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### ABSTRACT

This handbook provides the basic design guidance for industrial ventilation systems at military installations. It is intended for use by experienced architects and engineers. The first section addresses general criteria for use in all industrial ventilation systems. Other sections include ventilation design data for specific processes, including asbestos delagging, torpedo maintenance, metal cleaning and electroplating, fiberglass reinforced plastic repair and lay up, abrasive blasting, spray coating, foundry operations and woodworking.

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## Section 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope. This handbook provides criteria for the design of industrial ventilation systems that control contaminants generated from specific industrial processes. For a specific process, use the general criteria presented in Section 2 and the criteria in the associated section to design the ventilation system. For all other ventilation applications, use the criteria in Section 2.

The specific processes addressed in this handbook are asbestos delagging, torpedo refurbishing, metal cleaning and electroplating, fiberglass reinforced plastic repair and lay up, abrasive blasting, spray painting, foundry operations, and woodworking. This handbook provides a system concept for each specific process rather than just criteria for the various components. The industry standard, the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Manual, Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practice, provides component criteria rather than system criteria.

1.2 Mandatory Standards. The requirements in this handbook are based on mandatory standards set forth in Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1910, Occupational Safety and Health Standards (29 CFR 1910), and the national consensus standards. This handbook does not incorporate individual state and local requirements.

It is the sole responsibility of the cognizant design personnel to design an industrial ventilation system that complies with state and local requirements. Users of this handbook are cautioned to consult the most current edition of the standards. These standards are frequently revised and updated. For this reason, the year of publication of standards and codes is omitted from this handbook. This handbook does not duplicate materials covered elsewhere in Department of Defense (DOD) criteria documents.

Applicable criteria documents are referenced for appropriate topics. Also, criteria contained in this handbook should be interpreted as the minimum required and should be improved where current technology or situation warrants.

1.3 Cancellation. This military handbook cancels and supersedes MIL-HDBK-1003/17B of 30 September 1993.

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## Section 2: GENERAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 General Design Criteria. 29 CFR 1910.1000(e) and Chief of Naval Operations Instruction (OPNAVINST) 5100.23, Navy Occupational Safety and Health (NAVOSH) Program Manual, require installing engineering controls as the preferred method of controlling hazardous processes. Properly designed industrial ventilation systems are the most common form of engineering controls.

2.1.1 Coordination. Form a project design team to direct the design of industrial ventilation projects. Include in the design team representatives from the following:

- a) Cognizant industrial shop.
- b) Public works office.
- c) Health and safety office.
- d) Cognizant Regional Engineering Office (REO) (e.g., Navy Engineering Field Division, Army Corps of Engineers Division and Air Force major command engineering office).
- e) Cognizant industrial hygiene office.
- f) Cognizant system command program manager (where applicable).
- g) Cognizant system safety engineer.

The REO representative shall act as team leader in all cases, except when the cognizant REO grants a variance.

2.1.2 Design Procedure. Refer to ACGIH Manual Chapter 5, Exhaust System Design Procedures, for guidance on system calculations. Use par. 2.1.2.1 through 2.1.2.10 for ventilation system designs.

2.1.2.1 Step 1. Identify significant contaminant sources that require ventilation control. The cognizant industrial hygiene office should provide a source characterization with area diagrams of the contaminant sources, and employee work areas with percentage of time spent in each area. Consider also how the system under design might affect the performance of any existing processes or ventilation systems.

2.1.2.2 Step 2. Consider how the facility is to be used or expanded in the future. It may be possible to initially specify fans that are capable of handling future needs at minimal increased cost.

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2.1.2.3 Step 3. Select or design the exhaust hood that best suits the workpiece or operation. Design the exhaust hood to enclose the workpiece or operation as much as possible (e.g., using baffles). This will reduce the ventilation rates required to provide contaminant control. This handbook provides optimum exhaust hood types for many of the operations covered.

2.1.2.4 Step 4. Determine the capture velocity required to control generated contaminants. Capture velocities in this handbook are specified assuming there are no crossdrafts or turbulence that adversely affect capture efficiency. In some instances, conditions exist where industrial ventilation alone can not reduce employee exposures below the permissible exposure limit (PEL). Do not design for reduced capture velocity or exhaust volume flow rates because workers use personal protective equipment (PPE).

Reduce potential for crossdrafts or turbulence near a given exhaust hood by properly locating and designing the hood with baffles, and also by designing the replacement air system to complement the exhaust system.

2.1.2.5 Step 5. Determine the exhaust flow rate in cubic feet per minute (cfm) required to maintain the capture velocity determined in Step 4.

2.1.2.6 Step 6. Design the exhaust system ductwork based on the following:

a) Size the duct to maintain the minimum transport velocity throughout the system. Route the duct as directly as possible with respect to other criteria in this handbook. Use low loss fittings. Refer to par. 2.1.3.1 for details.

b) Provide a balanced system without blast gates or adjusting dampers according to the ACGIH Manual, Chapter 5. Consider using blast gates only for complex systems or systems that might require future changes or additions. Mark and lock blast gates in place after the systems are balanced and accepted.

c) Ensure that construction materials do not chemically react with contaminant to cause system degradation.

d) Provide a long straight section of duct at the fan inlet and outlet to ensure the fan operates at its rated performance. Refer to par. 2.1.3.2 for details.

e) Provide test ports to allow standardized performance testing according to the ACGIH Manual. Refer to par. 2.1.3.7 for details.

2.1.2.7 Step 7. Size, select, and position the fan for the most effective operation. Refer to par. 2.1.3.2 for details.

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2.1.2.8 Step 8. Provide a discharge stack with sufficient height and exit velocity to ensure contaminant dispersion. Refer to par. 2.1.3.3 for details.

2.1.2.9 Step 9. Select an air cleaning device, based on the cognizant regulatory agency (e.g., state, or local) requirements for air emissions. Refer to par. 2.1.3.4 for details.

2.1.2.10 Step 10. Provide a sufficient quantity of replacement air, and distribute it so that it does not create turbulence near the hood. Temper the replacement air to provide heating and cooling in the room. Refer to par. 2.1.3.5 for details.

2.1.3 Common System Criteria. Several design areas are common to industrial ventilation systems. The criteria given in par. 2.1.3.1 through 2.1.5.4 provide general guidance. Subsequent sections provide design guidance particular to specific types of facilities.

#### 2.1.3.1 Ductwork

a) Design ductwork using criteria listed below:

(1) Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA), Round Industrial Duct Construction Standards, or Rectangular Industrial Duct Construction Standards.

(2) SMACNA Thermoplastic Duct Construction Manual. Plastic ductwork, where used, shall be fire resistant and self extinguishing.

(3) ACGIH Manual, Construction Guidelines for Local Exhaust Systems Section.

(4) American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 29.2, Fundamentals Governing the Design and Operation of Local Exhaust Systems.

b) Design the most direct possible route for duct systems from intake to discharge to minimize total system resistance and operating costs.

c) Design duct systems to operate according to the ACGIH Manual, Chapter 5, in a balanced fashion without the use of blast gates or adjusting dampers. Specify round ductwork whenever possible to minimize cost.

d) Design elbow as shown in Figure 1. Do not use a radius of centerline curvature to duct diameter ratio of less than 2:1. Whenever possible, use a ratio of 2.5:1. Figure 2 shows a rectangular elbow. Keep the aspect ratio (width divided by depth) in the elbows greater than or equal to 1.0.

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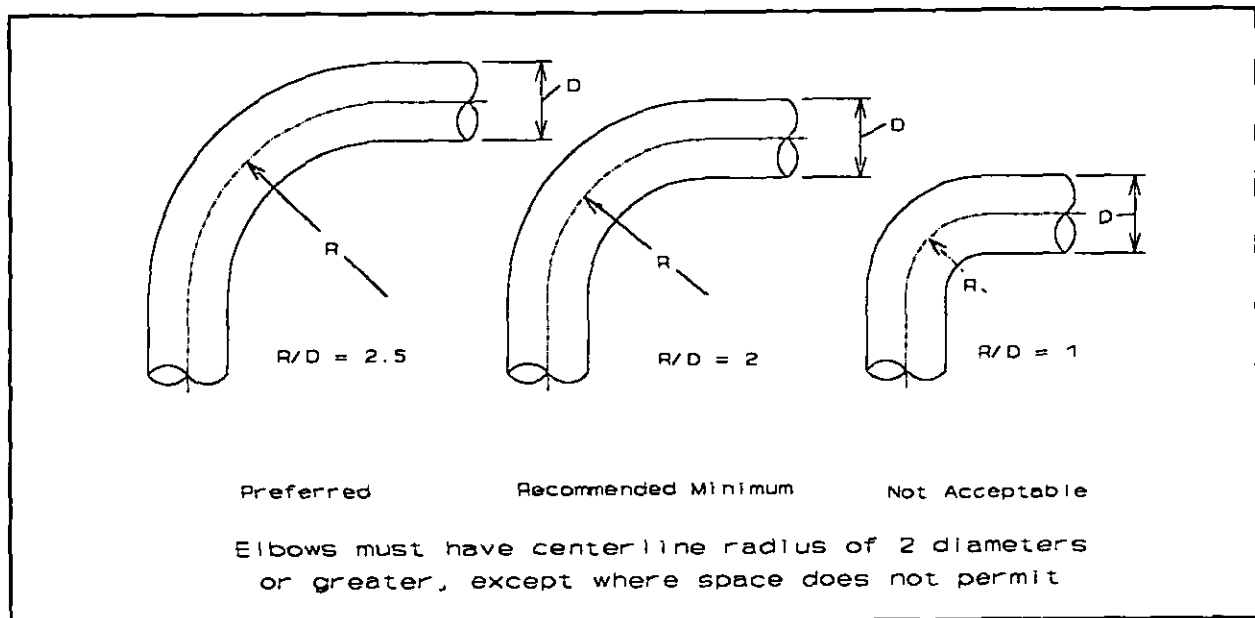


Figure 1  
Duct Elbow Design

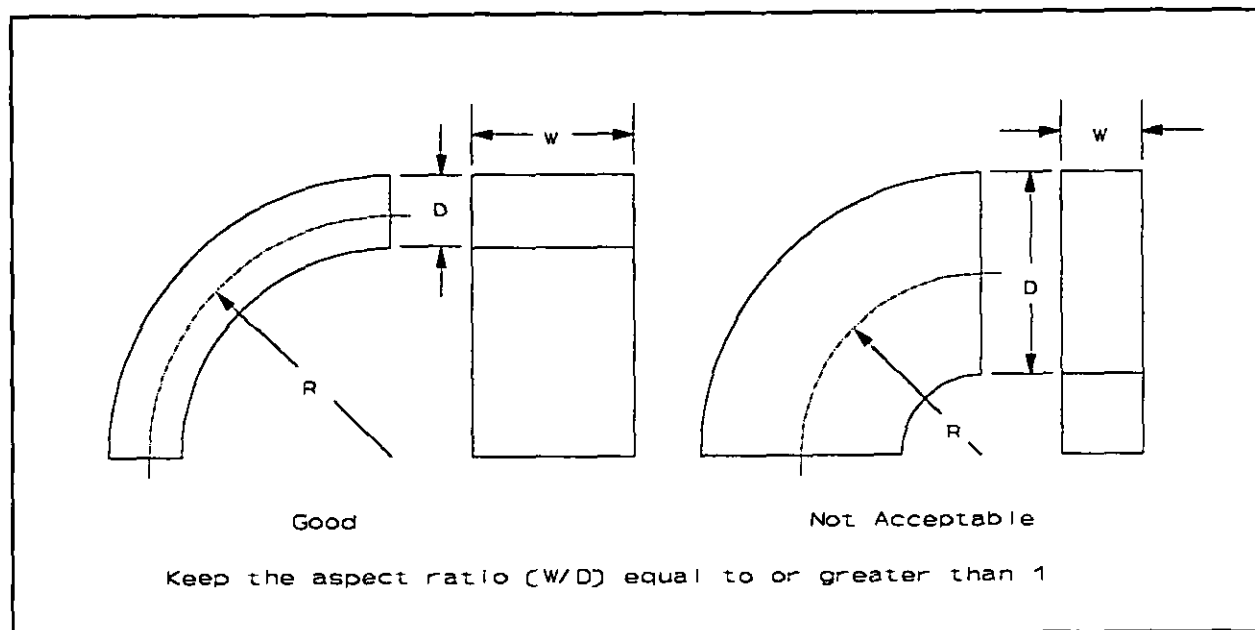


Figure 2  
Rectangular Elbow Design



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e) Design expansions at branch entries to maintain the minimum transport velocity in all segments, as illustrated in Figure 3. Branch entries are a common source of design problems. Figure 4 illustrates proper and improper design.

f) Design branches to enter at expansions, not before or after them. The entry angle should be 30 degrees but shall not exceed 45 degrees. Branches should enter at the top or the side of the main duct with no two branches entering the same transition. Where two branches enter a main duct, use the dual design shown in Figure 5. For proper "wye" connection design, see Figure 6. Never use the "tee" design labeled "not acceptable" in Figure 6.

#### 2.1.3.2 Fans

a) Selection. Fan selection criteria for replacement air fans and exhaust air fans are identical.

(1) Select industrial fans that meet pressure and volume flow rate requirements, and are able to deliver 25 percent more flow rate than designed. As a minimum, select fans that meet Class II construction. Do not select fans with forward curved blades.

(2) Specify fan shafts that have a uniform diameter along the entire length. Use bearings that are rated with an average life of 200,000 hours.

(3) Select electric lines and fan motor starters that are one size greater than required by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 70, National Electrical Code. The reason for the increased fan construction and the oversized electrical supply is that unforeseen fan system effects often cause more system resistance than anticipated during fan selection. Air Movement and Control Association, Inc. (AMCA) 201, Fans and Systems describes fan system effects in detail. Chapter 6 of the ACGIH Manual summarizes this information.

(4) Select only energy efficient motors. Select the exhaust fan motor to handle cold startup amperage for nonstandard air processes (e.g., elevated temperatures and humidity).

