard hardware as required for complete functional operation.

**\*\*\*\*\* Ametco® Manufacturing Corporation provides single and double hinged swinging gates, V-wheeled rolling gates, and cantilevered horizontal sliding gates for stainless steel louver fences. Gates can be operated with various types of electric operators specified in other sections. Refer to Ametco® product literature for available sizes and types of gates. \*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\* Include the following paragraphs if hinged swinging gates are required. \*\*\*\*\***

B. Type: Hinged swinging [single] [double] gate.

**\*\*\*\*\* Size of stainless steel tubing used to fabricate swinging gate frames will depend on gate size. Refer to Ametco® product literature for recommended sizes. \*\*\*\*\***

1. Construction: Welded frame fabricated from [\_\_\_\_\_] by [\_\_\_\_\_] [inches] [mm] stainless steel tubing with stainless steel fixed louver panels to match fencing material.

2. Nominal size: [\_\_\_\_\_] wide by [\_\_\_\_\_] high.

3. Hardware:

a. Hinges: Size and type as determined by manufacturer. Provide 2 hinges for each leaf up to [6 feet] [1829 mm] high and 1 additional hinge for each additional [24 inches] [610 mm] in height or fraction thereof.

b. Latch: [3/4 inch] [19 mm] diameter slide bolt to accommodate padlock.

c. For double gates provide padlockable, [5/8 inch] [16 mm] diameter center cane bolt assembly and strike.

**\*\*\*\*\* Include the following paragraphs if hinged V-wheeled rolling gates are required. Refer to Ametco® product literature for recommended stainless steel tubing sizes used to fabricate gate frame and wheel diameters to accommodate different gate weights and sizes. \*\*\*\*\***

C. Type: V-wheeled rolling gates.

1. Construction: Welded frame fabricated from [\_\_\_\_\_] by [\_\_\_\_\_] [inches] [mm] stainless steel tubing with stainless steel fixed louver panels to match fencing material. Frame configuration shall be as indicated on Drawings and approved shop drawings.

2. Nominal size:

a. Gate opening: [\_\_\_\_\_].

b. Gate: [\_\_\_\_\_] wide by [\_\_\_\_\_] high.

c. Gate travel distance: [\_\_\_\_\_].

3. Support posts: Pair of [\_\_\_\_\_] diameter tubular stainless steel posts with solid cap.

4. Rolling mechanism: Steel wheels with V-shaped edge groove and [[4] [6] inches] [[102] [152] mm] diameter, mounted to gate frame and riding on ground set V-track. Assembly braced at top by adjustable guide wheels mounted with brackets to support posts.

**\*\*\*\*\* Include the following paragraphs if cantilevered horizontal sliding gates are required. \*\*\*\*\***

D. Type: Cantilevered horizontal sliding gate.

**\*\*\*\*\* Size of stainless steel tubing used to fabricate cantilevered gate frame will depend on gate size. Refer to Ametco® product literature for recommended sizes. \*\*\*\*\***

1. Construction: Welded frame fabricated from [\_\_\_\_\_] by [\_\_\_\_\_] [inches] [mm] stainless steel tubing with stainless steel fixed louver panels to match fencing material. Frame configuration shall be as indicated on Drawings and approved shop drawings.

2. Nominal size:

a. Gate opening: [\_\_\_\_\_] wide by [\_\_\_\_\_] high.

b. Gate: [\_\_\_\_\_] wide by [\_\_\_\_\_] high.

c. Overhang distance: [\_\_\_\_\_].

3. Support posts: Pair of [\_\_\_\_\_] diameter tubular stainless steel posts with solid cap.

4. Cantilever mechanism: Aluminum top track and wheeled carriers and bottom roller guides supported by brackets attached to support posts.

**\*\*\*\*\* Include the following paragraph if gates are to be operated with electric gate operator. \*\*\*\*\***

E. Coordinate provision of gate with electric operator specified in Section 32 31 11 - Gate Operators to ensure size, weight, and design of gate is compatible with operator.

**2.5 ACCESSORIES**

A. Fasteners: Stainless steel bolts of type, size, and spacing as recommended by fence manufacturer for specific condition.

**\*\*\*\*\* Include the following paragraph if fencing is erected in high-security area and anti-intruder bolts are required. \*\*\*\*\***

B. For exposed locations, provide anti-intruder bolts consisting of cup-head bolt and nut with clamping hexagon such that tightening shears hexagon and render bolt impossible to release.

**2.6 FACTORY FINISH**

A. Stainless steel fence panels and posts shall receive polyester powder coating. Large gate panels shall be coated with 2-part polyurethane coating.

