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## COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

## DISPENSER, PAPER TOWEL

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description by all federal agencies.

## 1. SCOPE

1.1 Scope. This Commercial Item Description (CID) covers Single-fold and C-fold paper towel dispensers designed for dispensing paper towels for hand drying.

## 2. CLASSIFICATION

2.1 Classification. The paper towel dispensers shall be of the following type as specified (see 7.2), and capacity.

Type I - Single-fold paper towel dispenser (350 towel minimum capacity)  
Type II - Deleted  
Type III - C-fold paper towel dispenser (300 towel minimum capacity)

## 3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS

3.1 Construction. The dispensers shall be made of carbon or stainless steel with a minimum thickness of 0.029 inch (0.74 mm). The dispensers shall be provided with a front opening hinged door panel and lock with one key, minimum, and shall lock automatically when the door is closed, or be provided with a dead bolt keylock, at the manufacturer's option; bottom dispensing slot; fill indicator; and rear panel fastening holes for surface mounting.

3.2 Performance. The dispenser shall be designed for and capable of dispensing Single-fold or C-fold paper towels, as specified (see 2.1), meeting the type and size (see 7.3) requirements of paper towels specified in (CID) A-A-696.

3.3 Finish. At the manufacturer's option, the paint for the finish shall be white dry/powdered or a smooth baked, white gloss enamel, which shall be hard and durable. The exterior and interior finish shall be continuous, free from blisters, pinholes, or other surface blemishes.

3.4 Workmanship. Exposed surfaces of the finish shall be smooth and uniform in application and color and free of chips, runs, cracks, or other defects affecting appearance or serviceability.

3.5 Measurement system. The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The metric values stated in parentheses are for information purposes only.

3.6 Metric products. Products manufactured to metric dimensions will be considered on an equal basis with those manufactured using inch-pound units, providing they fall within the tolerances specified and all other requirements of this document are met. If a product is manufactured to metric dimensions and those dimensions exceed the tolerances specified in the inch-pound units, a request should be made to the contracting officer to determine if the product is acceptable.

Beneficial comments, recommendations, additions, deletions, clarifications, etc. and any data which may improve this document should be sent to: General Services Administration, Engineering Branch (7FXEE), 819 Taylor St., Fort Worth, TX 76102

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## 4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Regulatory requirements. The offeror/contractor is encouraged to use recovered materials to the maximum extent practicable, in accordance with paragraph 23.403 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

## 5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

5.1 Product Conformance. The products provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this commercial item description, conform to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices and be the same product offered for sale in the commercial market. The government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

## 6. PACKAGING

6.1 Packaging. Preservation, packing, and marking shall be as specified in the contract or order.

## 7. NOTES

7.1 Referenced document. The document referenced in this commercial item description shall be the issue in effect on the date of issuance of the invitation for bids or request for proposals unless otherwise specified. This document forms a part of this commercial item description to the extent specified. In the event of a conflict between this commercial item description and the document referenced herein, this commercial item description shall take precedence.

Copies of commercial item descriptions are available from the Federal Supply Service Bureau, Specification Section (3FBP-W), Suite 8100, 470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407.

7.2 Ordering data. Purchasers should select the preferred options permitted herein and include the following information in procurement documents (if applicable).

- a. Title, number and date of this commercial item description.
- b. Type.
- c. The preservation, packing, and marking desired.

7.3 National Stock Numbers (NSNs): The following is a list of NSNs assigned which correspond to this CID. The list may not be indicative of all possible NSNs associated with the CID.

NSN	Type	CID A-A-696 Towel Dispensed	Folded Towel Dimensions	
			Inches	(mm)
			$\pm 1/2$ Inch	( $\pm 1.3$ mm)
4510-00-224-8549	I	Type I Single-fold	9-1/4 X 5-1/2	(23.5 X 14.0)
4510-00-585-6305	III	Type III C-fold	10-1/8 X 4	(25.7 X 10.2)

## MILITARY INTERESTS:

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