#### b) Installation

(1) Provide a long straight section of duct (6 diameters minimum) immediately upstream of the fan inlet. This ensures a uniform air velocity profile that allows the fan to operate at its rated performance.

(2) Specify the fan discharge into a straight section of duct at least 3 diameters long (refer to AMCA 201).

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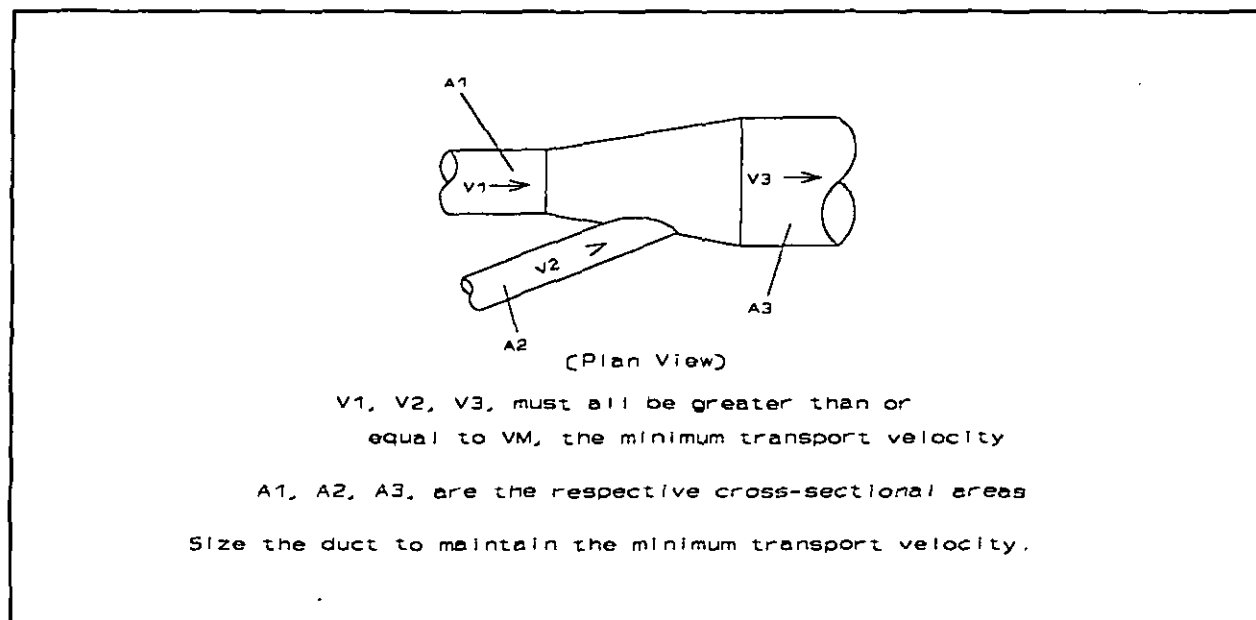


Figure 3  
Branch Entry Sizing to Maintain Transport Velocity

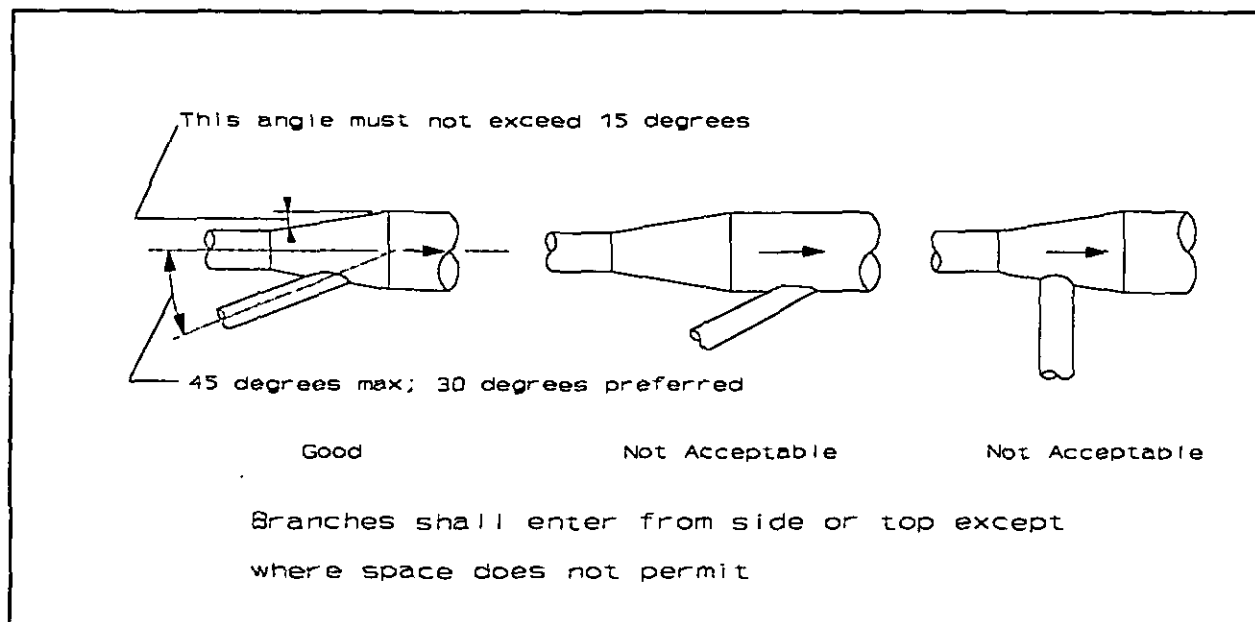


Figure 4  
Branch Entry Orientations

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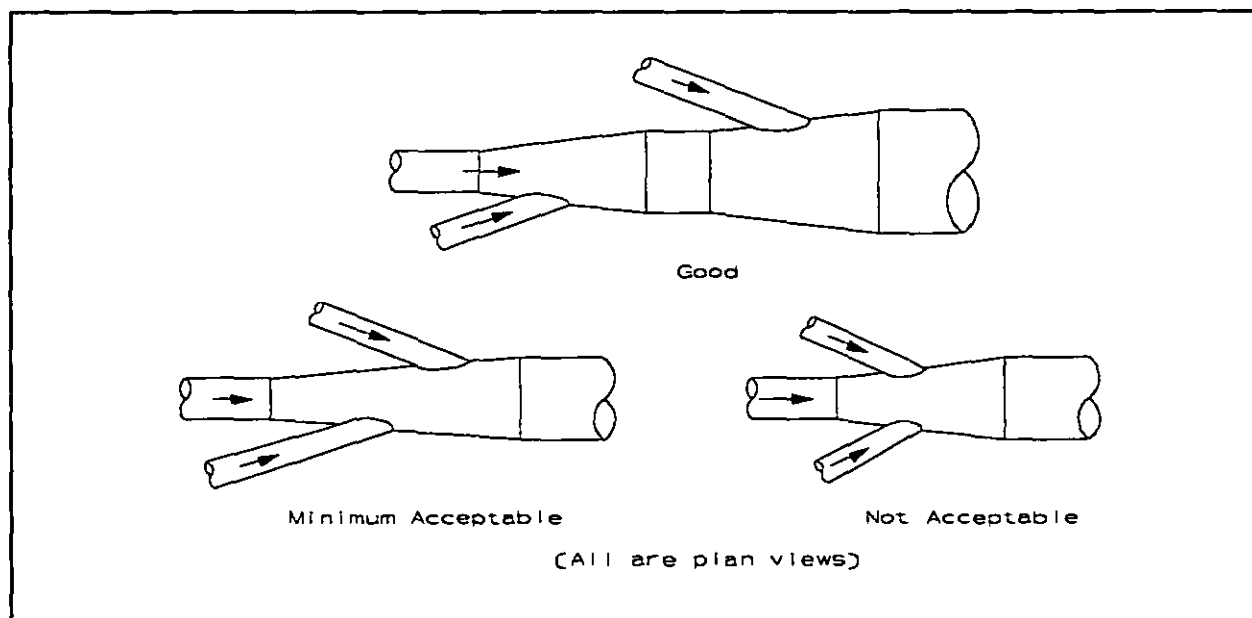


Figure 5  
Dual Branch Entry Design

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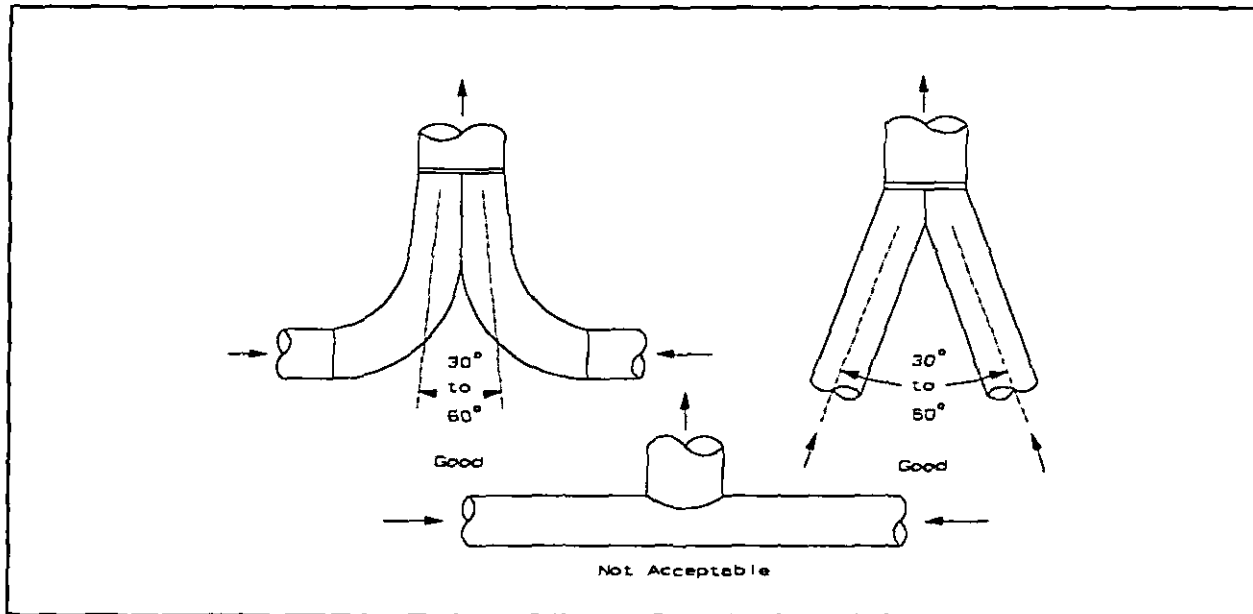


Figure 6  
Wye Connections

(3) Specify vibration isolating couplings at the fan inlet and outlet. Mount fans on vibration isolating bases. In all cases, install exhaust fans outside the building which they serve to isolate the working space from contaminants during fan maintenance. This minimizes noise and ensures negatively pressurized ducts in the building.

(4) Locate the fan after the air pollution control equipment to protect fan blades from contaminated airstream.

(5) Fans shall be licensed to carry the AMCA Certified Air Performance Seal. Provide access for maintenance to fans, including ladders and guardrails where necessary.

(6) Refer to NFPA 70 for motor controller and disconnect location requirements.

#### 2.1.3.3 Exhaust Stacks

a) Exhaust Effluent Considerations. Airflow over a building creates an eddy zone as shown in Figure 7. Discharge exhaust effluent outside this eddy zone to provide adequate dispersion and to prevent reentry of the exhaust air into replacement air intakes.

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The eddy zone height depends on building shape and wind velocity; Figure 7 shows an approximate range. In all cases, the exhaust stack must extend above the eddy zone. Evaluate the effect of local topography and present and planned structures on effluent dispersion.

The ratio of discharge velocity to wind velocity must be at least 1.5:1 to provide good effluent breakaway as shown in Figure 8. For additional information on airflow around buildings, refer to American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), ASHRAE Fundamentals Handbook.

b) Design Considerations. The best designs are cylindrical, vertical discharge stacks as shown in Figure 9. Note that the 4 duct diameter (4D) criteria is a critical element in preventing rain from entering the fan. Do not use a horizontal discharge stack. The offset styles shown in Figure 9 are acceptable, but each has a greater resistance to flow than the straight style with the no loss stack head.

Do not use deflecting weather caps; they do not protect the system from weather effects and result in detrimental effluent dispersion. Use a stack diameter, which will produce a minimum stack velocity of 3000 feet per minute (fpm) or 15.2 meters per second (m/s) to prevent any rain or condensation from running down the inside of the stack.

c) Location and Structural Considerations. Do not select stack locations based on prevailing winds. A stack must provide effluent dispersion under all wind conditions. Refer to the Naval Facilities Engineering Command structural engineering criteria manuals for exhaust stack design considerations. Some structural considerations are wind load, lightning protection, and stack support.

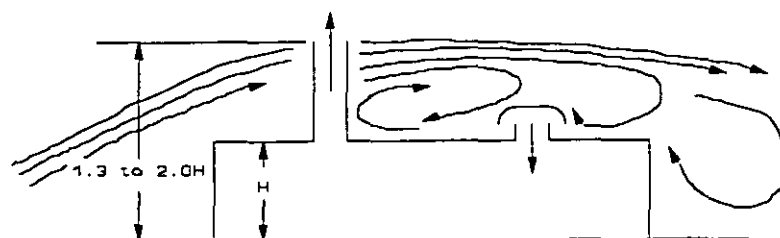
Refer to MIL-HDBK-1004/6, Lightning (and Cathodic) Protection and SMACNA Guide for Steel Stack Design and Construction for additional information.

2.1.3.4 Air Pollution Control Equipment. Requirements for air pollution equipment vary by process and geographical region in the United States. Contact the local activity environmental manager to determine the pollution control requirements for the process.

#### 2.1.3.5 Replacement Air

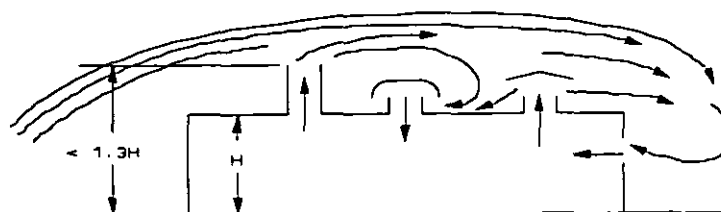
a) General Considerations. Industrial ventilation is defined as the exhaust and simultaneous replacement of air in a space. Replacement air is as important as exhaust air in controlling industrial process contaminants. The method of distributing replacement air and the quantity of replacement air are critical with respect to exhaust air.

