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## **SECTION 11300**

### **FIBERGLASS FLAT LAUNDER COVERS FOR ODOR CONTROL**

#### **PART 1 GENERAL**

##### **1.1 EXTENT OF WORK**

**A.** The extent of work specified in this Section includes furnishing all materials, labor, tools and equipment, and performing all operations necessary to install items of fiberglass reinforced plastic (F.R.P.) as shown on the contract drawings and as specified herein.

**B.** The work includes the following items. in general.

1. Pre-Engineered Flat F.R.P. Launder/Weir Covers for Primary Clarifier Tanks.

##### **1.2 RELATED WORK SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE**

**A.** Ventilation F.R.P. piping, dampers and supports are specified in Section 15600 - VENTILATING SYSTEMS FOR ODOR CONTROL.

##### **1.3 STANDARDS**

**A.** Applicable Standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

##### **1.4 SHOP DRAWINGS**

**A.** Shop drawings shall be submitted to the Engineer for review, in accordance with Section - SUBMITTALS.

**B.** As a minimum, the submittal for the F.R.P. flat covers shall include the following:

1. Shop drawings complete with all materials of construction as specified.
2. Shop drawings shall specify core material, steel, flatness, handles, fasteners, gasket profiles, sizes, spacing and locations of structural members, connections, attachments and openings, in strict accordance with the plans and specifications.
3. Product data sheets.
4. Manufacturer's certificate of compliance with the plans and specifications.
5. The name, address, phone number and location of 5 installations, engineering firm, contractor and plant manager, for reference, with equipment typical to the specified, produced and which has performed satisfactorily for a minimum period of 5 years.
6. Manufacturer's test results of cover meeting L/240 as a maximum allowable deflection.

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## **1.5 GUARANTEE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

### **A. Performance Bond (if required by engineer/city)**

A performance bond in the amount of 2 times the amount of the contract for the covers shall be provided by the manufacturer of the Odor Control Covers prior to receiving a contract to supply covers. Proof that a bond will be issued shall be presented along with the bid in writing by the bonding company. Any bid not accompanied by this proof will not be considered and will be rejected as being non-responsive. The performance bond will insure the covers meet the physical and structural properties of the specifications and the air velocity in feet per minute.

### **B. Material and Workmanship**

1. All materials and workmanship shall be guaranteed free from any inherent or hidden flaws or defects for a period of ten (10) years from the date of beginning of full-time operation, ordinary wear and tear expected. Any defects occurring as stated above shall be repaired or made good without any expense or operating inconvenience to the Owner. Any material or workmanship that is found to have been defective during the first (10) years of full time operation shall be replaced and corrected promptly by the Contractor at no cost or operating inconvenience to the Owner.
2. Failure of the manufacturer to submit the specified materials, in compliance with the specifications, will be considered non-responsive/responsible and will result in rejection of their product.

## **1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING**

- A.** Deliver materials in original packages and containers with seals unbroken and bearing manufacturer's labels containing brand name and directions for storage.
- B.** All materials shall be promptly unloaded upon arrival at the site. Materials stored in such a way as to eliminate potential damage resulting from accidental impact. The F.R.P flat covers shall be stored off the ground on a level surface in such a manner as to prevent warping or fracturing of the parts.

## **PART 2 PRODUCTS**

### **2.1 MANUFACTURER**

- A.** Provide products manufactured by Warminster Fiberglass Company; P.O. Box 188, Southampton, PA 18966-0188; Telephone - 215 953-1260; Fax. - 215 357-7893; [sales@wfgco.com](mailto:sales@wfgco.com).

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- B.** Products from other manufacturers may be considered for substitution 4 weeks prior to receipt of bids. Legitimate manufacturers (not suppliers/distributors) only will be reviewed for approval. Requests for substitution after the job bids will not be considered. Requests for substitutions must include the following information to be considered:
1. Formal written request certifying that products to be substituted are equal in all respects to the specified products in terms of materials, structural properties, dimensions, physical appearance, quality level, and quantities, and that they will perform the same function in the same manner and will achieve the same end result.
  2. Manufacturer's material data sheets, specifications, and performance for evaluation and approval.
  3. Manufacturer shall submit a list of ten or more projects in satisfactory service for not less than ten years with covers identical to those being proposed for substitution. For each project, include name, address, and telephone number of the engineer, the contractor, and the plant manager.
  4. Name of manufacturing company, address, phone number and fax number.
- C.** Pre-engineered air-tight Launder Covers with Scum Baffles molded integral with top cover.
1. Fiberglass reinforced plastic covers with accessories shall be designed, manufactured and installed to cover new or existing circular primary clarifier effluent launders and weirs, as shown on the Drawings and as herein specified.
  2. The General Contractor shall field measure the inside diameter of the Primary Clarifiers, and the circumference of the scum baffle. The covers shall meet the following requirements:
    - a. Basis of Design
      1. Loading conditions. The Launder/Weir Cover shall be designed and tested to withstand a uniform load of 45-pounds per square foot and a 250-pound load over one square foot. Use L/240 for the maximum allowable deflection.
      2. Covers shall be flat or crowned up to 1/4", to prevent water and debris build-up. Panels that bow down are unacceptable.
    3. Functional Requirements.
      - a. The flat cover design shall provide for expansion and contraction due to climatic change without damage to covers under the following conditions.
        1. Winter Conditions (-30°F)
        2. Summer Conditions (140°F)
      - b. The bolted cover sections shall be air tight to the fullest extent possible.