B. Polyester powder coating: Electrostatically applied colored polyester powder coating heat cured to chemically bond finish to metal substrate.

1. Minimum hardness measured in accordance with ASTM D3363: 2H.

2. Direct impact resistance tested in accordance with ASTM D2794. Withstand 160 inch-pounds.

3. Salt spray resistance tested in accordance with ASTM B117: No undercutting, rusting, or blistering after 500 hours in 5 percent salt spray at 95 degrees F and 95 percent relative humidity and after 1000 hours less than [3/16 inch] [5 mm] undercutting.

4. Weatherability tested in accordance with ASTM D822: No film failure and 88 percent gloss retention after 1 year exposure in South Florida with test panels tilted at 45 degrees.

C. Polyurethane coating: 1.0 mil dry film thickness of coating of steel test panel cured 30 minutes at 180 degrees F and aged 14 days shall resist the following test conditions without failure:

1. 5 percent salt spray for 500 hours.

2. 100 percent relative humidity for 1000 hours.

3. Water immersion for 100 hours.

4. 20 double rubs with cloth saturated with either lacquer thinner, acetone, MEK, gasoline, or xylene.

5. Exposure to lubricating oils, hydraulic fluids, and cutting oils.

6. 16 cycles of 24 hours at 100 percent humidity, 24 hours at 10 degrees F, and 24 hours at 77 degrees F.

7. Hardness: H to 2H.

8. Flexibility: [1/8 inch] [3 mm] conical mandrel.

**\*\*\*\*\* Ametco® Manufacturing Company provides 15 standard colors. Custom colors are available for minimum size orders. Contact Ametco® Manufacturing Company for information on custom colors. \*\*\*\*\***

D. Color: [[Red Baron] [Black Velvet] [Blue Streak] [Bronze Mat] [Cal Gray] [Charlie Brown] [Cream] [Light Blue] [Light Ivory] [Moss Green] [Pale Green] [Safety Orange] [Safety Yellow] [Silver with weather-resistant clear coating] [White] as manufactured by Ametco Manufacturing Company.] [Selected by Architect from manufacturer's standard range.] [Custom color as selected by Architect.]

**PART 3 - EXECUTION**

**3.1 PREPARATION**

A. Prior to fabrication, field verify required dimensions.

**\*\*\*\*\* Include the following paragraph if electric gate operators are required. \*\*\*\*\***

B. Coordinate fence and gate installation with provision of gate operator specified in Section 32 31 11 - Gate Operators to ensure proper power supply and that conduit and wiring are concealed.

**\*\*\*\*\* Size of concrete fence footings will depend on fence height, post spacing, and other project conditions. Footing dimensions may be indicated on Drawings or in this section, but not both locations in order to eliminate potential conflicts. Edit the following paragraphs to reflect specific project conditions. \*\*\*\*\***

C. Cast concrete footings in accordance with Section 03 30 00 - Cast-in-Place Concrete as detailed on Drawings and approved shop drawings.

1. Minimum footing diameter:

a. Terminal and gate posts: [12 inches.] [305 mm.]

b. Intermediate line posts: [10 inches.] [254 mm.]

2. Allow [8 inches] [203 mm] [\_\_\_\_\_] minimum embedment of posts.

3. Allow [6 inches] [152 mm] [\_\_\_\_\_] minimum concrete beneath post bottom.

D. [Provide setting holes for embedment of fence posts.] [Core drill existing concrete footings for embedment of fence posts.] Hole shall be [2 inches] [51 mm] minimum greater than post width.

**3.2 INSTALLATION**

A. Install fencing in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions and approved shop drawings.

B. Install fence posts plumb and level [by setting post in hole [cast] [drilled] in concrete and grouting solid.] [by embedding post directly in concrete footing.] Temporarily brace fence posts with 2 by 4 wood supports until [concrete] [grout] is set.

C. Do not install bent, bowed, or otherwise damaged panels. Remove damaged components from site and replace.

D. Secure fence panels with [standard stainless steel bolts] [stainless steel anti-intruder bolts] to fence posts [prior to setting posts in footings.] [after posts have been set in footings.]

E. Gates:

1. Install gates and adjust hardware for smooth operation.

2. [Provide concrete center foundation depth and drop rod retainers at center of double swinging gate openings.]

3. [Provide concrete surface for length of operation of V-wheeled rolling gate. Anchor track to concrete with countersunk fasteners.]

4. After installation, test gate [and operator]. Open and close a minimum of five times. Correct deficiencies and adjust.

F. Touch-up damaged finish with paint supplied by manufacturer and matching original coating.

**END OF SECTION**