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Good

Stack extends above eddy zone;  
Effluent is dispersed and does not enter inlet.



Not Acceptable

Stack too short (left); stack has poor cap (right);  
Effluent is not dispersed, and may enter inlets.

These guidelines apply to the simple case of a low building without  
surrounding obstructions on reasonably level terrain.

Reference: Clark, J.H., "Air Flow Around Buildings", Heating, Piping,  
and Air Conditioning, 39, 5, May, 1967, pp. 145-154.

Figure 7  
Stack Height Relative to Eddy Zone

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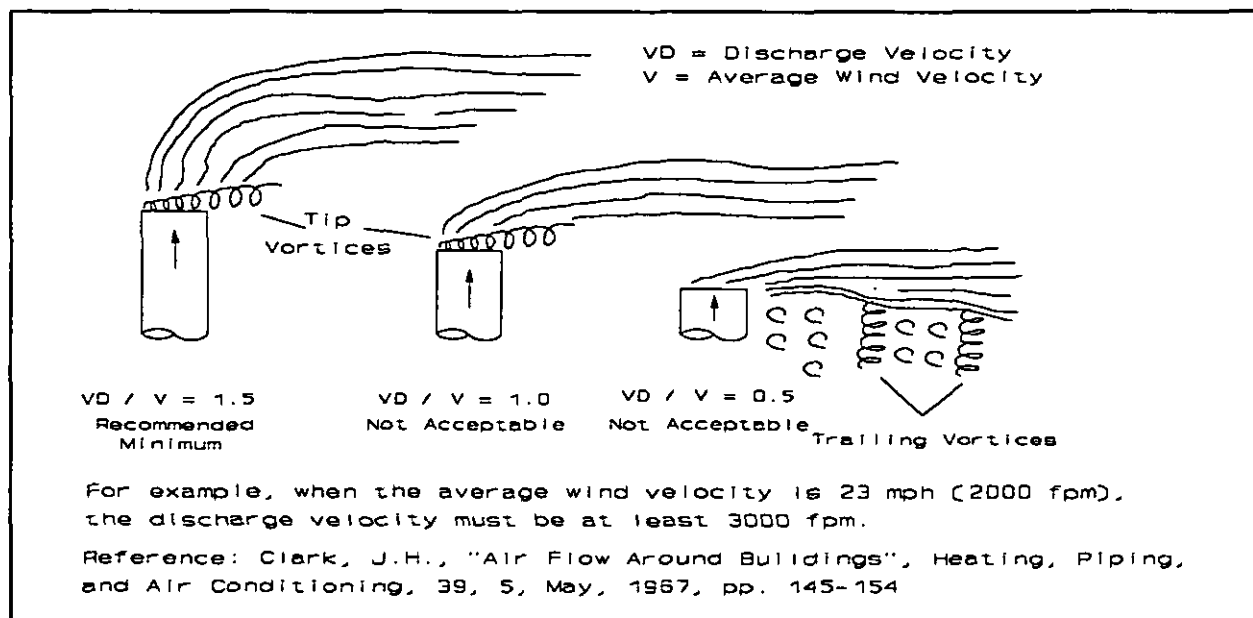


Figure 8  
Discharge Velocity and Effluent Dispersion

b) Criteria. Modulate replacement air, not exhaust air, to control and maintain design pressures inside a ventilated space. Design the quantity of replacement air according to the criteria given in each of the succeeding chapters of this handbook for particular process systems.

c) System Design. Design the replacement air system according to the decision tree shown in Figure 10.

d) Plenum Design. Use either of these two choices for replacement air plenum design:

(1) Design for 1000 fpm (5.1 m/s) replacement air velocity through the open area of the perforated plate if perforated duct is used inside the plenum as shown in Figure 11.

(2) Design for 2000 fpm (10.2 m/s) replacement air velocity through the open area of the perforated plate if the plenum is served with ducts using diffusers, grills, or registers as shown in Figure 12.

Do not use an open area less than 5 percent for the plenum face. Use perforated plate to cover as much of the ceiling (or wall opposite the exhaust hoods) as is practical.

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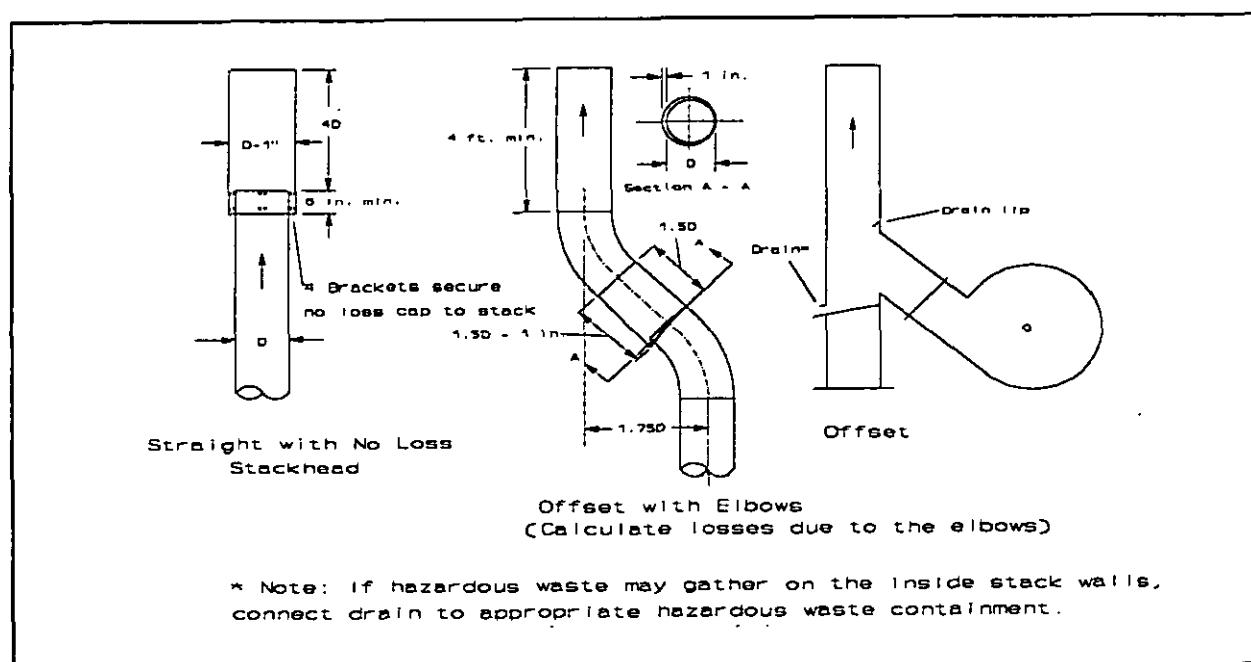


Figure 9  
Exhaust Stack Designs



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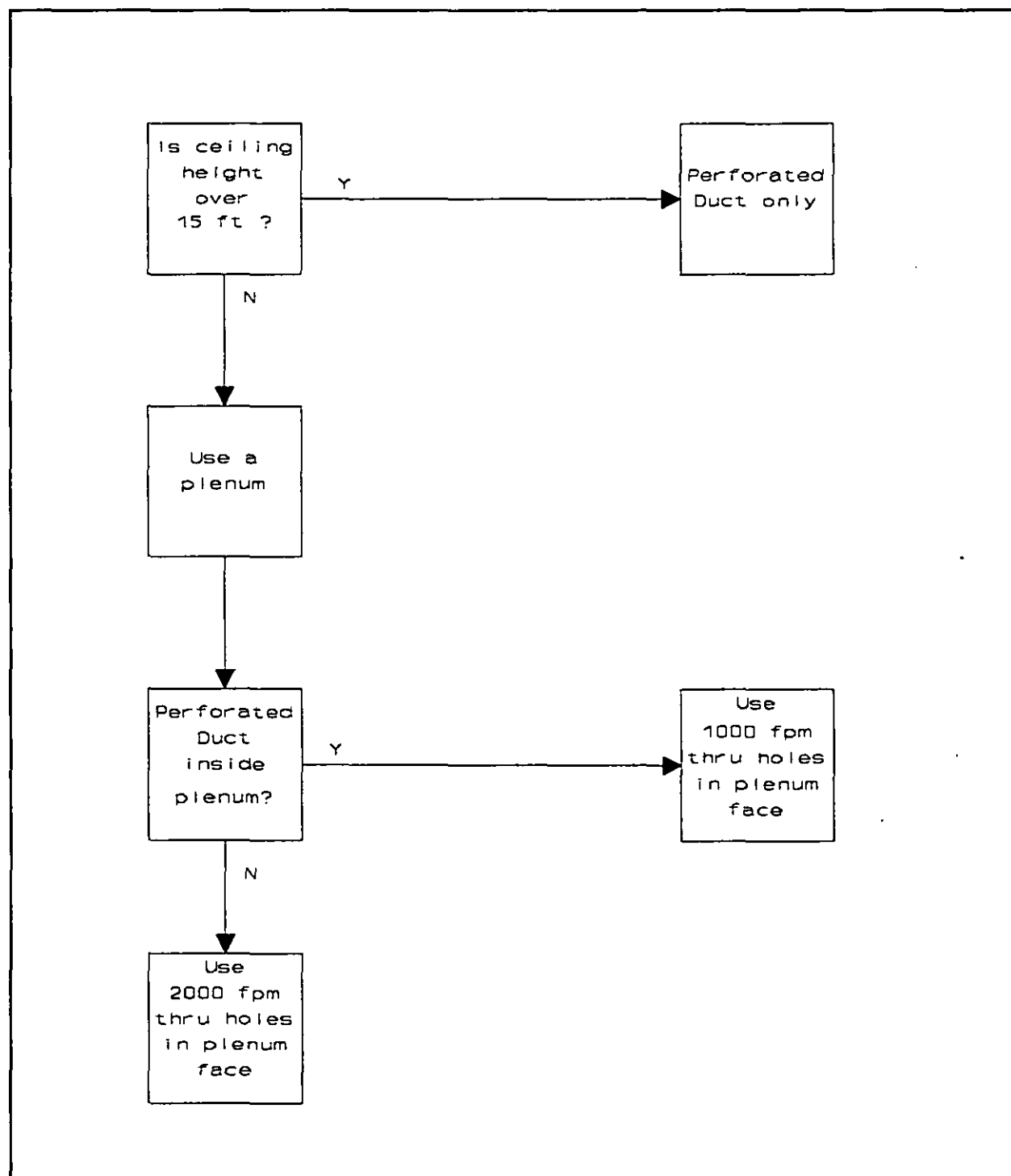


Figure 10  
Decision Tree for Replacement Air Design

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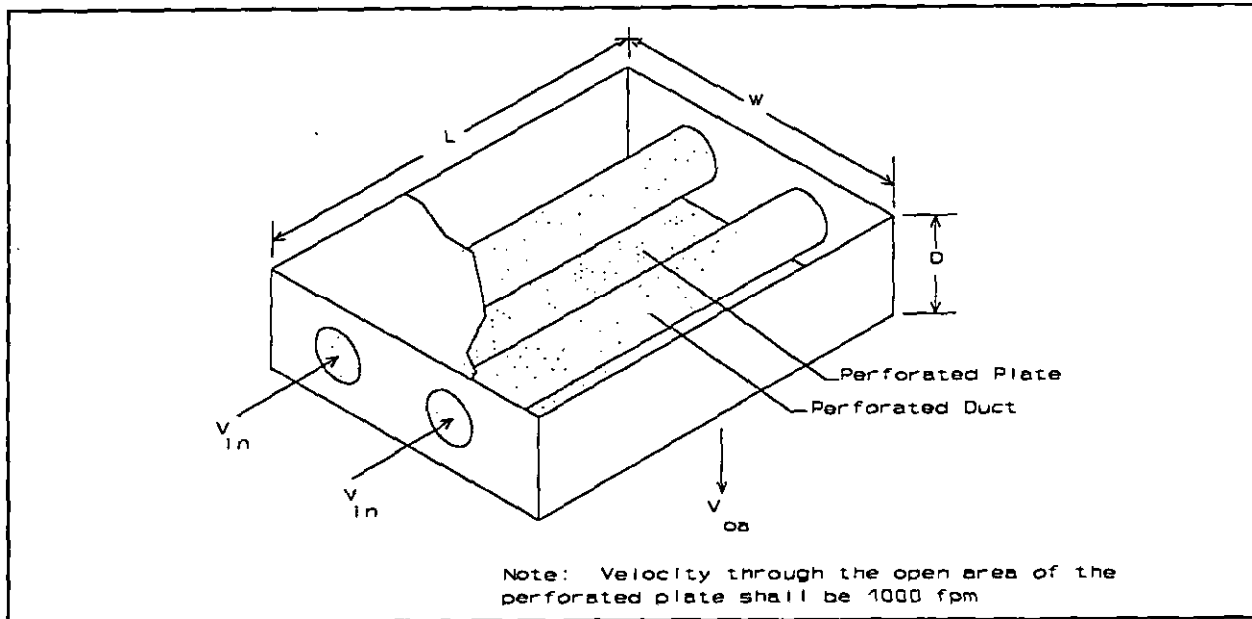