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c. The cover and accessories shall be resistant to corrosive atmosphere beneath the covers.

d. **PERFORMANCE** - When installed the Cover System shall be tightly sealed with minimal air gaps and capable of exhibiting a minimum of 12 air changes per hour.

1) The correct air flow in C.F.M. (cubic feet per minute) at the correct velocity in f.p.m. must be maintained throughout the entire chamber formed by the Covers to exhibit 12 complete air changes per hour with "NO" dead air spaces.

e. **STRUCTURAL** – Build to withstand 45 p.s.f. load on top of Cover. A 6” x 6” sample piece of the proposed cover construction and hatch cover shall be sent to the engineer for evaluation prior to bidding the project, by or equal manufacturers.

f. **LIVE LOAD TEST** - A live load test shall be performed at the manufacturer's facility applying 45 pounds per square foot maintained over a period of 24 hours, with a deflection not to exceed L/240. A height gauge shall be set at "0" at the start of the test and shall be read and recorded every 500 pounds until completion of the test. A reading shall also be recorded after the 24 hour period has expired and test results certified by a Mechanical or Structural Engineer.

g. **DOCUMENTATION** – Photographs of the set-up, loading and gauges, shall be taken when cover is empty and periodically during the test until fully loaded. The owner, engineer and contractor have the right to observe the test at the manufacturer's facility. A test report along with photographs shall be sent to the owner for documentation and verification. Test results shall be certified by a Mechanical or Structural Engineer. Owner will require 10 installations, the names and phone numbers of the engineering firm, contractor and facility where installed. Failure to submit the required information will result in rejection of the product and installation will be disallowed.

h. **TESTING OF THE COMPLETED INSTALLATION BY THE MANUFACTURER** – The air velocity shall be tested at 12 locations around the clarifier beneath the cover and recorded using a Veloci-Calc plus air velocity meter which measures and automatically records the air velocity. The air velocity shall meet the F.P.M. (feet per minute) required to develop a minimum of 12 air changes per hour beneath the cover.

#### **D. FABRICATION.**

1. **Materials.** The materials used in the manufacturing of the F.R.P. flat covers shall contain the following elements:

- a. The launder/weir cover with circular scum baffle molded integral forms a one-piece unit of composite construction
- b. The Launder/Weir Cover with Scum Baffle molded integral shall form a one piece unit, consisting of Isophthalic gel coat, polyester resin, balsa core, steel

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- tubing, fiberglass reinforcement and match-die molded hatch covers. Separate scum baffle unacceptable. Fillers in resin are unacceptable.
- c. The combination Launder Cover and Scum Baffle molded in one piece, forms a confined region free from air gaps or leaks as required for complete removal of air at a rate of 12 air changes per hour at the specified velocity measured at 30 degree intervals around the covers.
- d. There shall be no air gaps allowable as gaps cause short-circuiting and major air reductions, inefficiency, reduced number of air changes, low air velocity flowing through the system and dead air pockets. The scum baffle and flat cover shall be molded in one-piece, on a curved mold, to form the true circular shape of the clarifier and the scum skimmer diameter. No further adjustment is necessary at installation, as the true molded-in circular shape is maintained throughout the entire circumference. The laminate shall be a minimum of 3/16" thick on both the exterior and the interior of the cover. The interior core-material shall be a minimum of 1-inch thick balsa core and 1" x 1" x 1/8" steel tubing molded in for structural rigidity, flatness, stiffness and maintenance free service. The total thickness of the cover shall be a minimum of 1-3/8" thick. Launder Cover segments shall be a nominal 12' long with each joint being radial to the centerline and sealed with a 1/4" X 3" neoprene sponge rubber gasket. The radial flanges shall be butt type 3-1/2" high x 3/8" thick and bolted together using 1/2 x 2 type 316 stainless steel hex bolts, nuts and flat washers on 8" centers. Each segment shall contain 3 match-die-molded hatch covers for wall-mounted troughs and 6 hatch covers for inboard troughs.
- e. Weir Hatch Covers shall be match-metal-die molded and shall have a vertical flange 9/16" high all around. The cover shall be either 7-5/8" wide by 41-3/8" long or 24" wide by 42" long and both are 3/16" thick. Two stainless steel piano hinges .050 thick by 4" long by 2" open, shall be used for attachment. One hand pull pocket shall be molded-in as an integral part of the cover, and shall be 5" long by 3-1/4" wide by 1-1/2" deep and contain a 3/8" diameter solid stainless steel rod for lifting. A custom designed neoprene bulb "P" gasket with a "U" shaped leg shall be bonded around the entire perimeter of the hatch cover, on both sides of the vertical leg and shall be used to seal the hatch cover, also acting to hold hatch cover in place without latches. Flat gaskets are unacceptable.
- f. Molded curved continuous fiberglass circular wall angles, either 1/4 x 4 x 4 or 1/4 x 4 x 6 and fiberglass scum baffle brackets for supporting the flat covers are used for flexibility and adjustability in setting the elevation of the cover and the scum baffle diameter. Fiberglass angles with saw cuts, which compromise the structural integrity, are unacceptable. Scum baffle mounting brackets shall be 6" x 8" and

