

# HEAVY DUTY ALUMINUM FLAT PANEL COVER SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

## General

**Purpose:** This specification establishes minimum criteria for the design, fabrication, and erection of heavy-duty aluminum flat panel cover systems composed of hinged or fixed panels and the associated beams/shelf angles as manufactured by Pleasant Mount Welding, Inc. (Carbondale, Pennsylvania).

**Scope of Work:** Provide all labor, materials, and equipment required to supply a complete system of fixed and removable flat panel aluminum cover systems. The heavy-duty aluminum cover system includes cover panels, structural supports, and attaching hardware.

## Engineering & Action Submittals

**Shop Drawings:** The contractor shall submit the shop drawings to the Engineer of Record (EOR) for approval for the fabrication of all aluminum flat panel cover systems based on construction drawings of current issue. The drawings shall be approved and released to the shop before fabrication of the panels. Include plans, sections, shop details, and connections as required by the contract documents. Preliminary drawings shall be stamped by the cover manufacturer's PE. Final drawings 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 shop drawings.

**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 of Record (EOR) 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.

## Manufacturer & Qualifications

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The heavy-duty aluminum flat panel cover system, as specified, shall be the product of a single manufacturer regularly engaged in the design, manufacture, and installation of engineered aluminum covers. When requested by the Engineer, submit written evidence to show experience qualifications & facility capabilities for performance of contract requirements.

**Welders:** Welders performing work on the heavy-duty aluminum flat panel cover systems shall be qualified within the past two years in accordance with AWS.

## Performance & Design

**Span:** The clear span length of the cover shall be as noted in the contract documents.

**Width:** The width of the cover shall be as noted in the contract documents.

**Distributed Design Live Load & Deflections:** All structural components shall be designed to support the dead weight of the structure, plus a live load of 100 pounds per square foot of surface. The maximum deflection of any component under this load shall not exceed L/240 of the span of that component. In no event shall the dead load deflection of any component cause surface ponding.

**Concentrated Live Load:** All structural components shall be designed to support a 300-pound load located anywhere on the surface of the structure without permanently deforming the tested area.

**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.

**Skid Resistance:** The aluminum flat panel cover systems shall have a non-skid surface and no exposed area of the cover system wider than one inch shall be without striations/non-skid surface. The Pleasant Mount Welding, Inc. aluminum cover's plank grating (decking) is ribbed with concave and convex striations to prevent slipping and to assist in the removal of water off the covers' surface. This surface shall not be achieved by the use of paint, adhesive tapes, sand blasting, or any other means other than the extruded process.

**Chemical Resistance:** The aluminum flat panels shall be composed entirely of 6061-T6 corrosion resistant aluminum extrusions. A replaceable Neoprene seal shall isolate the cover perimeter from the concrete and/or between every panel to ensure a significantly air-tight enclosure.

**Configuration:** The aluminum flat panel cover systems shall be composed of beams and panels. Uplift of each hinged panel shall be resisted with the use of quarter turn slam latch(s). Latch keys shall be provided by the panel Manufacturer. The weight of an individual panel shall not exceed 150 pounds. Each hinged panel can be easily removed or replaced via removing the bolt anchors of the "T-extrusion" to the beam underneath without disruption of adjacent panels.

### Materials

**Aluminum:** All extrusions that make up Pleasant Mount Welding, Inc.'s aluminum flat panel cover systems are alloy 6061-T6, of sufficient section modulus and moment of inertia to withstand the design loads. No carbon steel components shall be used. Material shall be new and of top quality.

**Welding Electrodes:** Welding shall be done with electrodes of an alloy which shall produce welds with strength and corrosion resistance characteristics compatible to the base material.

**Fasteners:** All fasteners between aluminum components shall be stainless steel. Beams and shelf angles shall be fastened to concrete using stainless steel drill in place anchor bolts.

**Steel Accessories:** No carbon steel components shall be used.

**Gaskets:** A replaceable neoprene seal shall isolate the aluminum cover perimeter from the concrete and/or between every panel.

### Workmanship

The quality of the workmanship, fabrication, and shop connections shall be in accordance with the latest edition of ANSI/AWS D1.2 Structural Welding Code – Aluminum.

### Contractor Installation

The cover manufacturer can provide installation instructions, on-site supervision, and inspection if required.

### Environmental Considerations

All aluminum used in these flat panel cover systems are presumed to be recyclable upon demolition.

### Operation & Maintenance Manual

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