Figure 11  
Plenum Design With Perforated Duct

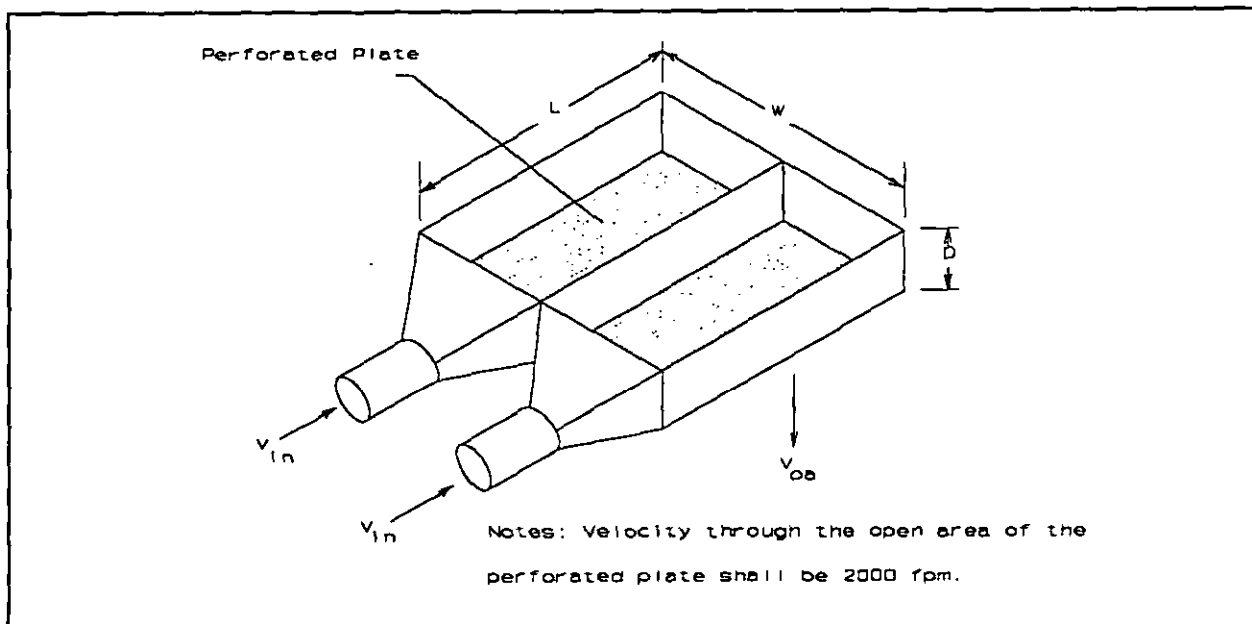


Figure 12  
Plenum Design Without Perforated Duct

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e) **Perforated Duct Design.** Use perforated duct to evenly distribute the flow of replacement air inside the plenum or area. Manufacturers provide several different types and sizes of perforated duct.

Use recommendations from the manufacturer for duct design. The manufacturer will not only recommend the size, shape, and type of the required perforated duct, but also the location of the orifices and reducers to distribute the air properly.

Orifices and reducers are used to control the amount of air flow through the perforated duct so air is distributed evenly along the length of the duct. Use oval duct if space constraints limit the use of round duct.

f) **Air Handling Unit Design.** Select a replacement air fan that has the capacity to provide 110 percent of the required replacement air. The required replacement air volume flow rate is 95 percent of the total exhausted air volume flow rate. The extra capacity is required to allow control flexibility.

Select centrifugal fans with backward inclined airfoil blades for the replacement air systems.

Replacement air units usually consist of a fan, air filters, and cooling and heating coils. Design filter boxes to hold replaceable (disposable) filters. The outside air intake shall be drawn through a unit mounted louver, complete with a built in rain lip, vertical rain louvers, and a bird screen.

Coils shall be removable and shall contain heating coils in a common or individual casing. Steam coils, where used, shall be vertical. Seal coils to the casing to prevent air leakage around the coils. Refer to the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Standard 1096, Standard for Safety Electric Central Air Heating Equipment, when electric coils are used.

For gas fired systems, the heater elements shall meet ANSI Z21.47, Gas-Fired Central Furnaces, and be certified by American Gas Association (AGA). They shall cover at least 70 percent of the outlet area to minimize bypass air and to reduce surface temperature. Gas burners shall be electric ignition type.

Consider using the building contractor and manufacturers representatives to train maintenance and shop personnel on the ventilation equipment, especially the recirculating systems. Consider implementing a long term maintenance contract.

#### 2.1.3.6 Controls

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a) Strategy. Provide industrial ventilation system controls and associated alarms to ensure contaminant control, space specific balance and conditioning, a safe and healthy work environment, and system malfunction notification.

Control the ventilated space pressure by modulating the quantity of replacement air. Use variable speed motors (which are relatively inefficient) or magnetically coupled "eddy current" drives between fan and motor (which are relatively costly), or fan inlet guide vanes. Using dampers to control replacement air quantity is inefficient and unreliable.

Room air pressure sensors shall signal the appropriate control device. Place room differential pressure sensors away from doors, windows, and replacement air discharge. At all entrances to each ventilated space, provide signs that state:

KEEP DOOR CLOSED  
THIS DOOR MUST BE CLOSED  
FOR EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF  
CONTAMINANTS

Provide an interlocked on-off switch so that the replacement air and exhaust air systems operate simultaneously. Clearly label which exhaust fan is interlocked with which supply fan when there are multiple fans.

b) Gauges and Sensors. Provide continuous monitoring of system performance. The minimum requirements are:

(1) Use differential pressure sensors, with gauge readouts, across each replacement air filter section. Set points on the gauge to trigger an alarm when the pressure drop or gain across the filter exceeds the manufacturer's recommended value. A pressure drop occurs when there is a blow through a filter and a pressure gain occurs when the filter gets loaded.

(2) Use operating light on replacement air system fan motor.

(3) Use static pressure sensor at the outlet of the replacement air fan with a gauge readout. Set points on the gauge to trigger an alarm when the pressure is lower than the recommended range (as determined by baseline testing).

(4) Use a hood static pressure sensor with a gauge mounted in a conspicuous place near the hood. Set points on the gauge to trigger an alarm when the static pressure is lower or higher than the recommended range (as determined by baseline testing). Do not use the type of inline flow sensor, which measures the pressure drop across an orifice plate. Use only a static pressure tap and differential pressure gauge.

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(5) Use differential pressure sensor across each exhaust air cleaning device with gauge readout. Set points on the gauge to trigger an alarm when the pressure drop across the device exceeds the manufacturer's recommended value.

(6) Use static pressure sensor at the exhaust fan inlet with gauge readout. Set points on the gauge to trigger an alarm when the pressure is lower than the recommended range (as determined by baseline testing).

(7) Use exhaust air system motor operating light. When a sensor indicates a malfunction, trigger an alarm which is both audible and visible in the shop space.

(8) Mark the operating ranges on all gauges clearly. Locate gauges on an annunciator panel (except hood static pressure gauges). Provide a three way valve at each gauge connection for cleanout and calibration, see Figure 13.

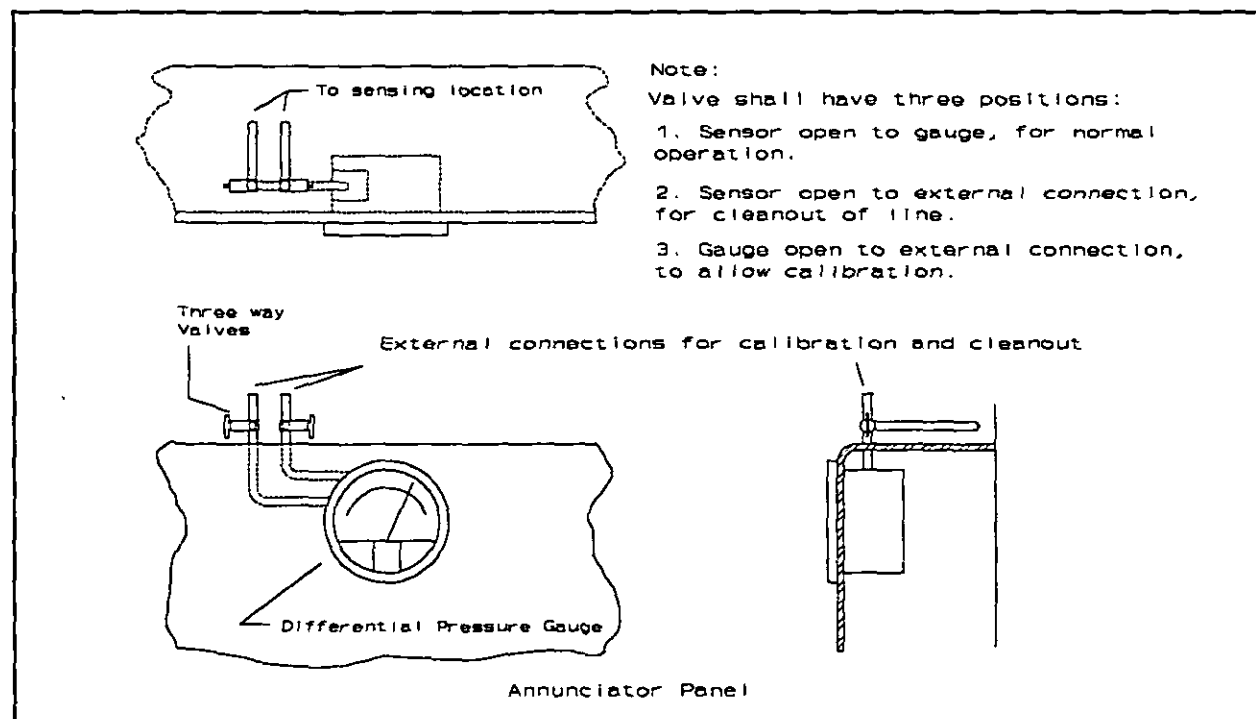


Figure 13  
Annunciator Panel

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c) Annunciator Panel. Provide an annunciator panel to continuously monitor ventilation system performance. Locate the panel so it is accessible to shop personnel. The panel shall include, but not be limited to, all gauges (except hood static pressure gauges) described in par. 2.1.3.6.

Mount fan motor operating lights and interlocked on-off switch on the panel. The interlocked switches shall clearly show which exhaust and supply fans are interlocked, where multiple fans are used. The panel should indicate what action is to be taken when operation falls outside the prescribed ranges, e.g., "examine/replace filter on R.A. unit when this gauge reads outside indicated range."

2.1.3.7 Provision for System Testing. Provide ports to allow system performance testing. Position the ports as shown in Figure 14. Position each port in the same duct cross-sectional plane as the continuous monitoring sensor. In addition, provide access to the fan motor to measure voltage and amperage and fan speed. Specify that testing shall be done according to the ACGIH Manual, Chapter 9.

2.1.4 Energy Conservation. Incorporate applicable energy conservation measures in the design of industrial ventilation systems. Criteria herein minimizes volume flow rates through appropriate designs. Evaluate life cycle costs for heat recovery systems and specify when appropriate. Refer to ASHRAE HVAC Systems and Equipment Handbook for details.

Do not use rotary air wheel heat recovery systems, even if they incorporate purge air sections. Refer to NAVFAC MIL-HDBK-1003/3, Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, and Dehumidifying Systems for further details.

2.1.4.1 Recirculation. Industrial ventilation systems use a large quantity of air. Exhaust air recirculation is discouraged for most naval industrial processes and prohibited by OPNAVINST 5100.23 for processes generating lead and asbestos. Follow the recirculated air guidelines set forth in NFPA for fire protection, the ACGIH Manual, Chapter 7, for health protection, and the applicable OSHA standards when recirculation is included in the design.

2.1.5 Noise Control. Use engineering controls as the primary means of protecting personnel from hazardous noise. It is cheaper to eliminate potential noise problems during the design or procurement stages, than it is to retrofit or modify after installation. Personal hearing protection is not an acceptable permanent control strategy.

2.1.5.1 Site Plan. NAVFAC P-970, Protection Planning in the Noise Environment contains guidance for the selection of building sites for facilities at naval installations. The publication is a procedural tool for installation planners to develop an acceptable noise level. This guidance is applicable to existing or expected noise environments and describes noise reduction techniques that may render marginally acceptable locations suitable

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for use. These guidelines are also consistent with the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) Program. Refer to the AICUZ Program and MIL-HDBK-1190, Facility Planning and Design Guide for additional information.

2.1.5.2 Specifications. Specify the lowest noise emission level that is technologically and economically feasible. The objective is to ensure, if feasible, an A weighted sound level of 84 decibels (dBA) or less is maintained at all locations in which personnel are required to work.

It is not adequate to specify that individual pieces of equipment shall not produce noise levels in excess of 84 dBA. Determine the sound power levels for each piece of equipment. Use this information to predict the acoustic characteristics of the workspace and the resulting ambient noise level. Design appropriate noise control method if the predicted ambient noise level is in excess of 84 dBA.

2.1.5.3 Architectural Design. NAVFAC DM-1.03, Architectural Acoustics contains specific criteria applicable to architectural acoustics. The manuals in the DM-1 series provide practical information that will be useful in understanding and resolving acoustic problems.

Determine the acoustic environment of any kind of activity in advance, both to fulfill the design goals and prevent the need for corrections at a later stage. The manuals discuss acoustic problems of sound transmission between spaces and the behavior of sound within spaces. However, these manuals are not intended to replace the architects' use of an acoustic noise control consultant.