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molded using the match-die-molding method. Brackets shall be spaced on 24” centers.

- g. Anti-skid silica grit coating shall be applied to the top surface. Molded-in textured surface is unacceptable.
  - h. One air inlet opening with grating shall be sized at the rate of 12 air changes per hour, in a totally sealed system, at the specified velocity as calculated to achieve 12 complete air changes per hour or as specified by the engineer.
  - i. A flow distribution splitter baffle will be molded into the air inlet opening to uniformly distribute the air to each half in circular clarifiers. The flow splitter baffle will be molded with a curved face on each side to enhance the equalization of air flow.
  - j. The exhaust opening shall be located directly over the effluent box with the inlet opening 180° from the exhaust. The contractor will supply the exhaust duct with damper, for calibrating the air velocity to the required F.P.M..
3. Fiberglass reinforced polyester resin composite laminate 1-3/8” thick shall exhibit the following minimum properties.

<b>TEST METHOD</b>	<b>ASTM</b>	<b>MINIMUM TEST RESULT</b>
Impact, Notched, Izod	D256	10 Ft. lbs. per/in.
Heat Distortion Point	D648	175 Degrees
Water Absorption	D570	0.2% 24 hours
Tensile Strength	D638	11,000 PSI
Thermal Expansion	D696	10.5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> in/in/°F
Flexural Strength	D790	18,000 PSI
Flexural Modulus	D790	0.9 x 10 <sup>6</sup>
Hardness Test, Barcol	D2583	35 Minimum

- 4. Procedure used in determining the above properties shall be in accordance with the ASTM Standards, using the method designated above. Hardness tests shall be made on the resin-rich surfaces of the test samples. Test coupons shall be prepared in accordance with the appropriate ASTM test method.
- 5. A pigmented gelcoat (20 mils thick) containing UV inhibitors is required. Gelcoat shall exhibit a minimum of 35 barcol hardness.
- 6. The underside of the cover shall receive a resin coating 10 mils thick to form a resin rich barrier.



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## **PART 3 EXECUTION**

### **3.1 INSTALLATION**

- A.** Launder Covers shall be installed as shown, and in accordance with the anufacturer's instructions, and approved shop drawings.
- B.** The anchoring of the F.R.P. cover/scum baffle segments to the existing concrete tank walls shall be in accordance with the approved design and details of the cover manufacturer. Wedge anchors shall be 1/2 x 4-1/2 Type 316 stainless steel.

### **3.2 FIELD TESTS, PERFORMANCE AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- A.** Upon completion of installation, testing and inspection functions shall be performed for the air velocity in F.P.M. by the manufacturer and the contractor. Test for 12 complete air changes per hour.
- B.** The entire system shall be balanced to function at the designed air flow rate, in F.P.M.
- C.** System shall be checked for leakage and all gaps, cracks and leaks sealed with a RTV silicone sealant. Gaps are unacceptable. Minor leaks exhibiting minimal loss are acceptable providing the air velocity in feet per minute (F.P.M.) is achieved.
- D.** The scum baffle shall form a true circular shape and shall be set accurate using the scum skimmer mechanism to plus or minus 1/8 - inch.
- E.** The top cover shall slope toward the scum baffle from 1/8 to 1/4, for complete drainage of water.
- F.** The covers shall be molded flat or up to 1/8" crown to prevent water build up in the cover.
- G.** Contractor's/Manufacturer's certification that the air flow beneath the cover is uniform, continuous and meets the minimum velocity in F.P.M. to completely evacuate the air at 12 changes per hour and that no dead air space exists. The system is designed air-tight and that minimal air gaps exist in the system.
- H.** Submit certified test results recorded at 12 air velocity test points located 30 degrees apart from each clarifier in the system.
- I.** Field Test – A load of 250-pounds on a 12" x 12" area will be placed on the covers as directed by the Engineer and deflection created by the load will be measured.

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- J.** A load test shall be performed at the factory to validate that the cover will support a load of 45 P.S.F., using the  $L/240$  formula for deflection. Refer to 2.01 F and G for details. Manufacturer will certify that tests have been performed and covers meet the requirements of the specification.
- K.** Covers that do not meet the full requirements of the specification and do not meet the performance requirements specified will be rejected and removed immediately at the manufacturer's expense.

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