

Model Specification: Standard-Duty Laundry Cover

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This section covers Pleasant Mount Welding, Inc.'s "Standard-Duty Laundry Cover". Consult PMWI (www.pmwi.net) for assistance in editing this section for specific applications. Call 570.282.6164 or email sales@pmwi.net with any questions.

SECTION XXXXX – Aluminum Laundry Covers

Part 1: General

1.1 Description

- A. Provide aluminum laundry covers, support members and appurtenances as indicated and specified.
- B. Laundry covers shall be the product of one manufacturer.

1.2 Reference Standards

- A. ASTM B221: Aluminum Extruded Bars and Shapes.
- B. ASTM F593: Standard Specifications for Stainless Steel Bolts, Hex Cap Screws and Studs.
- C. ASTM F594: Standard Specification for Stainless Steel Nuts.

1.3 Seismic Design Requirements

- A. The Contractor shall conform to the seismic design requirements for this project and for the work of this specification section.

1.4 Action Submittals

- A. Shop Drawings: The contractor shall submit shop drawings to the Engineer for approval for the fabrication of all Aluminum Laundry Covers based on construction drawings of current issue. The drawings shall be approved and released to the shop before fabrication of the covers. Include plans, sections, shop details, and connections as required by the contract documents. Show type and location of all fasteners. Preliminary drawings shall be stamped by the cover manufacturer's PE. Final drawings shall be signed and sealed by a local state PE if required by contract documents. All work shall be fabricated and erected in accordance with the approved shop drawings.
- B. Stress Analysis: Prior to executing any work in this section, complete structural calculations showing the load criteria and governing stresses in all members and connections shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval. These

calculations shall be signed and sealed by a registered professional engineer if required by contract documents. All work shall be fabricated and erected in accordance with the approved structural calculations.

1.5 Quality Assurance

- A. The Standard-Duty Launder Covers, as specified, shall be the product of a single manufacturer regularly engaged in the design and manufacture of engineered aluminum launder covers. When requested by the Engineer, submit written evidence to show experience qualifications and facility capabilities for performance of contract requirements.
- B. Welders: Welders performing work on the Standard-Duty Launder Covers shall be qualified within the past two years in accordance with AWS.
- C. Warranty: Provide a two (2) year warranty from material and workmanship defects.

1.6 Operation & Maintenance Manual

- A. The cover manufacturer shall provide an O&M Manual that includes maintenance instructions, removal and replacement instructions, and drawings for the installed cover.

Part 2: Products

2.1 Source Requirements:

Design is based upon use of launder covers as manufactured by Pleasant Mount Welding, Inc. and terminology used herein may include reference to the specific performance or product of this manufacturer. Such reference shall be construed only as establishing the quality of materials, operational features and workmanship used under this section and shall not, in any way, be construed as limiting competition.

2.2 Manufacturers:

Acceptable manufacturers include Pleasant Mount Welding, Inc. (45 Dundaff Street, Carbondale, PA 18407, 570-282-6164, www.pmwi.net) or approved equal.

2.3 Manufactured Units:

- A. **Description:** Standard-Duty Aluminum Launder Covers consisting of launder cover panels and interlock support beams to form a continuous rigid cover system over the launder channel, weir and scum baffle within the tank. Individual launder cover panels shall be fitted to follow the curvature of the tank.
 - 1. **Launder Cover Decking:** Extruded aluminum double-interlocking 6" wide planks are standard. 3" wide planks available for other load conditions.
 - 2. **Support Beam:** Extruded aluminum interlock beam to meet specified loading requirement.
 - 3. **Cover Panel Type:** Launder covers may be configured hinged or non-hinged.
 - 4. All cover panels shall be removable and capable of being removed without disruption of adjacent panels.

5. **Locking Mechanism:** Each launder cover panel shall use extruded slide latch assemblies to resist uplift and secure covers to interlock beams.
6. Launder covers shall be designed and manufactured to inhibit incident sunlight from striking the surfaces of the launder and weir.
7. **Top Surface of Cover:** Slip Resistance Striations. The cover surface shall consist of integral slip resistance striations to prevent slipping and no exposed area of the cover wider than 1.00" shall be without striations. This surface shall not be achieved by the use of paint, adhesive tapes, sand blasting, or any other means other than an extruded process.
8. The clear span length and width of launder cover panels shall be as noted in the contract documents.
9. The weight of an individual launder cover panel shall not exceed 75 pounds. The lifting force shall not exceed the dead weight of the panel.
10. Covers shall allow for thermal expansion and contraction.
11. Cover Mounting Configuration: Top mount arrangement.
12. Covers with inspection hatches or cleanout doors are not acceptable.

B. **Fabrication:** Fabricate launder covers to required manufacturer's specifications and contract drawings.

C. **Design Criteria:**

1. **Distributed Design Live Load & Deflection:** All structural components shall be designed to support the dead weight of the structure, plus a standard live load of 50 pounds per square foot of cover surface. The maximum deflection of any component under this load shall not exceed $L/240$ of the span of that component.
2. **Concentrated Load:** All structural components shall be designed to support a 400 pound load on a 6" x 6" area located anywhere on the surface of the cover without permanently deforming the tested area.
3. **Design Stresses:** All aluminum structural members and connections shall be designed in accordance with the Aluminum Association's "Specification for Aluminum Structures" for building-type structures.
4. **Chemical Resistance:** Launder cover panels and interlock support beams shall be comprised entirely of 6061-T6 corrosion resistant aluminum extrusions. Replaceable Santoprene™ seals shall isolate the cover perimeter from the concrete and at every panel-to-interlock beam interface to ensure a significantly air-tight cover.

D. **Materials:** All launder cover decking components and interlock beams shall be made from 6061-T6 corrosion resistant aluminum of sufficient section modulus and moment of inertia to withstand the design loads. Material shall be of top quality.

E. **Fasteners:** All fasteners used to attach launder cover system to concrete shall be stainless steel. No carbon steel accessories shall be used.

F. **Finish:** Launder covers shall be mill finish.

2.4 Accessories:

Provide appropriate fasteners for type, grade, and class required for approved anchorage system in accordance with the approved shop drawings and specifications.

Part 3: Execution

3.1 Field Verification:

Take field measurements prior to preparation of final shop drawings (and fabrication where required) to ensure proper fitting of the work.

3.2 Installation

A. Prior to launder cover installation, contractor shall inspect concrete to confirm correct elevations and conditions for proper attachment and support of the launder covers. Any inconsistencies between contract drawings and supporting structure deemed detrimental to cover placement shall be reported in writing to the engineer, architect or owner's agent prior to placement.

B. Install launder cover in accordance with approved shop drawings and specifications.

C. Protection of Aluminum from Dissimilar Materials:

1. Where aluminum surfaces come into contact with dissimilar metals, surfaces shall be kept from direct contact by painting the dissimilar metal with one coat of bituminous paint, powder coat paint, or other approved insulating material.
2. Where aluminum surfaces come into contact with dissimilar materials such as concrete, masonry or lime mortar, exposed aluminum surfaces shall be painted with one coat of bituminous paint, powder coat paint, or other approved insulating material.

3.3 Cover Attachment:

Use approved attachment system and fasteners to secure launder covers to supporting members as shown on approved drawings.