2.1.5.4 Criteria. Listed below are additional criteria related to acoustics and vibration:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Source</u>
Noise and Vibration Control of Mechanical Equipment	Tri-Service Manual NAVFAC DM-3.10 Army TM-5-805-4 AFM 88-37
Industrial Noise Control Manual	DHEW (NIOSH) Publication No. 79-117
Human Engineering Design Criteria for Military Systems, Equipment, and Facilities	MIL-STD-1472
Noise Control, a Guide for Workers and Employees	OSHA 3048

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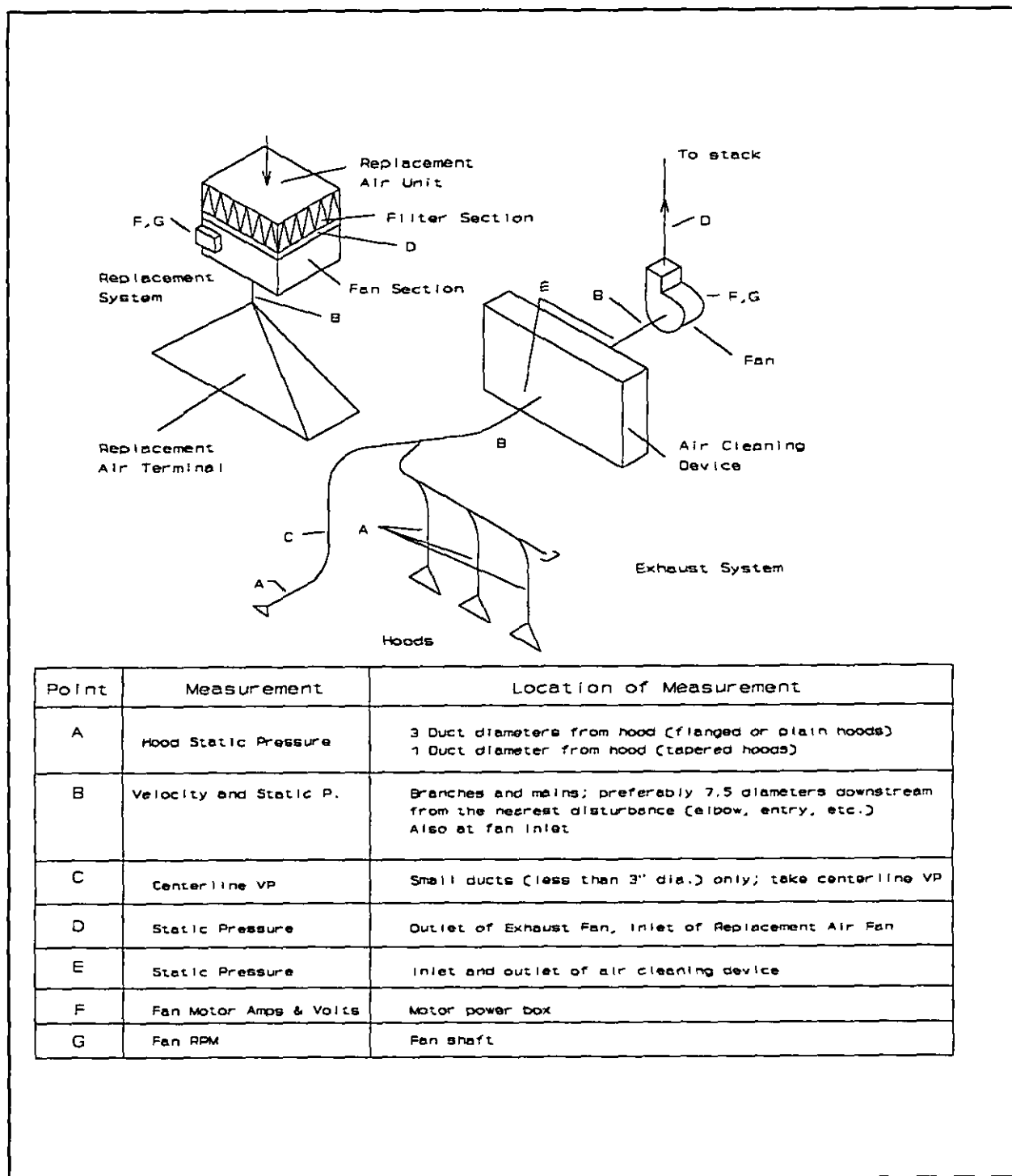


Figure 14  
Testing Point Locations



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3.1 Function. The asbestos delagging facility provides a complete workshop to remove asbestos insulation from piping and mechanical equipment during ship repair. The ventilation system design discussed in this section is for activities with extensive asbestos removal operations. The design includes: shop and equipment space, clean and dirty locker rooms for men and women, and administrative space to support the coordination and monitoring of facility operation.

3.1.1 Design Criteria. Design the facility using general technical requirements in Section 2 of this handbook and the specific requirements in this section.

### 3.2 Operational Considerations

3.2.1 Airborne Contamination. When asbestos insulation is delagged, the asbestos fibers are dispersed into the air, creating a health hazard. 29 CFR 1910.1001 or 29 CFR 1915.1001, for shipyards, dictate protective measures for workers in these facilities, including respirator protection and impermeable outerwear. The regulation also prescribes wetting the asbestos material with amended water (water containing a surfactant), if practicable, to reduce the potential for asbestos fibers to become airborne. Wet asbestos fibers require a higher duct velocity than dry fibers. Choose an air cleaning device suited to a wet airstream.

3.2.2 Heat Stress. The physical nature of the work and impermeable outer garments worn by the workers create heat stress conditions. Equip supplied air respirators with vortex coolers. Consider cooling the replacement air when supplied air respirators are not available. Consider using "micro climate cooling" or "cool suits," mechanically cooled garments, for individual workers.

3.2.3 Ergonomics. Consider human needs during a work shift. Design the facility to allow the workers to take care of their needs without going through decontamination procedures each time.

Figure 15 shows the flow of workers during a typical work shift. Workers enter the clean locker rooms through the administrative area. They put on protective outerwear and proceed to the shop area through corridors that bypass the dirty locker rooms.

After performing delagging, workers vacuum their protective outerwear and dispose of them in containers provided in the decontamination area. They enter the dirty locker rooms and remove the remainder of their work garments.

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Workers then proceed to the clean locker rooms via the showers, which act as a barrier to the migration of asbestos fibers. Refer to OPNAVINST 5100.23 for further discussion of procedures during asbestos removal operations.

3.3 Typical Floor Plans. Design floor plans to meet the requirements of par. 3.2.3, 29 CFR 1910.1001, and 29 CFR 1915.1001. Figure 15 shows a typical layout.

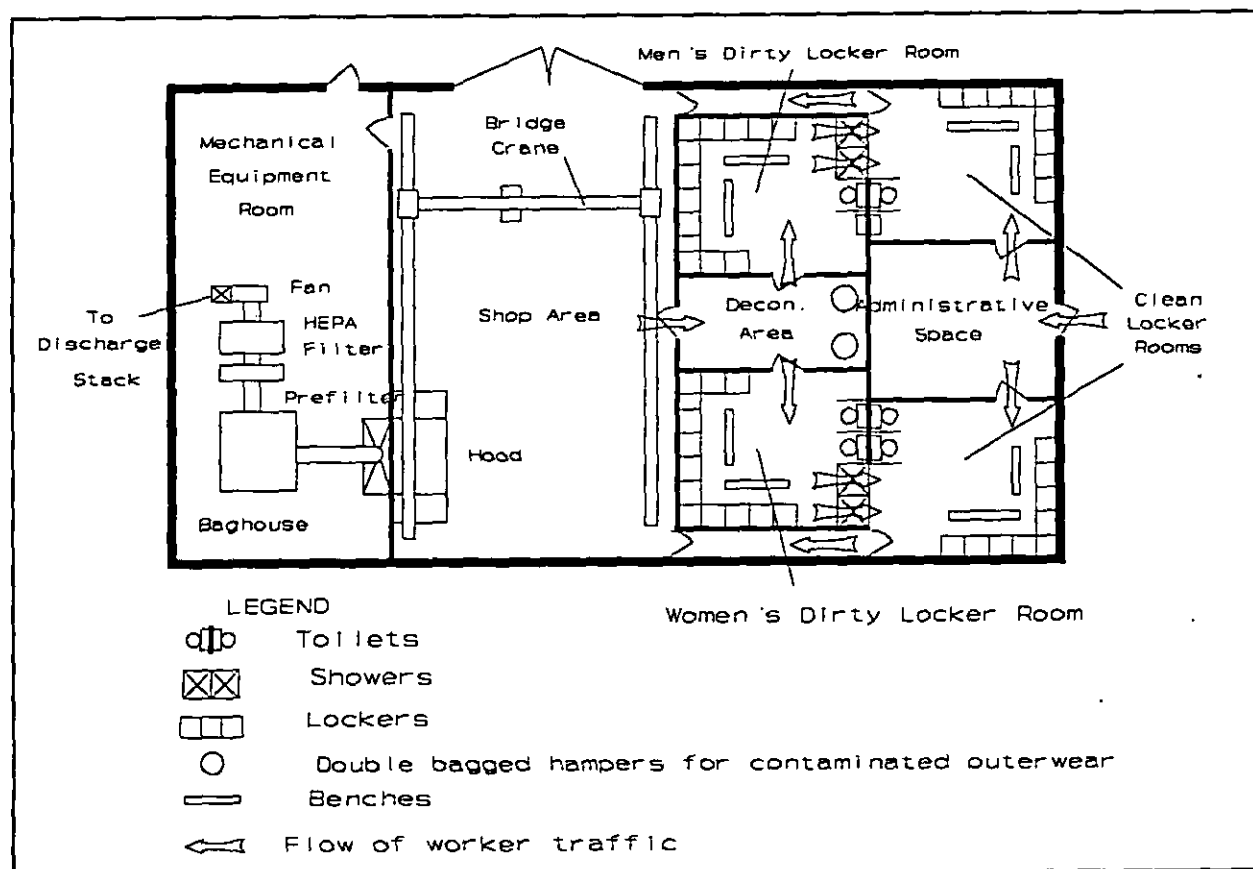


Figure 15  
Typical Delagging Facility Floor Plan

3.4 Exhaust Air. Design the exhaust air system to generate a minimum capture velocity of 150 fpm (0.762 m/s) to capture the contaminants.

3.4.1 Hood Design. Design asbestos delagging hood to enclose the workpiece as much as possible. Do not use small portable hoods with flexible

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ductwork because they do not provide consistent capture and do not guarantee protection. Figure 16 and Figure 17 illustrate two choices of hood design for asbestos delagging facilities.

Figure 16 shows a hood design consisting of a workbench with a central, circular area. Mount the circular area on sealed bearings to allow easy turning of heavy workpieces. This design is best for high profile workpieces (e.g., boilers, pumps). The hood captures contaminants through the slots into an exhaust plenum.

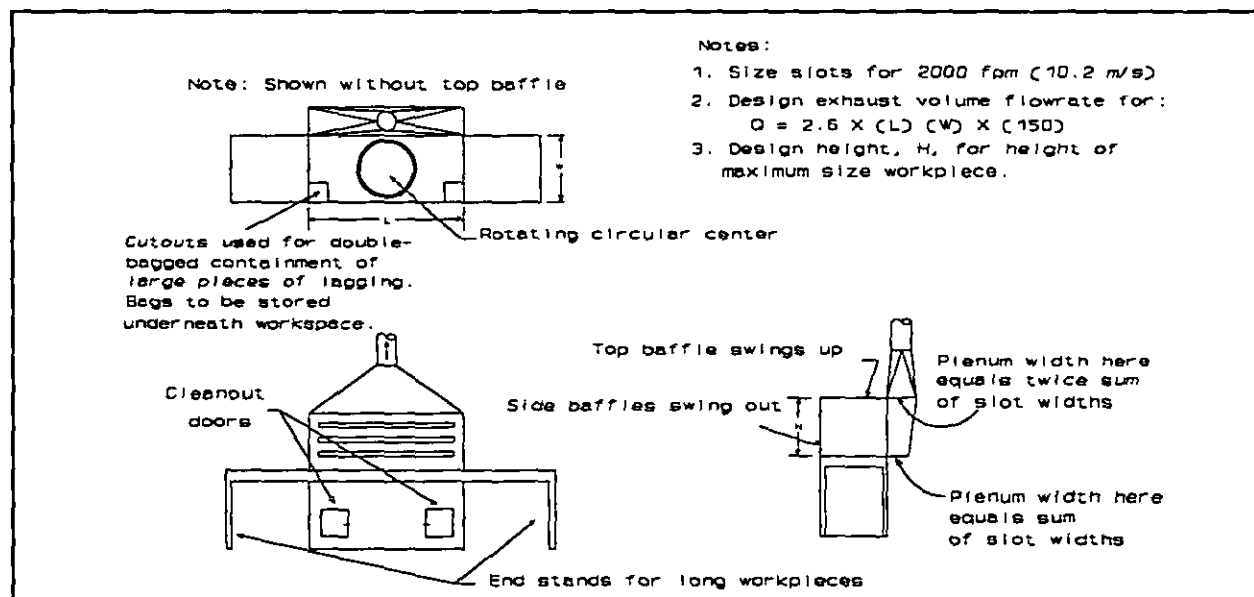


Figure 16  
Exhaust Hood for High Profile Workpieces

Figure 17 shows a hood design consisting of a workbench with a grating strong enough to support the heaviest expected workpiece. This is a downdraft hood which draws small pieces of lagging through the grating. The perforated plate below the grating creates even airflow over the grating. This design is best for low profile workpieces such as piping.

Install two cleanout doors on the front and two cleanout doors on the sides of the hood for easy access to asbestos debris. Provide two small cutouts in the outer corners of the workbench to place large pieces of lagging in double bagged containment.

Equip hoods with stands and swinging baffles on each end to accommodate long workpieces (e.g., pipes). The top baffle shall swing up to allow access to overhead cranes.

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Design a ventilated section not longer than 8 feet (2.44 m). Design slots and perforated plate open area for a velocity of 2000 fpm (10.2 m/s). The plenum velocity shall not exceed one half of the slot or perforated plate open area velocity. Design the hood to duct transition with an included angle of no more than 90 degrees.

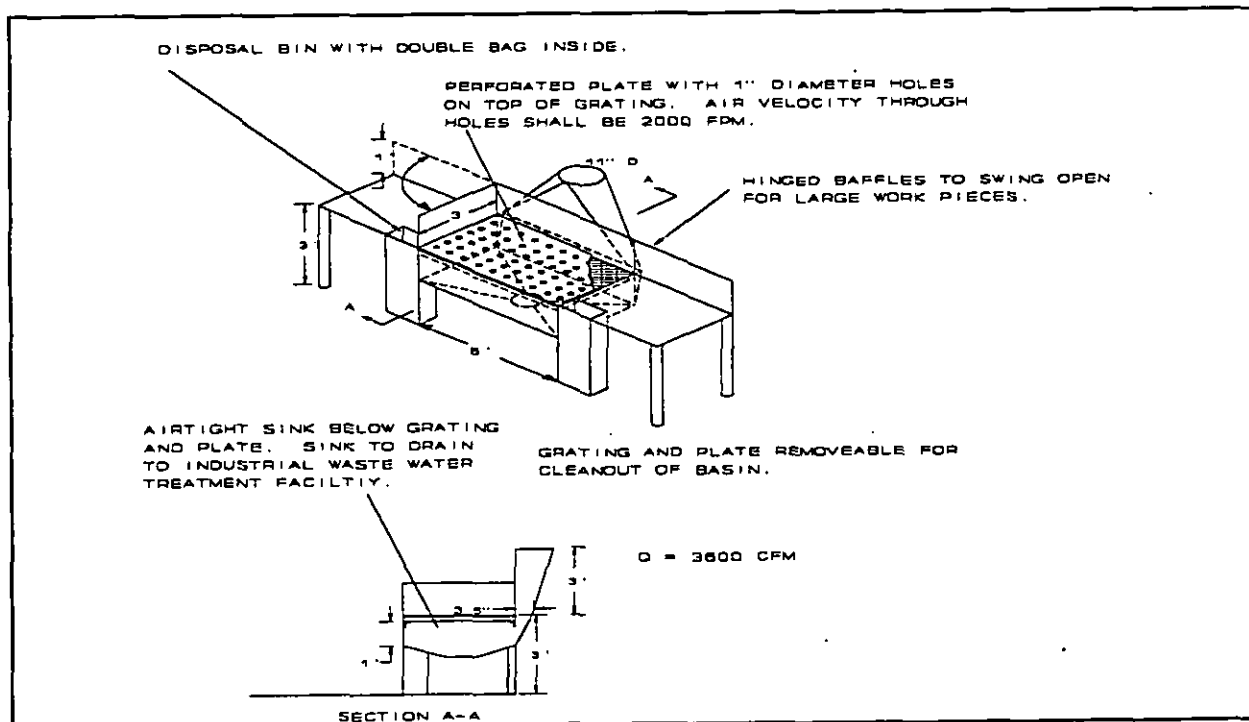


Figure 17  
Exhaust Hood for Low Profile Workpieces

### 3.4.2 Ductwork and Fans

3.4.2.1 Ductwork. Size exhaust ductwork for asbestos delagging facilities to provide a minimum transport velocity of 5000 fpm (25.4 m/s). The high velocity is necessary because the practice of wetting the fibers makes them heavier and more difficult to transport. Specify duct hangers that have sufficient strength to support the ductwork should it become half filled with material.

Provide cleanout doors adjacent to every bend and vertical riser. In horizontal duct runs, space cleanout doors no more than 12 feet (3.66 m) apart in ducts that are 12 inches (0.305 m) or less in diameter. Space cleanout doors no more than 20 feet (6.0 m) apart in larger ducts. Refer to par. 2.1.3.1 for general duct considerations. Do not locate cleanout doors on the bottom side of ductwork.

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3.4.2.2 Fans. Use backward curved airfoil type centrifugal fans for this application. Backward airfoil type centrifugal fans are the most efficient and quiet, but a centrifugal fan with backward inclined blades is also acceptable. Refer to par. 2.1.3.2 for general considerations.

3.4.3 Weather Stack Design and Location. Use a vertical discharge stack with a no loss stackhead. Refer to par. 2.1.3.3 for further details.

3.4.4 Air Cleaning Devices. Figure 18 illustrates the required sequence of air cleaning devices. The contaminated air flows through a baghouse, which contains a fabric filter collector, prefilters, and high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters. Install prefilters to extend the life of HEPA filters.

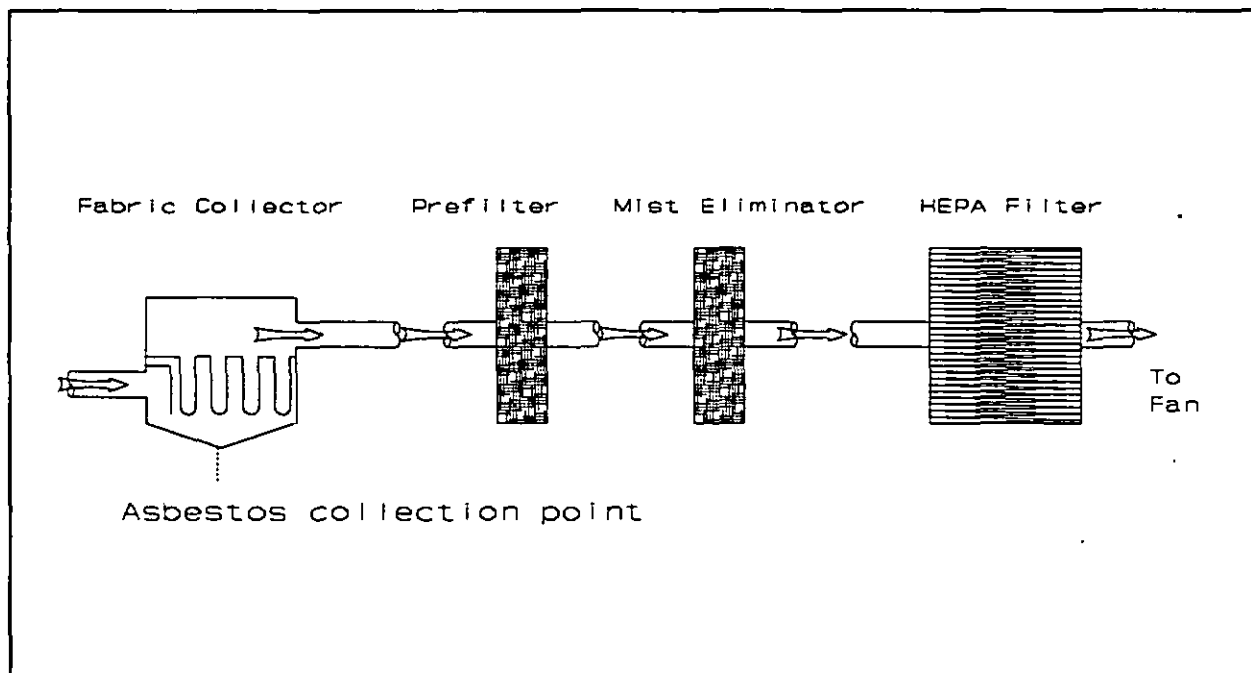


Figure 18  
Sequence of Air Cleaning Devices for Asbestos Delagging

The baghouse and prefilter shall have weight arrestance efficiency of not less than 99.9 and 70 percent, respectively, according to ASHRAE Standard 52, Method of Testing Air Cleaning Devices Used in General Ventilation for Removing Particulate Matter.

The HEPA filters shall be of the "bag in, bag out" style which allows for safe replacement of the filter element without exposure to asbestos. HEPA filters shall have an efficiency of 99.97 percent on 0.3

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micron particles, as measured by MIL-STD-282, Filter Units, Protective Clothing, Gas-Mask Components, and Related Products: Performance Test Methods.

Collectors shall deliver the collected asbestos to a common pickup point to minimize the risk of exposure. Provide a double acting valve at each baghouse hopper throat. Refer to ACGIH Manual, Chapter 4 for further details. Use a single chamber, shaker type baghouse to minimize the number of collection points.

Install a mist eliminator before the HEPA filter to eliminate the moisture generated during asbestos removal and extend the life of the filter.

3.4.5 Industrial Vacuum System. Provide a low volume, high velocity (LVHV) central vacuum system at delagging shops to exhaust fibers and dust from power tools (e.g., grinders and saws) when they are used, as required by 29 CFR 1910.1001.

a) Design a central vacuum cleaning system, which consists of a motor driven exhauster interconnected with bag type separators.

b) Connect the separator to rigid tubing, which extends throughout the plant. Terminate the rigid tubing with inlet valves at the various work stations. Provide flexible hose connections to allow workers to do shop cleanup and to decontaminate their protective outerwear.

c) Use local exhaust hoods and high velocity exhaust takeoffs for each hand tool. Refer to Table 1 for minimum flow rates and vacuum hose sizes. The ACGIH Manual illustrates several examples of power tool hoods and lists the required capture velocity for various specific operations.

d) Ensure proper capture velocity is produced at each local exhaust hood. Design vacuum systems to pick up contaminants within 1/2 inch or 12.7 millimeters (mm) of the source.

e) Design the pickup airstream to have a velocity of two to three times the generation velocity for particle sizes from 20 to 30 micron. Design for an additional velocity of:

(1) four to five times the generation velocity to pull the particles up through 300 U.S. standard mesh, or

(2) six to eight times the generation velocity to pull the particles up through a 20 U.S. standard mesh.

f) Design the air volume for no less than two parts of air to one part of asbestos to be captured by weight.

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Table 1  
Minimum Volumes and Vacuum Hose Size for Asbestos Operations

Hand tool	Flow rate (cfm)	Hose Size (inch)
Pneumatic chisel	125	1-1/2
Radial wheel grinder	150	1-1/2
Conewheel grinder, 2 in.	150	1-1/2
Cup stone grinder, 4 in.	200	2
Cup type brush, 6 in.	250	2
Radial wire brush, 6 in.	175	1-1/2
Handwire brush, 3 x 7 in.	125	1-1/2
Rip out knife	175	1-1/2
Rip out cast cutter	150	1-1/2
Saber saw	150	1-1/2
Saw abrasive, 3 in.	150	1-1/2
General vacuum	200	2

Reference: Hoffman Air and Filtration Systems, Centrifugal Compressor Engineering.

g) Design the vacuum hose length less than 25 feet (7.6 m). Locate inlet valves 30 to 35 feet (9 m to 10.7 m) apart when a 25 foot length of hose is used. Locate tool vacuum hose connection on the ends of the workbench underneath the stands. Size the hose based on the following:

- (1) Air volume per hose.
- (2) Number of hoses to be used simultaneously.
- (3) The air velocity required to convey the material to the separators.

h) Use single ply, lightweight thermoplastic or polyvinyl chloride (PVC) flexible hose, but limit the usage whenever possible.

i) Use a multistage centrifugal blower for the vacuum system. Size the blower according to the following:

- (1) The total system pressure loss associated with the total number of hoses to be used simultaneously.
- (2) The maximum exhaust flow rate entering the inlet of the blower.

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j) Feed the blower directly into the baghouse used by the industrial exhaust system (see Figure 19) to minimize the number of asbestos collection points.

k) Install a prefilter and HEPA filter in front of the blower to prevent it from becoming contaminated.

l) Design the vacuum system duct to balance with the exhaust system duct where the two systems connect.

m) Design the entire vacuum system according to NAVFAC DM-3.5, Compressed Air and Vacuum Systems.

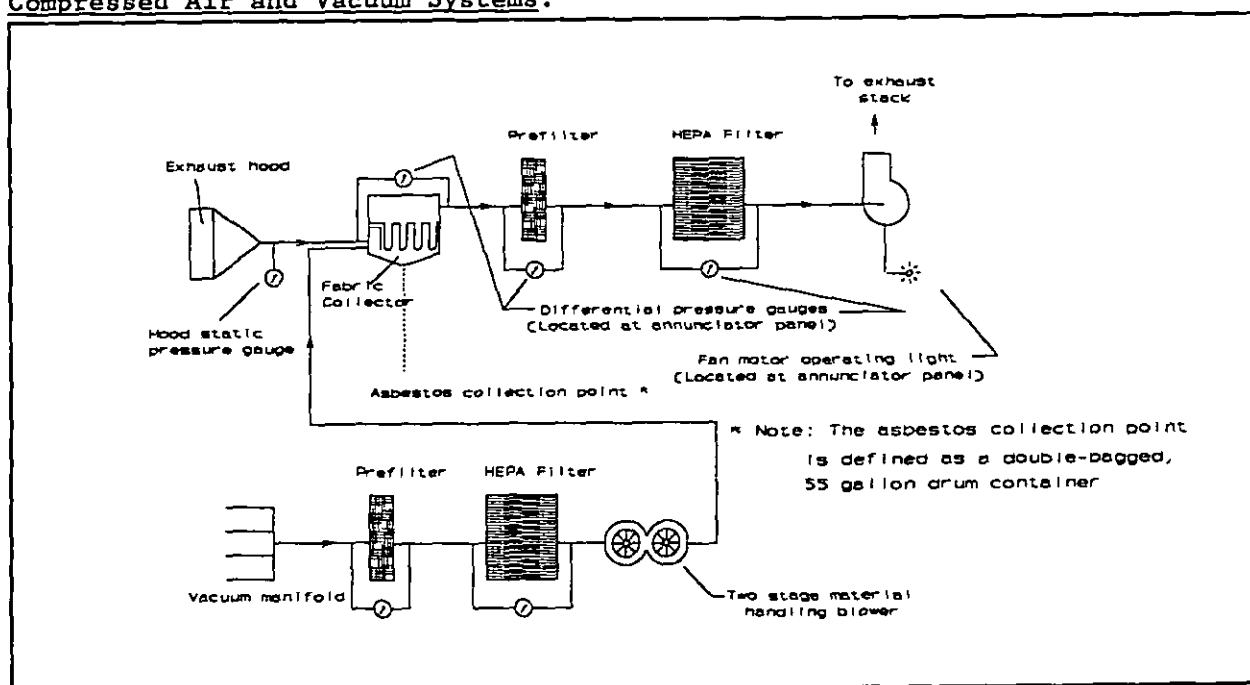


Figure 19  
Exhaust and Vacuum System Schematic Diagram

3.5 Replacement Air. Design replacement air systems with fan inlet guide vanes, variable speed motors, or "eddy current clutch" units to maintain a pressure (relative to the atmosphere) ranging from -0.02 to -0.05 inches water gauge (wg) (12.4 Pascal (Pa) to 24.9 Pa) in the shop spaces.

Maintain the pressure in decontamination areas, the equipment room, and dirty locker rooms within a range of -0.01 to -0.04 inches wg (2.49 Pa to 9.96 Pa). Maintain the pressure in clean spaces within a range of +0.02 to +0.05 inches wg (+4.98 to +12.4 Pa). For further replacement air system criteria, refer to par. 2.1.3.5.



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3.5.1 Quantity and Distribution. Distribute air in the work space to produce a laminar airflow from supply to exhaust ventilation systems. Use the vertical supply method. Design a drop ceiling throughout the dirty space. Use perforated sheet metal with 3/8-inch (9.5 mm) holes. Install a drop ceiling above the overhead crane, flush mounted light fixtures, and a fire suppression system.

3.5.2 Heating and Air Conditioning. Provide each ventilated space with a dedicated replacement air system. Provide heating and cooling according to NAVFAC MIL-HDBK-1003/3. Do not recirculate exhaust air.

3.6 System Controls. Design system controls according to par. 2.1.3.6 and the following criteria:

a) Position the annunciator panel at the entrance to the dirty space so operators can monitor operating gauges.

b) Install static pressure sensors at locations that are representative of average static pressure in each controlled space. This will ensure that desired differential pressures are maintained.

c) Trigger a timer if pressure varies from the specified range. Select timer that automatically resets if the problem is corrected within 60 seconds.

d) Trigger both visible and audible alarms if the system cannot correct the difficulty within allotted time. Install multiple alarm beacons if operator's view is obscured during delagging. Monitor the shop's negative pressure continuously, using strip chart recorder, so the operator can detect any pressure changes.

e) Interlock the hand tool power supply with the ventilation system's on-off switch. This will prevent the use of hand tools without ventilation controls.

3.7 Safety and Health Items. 29 CFR 1910.1001(g)(2) and 29 CFR 1915.1001(h)(2) prescribe the permissible respirator types for asbestos handling installations.

a) Use type "C" supplied air, pressure demand class respirators. The potential concentration of asbestos fibers in asbestos delagging facilities warrants the use of this respirator. Such respirators require an external supply of compressed air.

b) Provide supplemental air purifying respirators fitted with HEPA filters (type H) in case air supply is interrupted. Refer to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-560/OPTS-86-001, A Guide to Respiratory Protection in the Asbestos Abatement Industry for further information.

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c) Design breathing air system according to NAVFAC DM-3.5. Provide several connection points for the respirator hoses in the work area to allow worker mobility. The connection for the vacuum hose must not be the same as the connection for the respirator hose. This prevents the use of impure air for breathing purposes. Refer to 29 CFR 1910.134, for additional requirements that will impact the facility design (e.g., respirator cleanup and storage areas).

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## Section 4: OTTO FUEL II FACILITIES

4.1 Function. MK-46 and MK-48 torpedo facilities maintain, prepare, and test torpedoes. MK-46 and MK-48 torpedoes use Otto Fuel II, a toxic monopropellant. Naval Medical Command Instruction (NAVMEDCOMINST) 6270.1, Health Hazards of Otto Fuel II, gives detailed information on the dangers of exposure to Otto Fuel II. Refer to NAVFAC MIL-HDBK-1028/3, Maintenance Facilities for Ammunition, Explosives, and Toxins for considerations that may impact the design of industrial ventilation systems for these facilities.

Torpedo size differences and maintenance procedures dictate the use of different floor plans and exhaust hood designs for the two facility types. Refer to Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) OP5, Ammunition and Explosives Ashore Safety Regulations for Handling, Storing, Production, Renovation, and Shipping, Volume 1, for the specific order of operations. In all cases, the industrial ventilation systems must remove hazardous vapor, e.g., Otto Fuel II, products of combustion, and solvent vapor.

4.1.1 Design Criteria. Design the facilities using general technical requirements in Section 2 of this handbook and the specific requirements in this section.

4.2 Operational Considerations. An operation is "dirty" when it creates a potential for personnel exposure to one or more of the following:

- a) Otto Fuel II
- b) Agitene - the parts cleaning solvents used in MK-46 shops
- c) Hydrogen cyanide - a product of combustion in the torpedoes
- d) Mineral spirits - a parts cleaning agent used in MK-48 shops

Fueling operations create a potential for accidental spills of Otto Fuel II. Because of this, design each dirty area to have a slightly negative air pressure relative to adjacent areas. This will help to contain any Otto Fuel II vapor that is not immediately captured by the exhaust hoods.

During emergency procedures (e.g., Otto Fuel II spill) workers suit up with protective clothing and a self contained breathing apparatus before entering the contaminated area. After the emergency is controlled, the workers discard the outer layer of protective clothing and shower. The floor plan of the facility should allow implementation of emergency procedures while minimizing the potential for contaminating areas outside the dirty areas.

The physical nature of the work, and the use of protective clothing increase the potential for heat stress. Consider cooling the replacement air

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to reduce this potential. Refer to NAVSEA S6340-AA-MMA-010, Otto Fuel II Safety, Storage, and Handling Instructions, for complete operational considerations.

#### 4.3 Exhaust Air

4.3.1 MK-46 Ventilated Spaces. The MK-46 floor plan shown in Figure 20 optimizes the workflow while allowing the ventilation system to control airborne contaminants. Figure 21 shows an elevation view of this floor plan.

4.3.1.1 MK-46 Standup Backdraft Hood. Workers uncouple the fuel section and the engine section of the torpedo in the teardown operations. During these operations, Otto Fuel II remains in the lines and the components of the engine section, and in the fuel tank. The residual fuel releases vapor into the air. The defueling and refueling processes of a torpedo also release Otto Fuel II vapor. Use the standup backdraft hood as shown in Figure 22 to capture Otto Fuel II vapor in afterbody teardown, fueling, and defueling operations. Design the hood using the following criteria:

- a) Design for a capture velocity of 150 fpm (0.762 m/s) at the contaminant source.
- b) Size slots for 2000 fpm (10.2 m/s), covered with wire mesh.
- c) Design the plenum velocity less than or equal to one half of the slot velocity.
- d) Design hood transitions (takeoff) with an included angle no greater than 90 degrees. Specify that the length of the hood served by each exhaust plenum shall not exceed 8 feet (2.44 m). For example, hoods between 8 and 16 feet (2.44 and 4.88 m) in length shall have two exhaust takeoffs.
- e) Install baffles to control airflow from the sides and top of the hood bank as shown in Figure 22.

4.3.1.2 MK-46 Workbench Hood. After defueling and decoupling, workers lift the fuel and engine sections onto two different ventilated workbenches. They remove the stabilizing baffles in the fuel section, inspect, and wipe clean before loading the baffles into the parts washer. Personnel also dismantle the engine section to inspect the engine, fuel pump, and sea water pump before loading them into the parts washer.

Design a backdraft exhaust hood, as illustrated in Figure 23, to control contaminants generated by these workbench operations.

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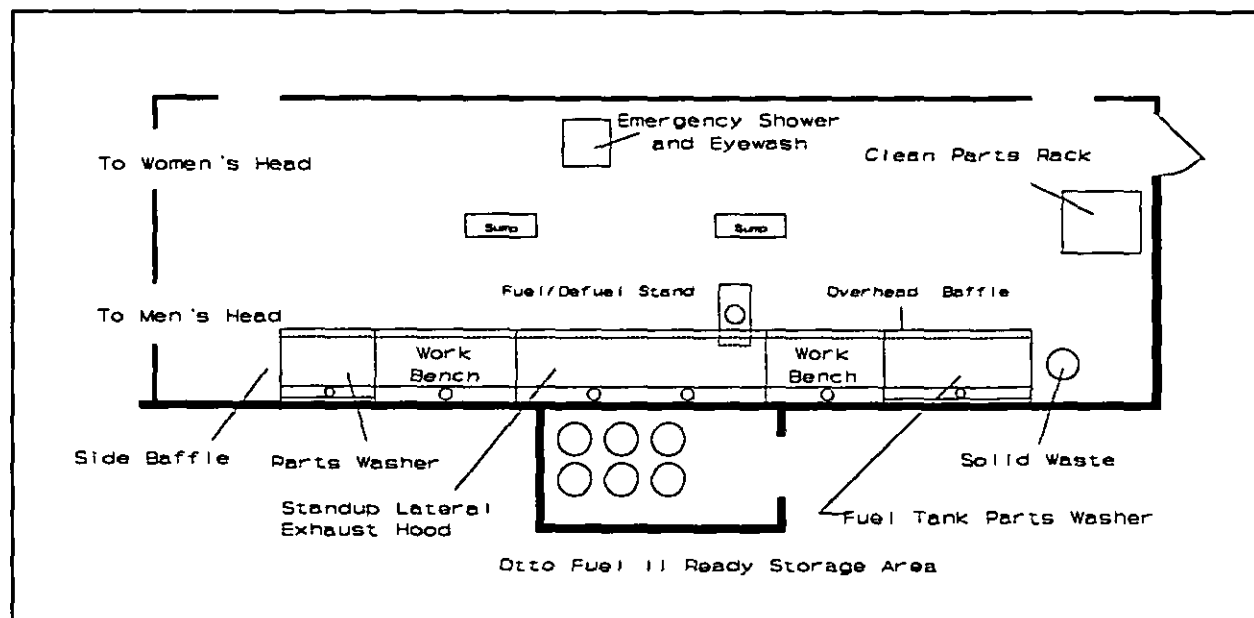


Figure 20  
Typical Layout for MK-46 Fuel/Defuel and Afterbody Breakdown Room

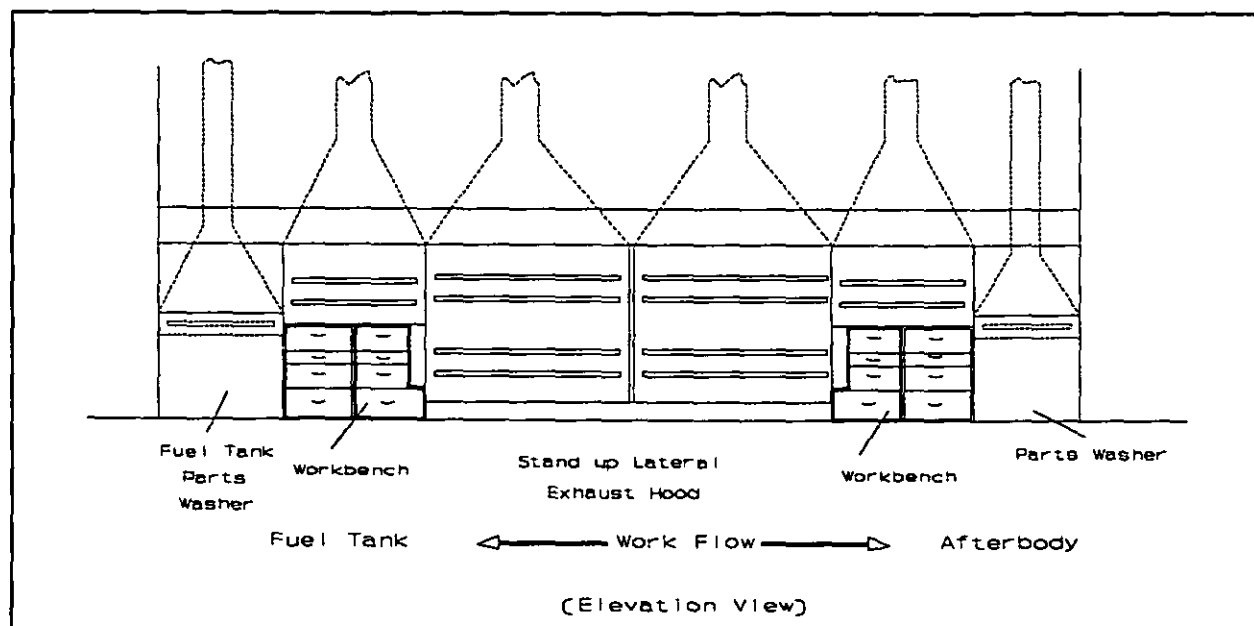


Figure 21  
Series of Hoods in MK-46 Shop

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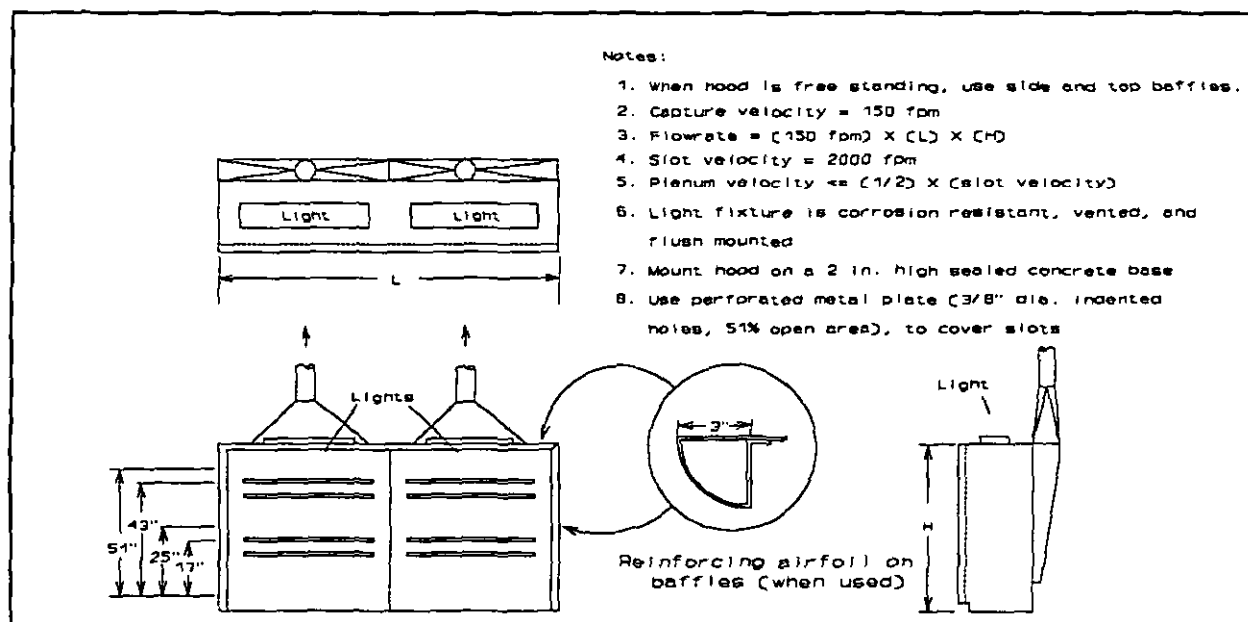


Figure 22  
MK-46 Standup Backdraft Hood

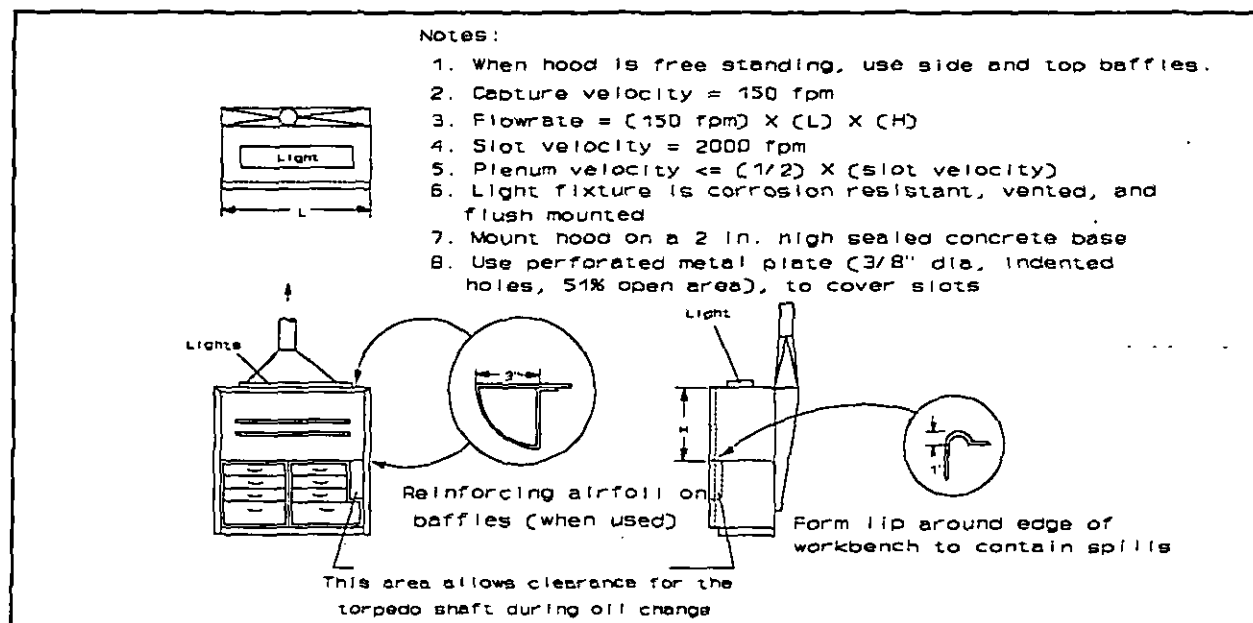


Figure 23  
MK-46 Workbench Hood

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4.3.1.3 MK-46 Parts Washer Hood. Design parts washer as shown in Figure 24 to clean off oils and excess Otto Fuel II from torpedo components. The parts washer cover must automatically close in case of fire in compliance with NFPA 34, Standard for Dipping and Coating Processes Using Flammable or Combustible Liquids. Design the parts washer large enough to completely enclose the workpiece. Design the parts washer deep enough to allow a minimum clearance of 6 inches (153 mm) between the liquid level and the exhaust slot when the tank is full of parts. Position the parts washer next to the workbenches to shorten the work path and optimize ventilation control.

4.3.2 MK-48 Ventilated Spaces. The floor plan shown in Figure 25 optimizes the work path while allowing the ventilation system to control airborne contaminants. Obtain detailed MK-48 exhaust hood drawings from Naval Underwater Systems Center, Code 8113.

4.3.2.1 MK-48 Afterbody Teardown Hood. Workers uncouple the fuel section and the engine section of the torpedo in the teardown operations. During these operations, Otto Fuel II remains in the lines and the components of the engine section, and in the fuel tank. The residual fuel releases vapor into the air. Design the afterbody teardown hood as shown in Figure 26 to capture Otto Fuel II vapor. Design the hood using the following criteria:

- a) Design the hood with baffles on the top and side forming a booth.
- b) Specify a 3 inch (76 mm) airfoil on the outer edge of the hood. The airfoil, bent inward from the baffle, must provide an airfoil effect and prevent turbulence and backflow.
- c) Install lighting that is vented and flush mounted in the overhead baffle as shown Figure 26.
- d) Bolt the hood to the floor, using a continuous natural rubber gasket on hood bottom to create a seal between the hood and the floor.

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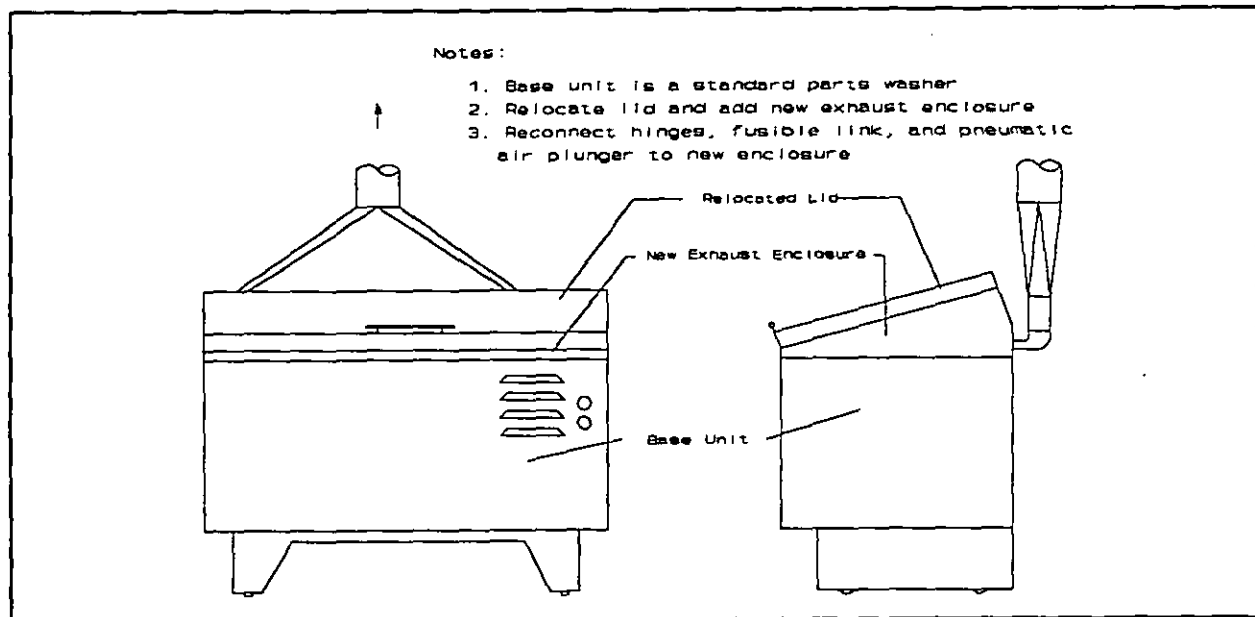


Figure 24  
MK-46 Parts Washer Hood



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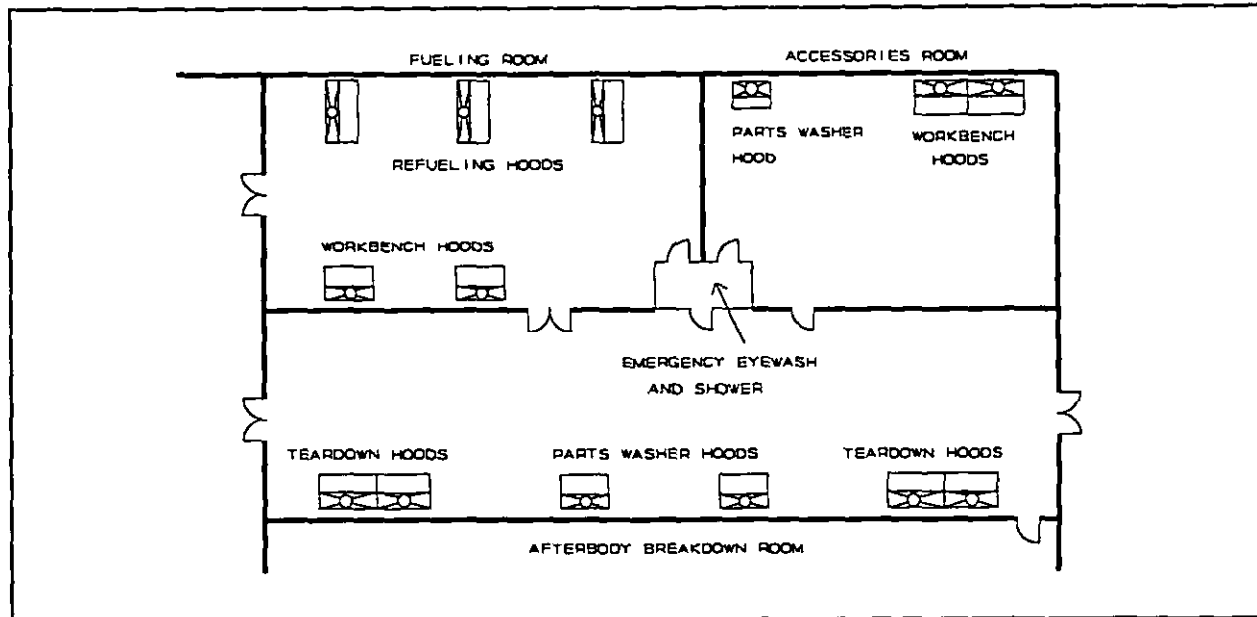


Figure 25  
Typical MK-48 Ventilated Space Layout

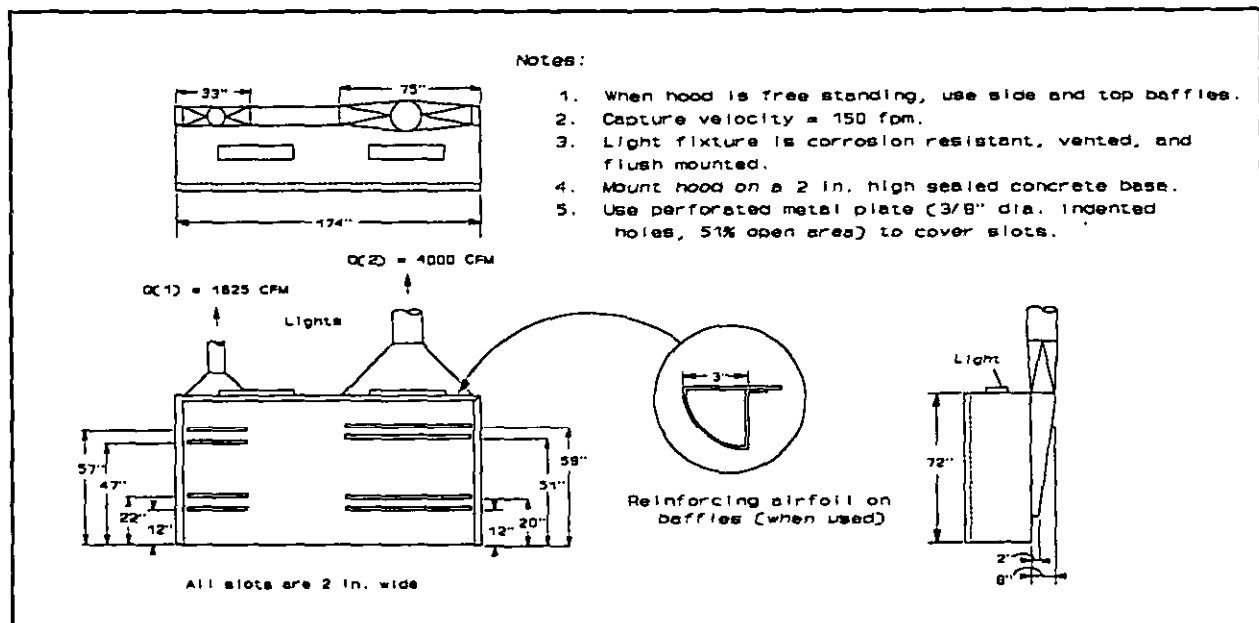


Figure 26  
MK-48 Afterbody Teardown Hood

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4.3.2.2 MK-48 Workbench Hood. After defueling and decoupling, personnel dismantle and inspect the fuel tank and the engine section. They then load components of the fuel tank and the engine section into the parts washer. Design a backdraft exhaust hood as illustrated in Figure 27 to control contaminants generated by these workbench operations. Specify the following criteria for workbench hoods:

- a) Provide a 72 by 24 inch (185 x 60 cm) stainless steel workbench top to support the whole exhaust hood. Refer to Figure 28 for dimensions of the hoods.
- b) Specify a 3 inch (76 mm) airfoil rotated inward to prevent turbulence and backflow.
- c) Install lighting that is vented and flush mounted in the top of the exhaust hood.

4.3.2.3 MK-48 Parts Washer Hood. Design or modify the parts washers as shown in Figure 28 to clean off oils and excess Otto Fuel II from torpedo components. Specify the following criteria for the parts washers:

- a) Provide a new fabricated enclosure to mount on top of the parts washer.
- b) Relocate the cover with a pneumatic plunger and a fusible link assembly.
- c) Provide an automatic switch to turn on the exhaust fan when the cover is opened and to turn off the exhaust fan when the cover is closed.

4.3.2.4 Workflow in Afterbody Teardown Room and Accessories Room. Figure 29 illustrates the workflow in both the afterbody teardown room and the accessories room with the proper sequence of hoods.

4.3.2.5 MK-48 Refueling Hood. Before refueling, personnel connect the hoses from the fueling equipment to the fuel tank. Once the fueling operation has begun, the operator does not need access to the fuel tank, except to see the hose connections. Therefore, design an enclosing type hood to reduce ventilation rates and decrease the potential for exposure to a spill during fueling. Design the hood as illustrated in Figure 30. Specify the following criteria for the refueling hoods:

- a) Specify a 3 inch (76 mm) airfoil rotated inward to prevent turbulence and backflow.
- b) Install lighting that is vented and flush mounted in the top of the exhaust hood.

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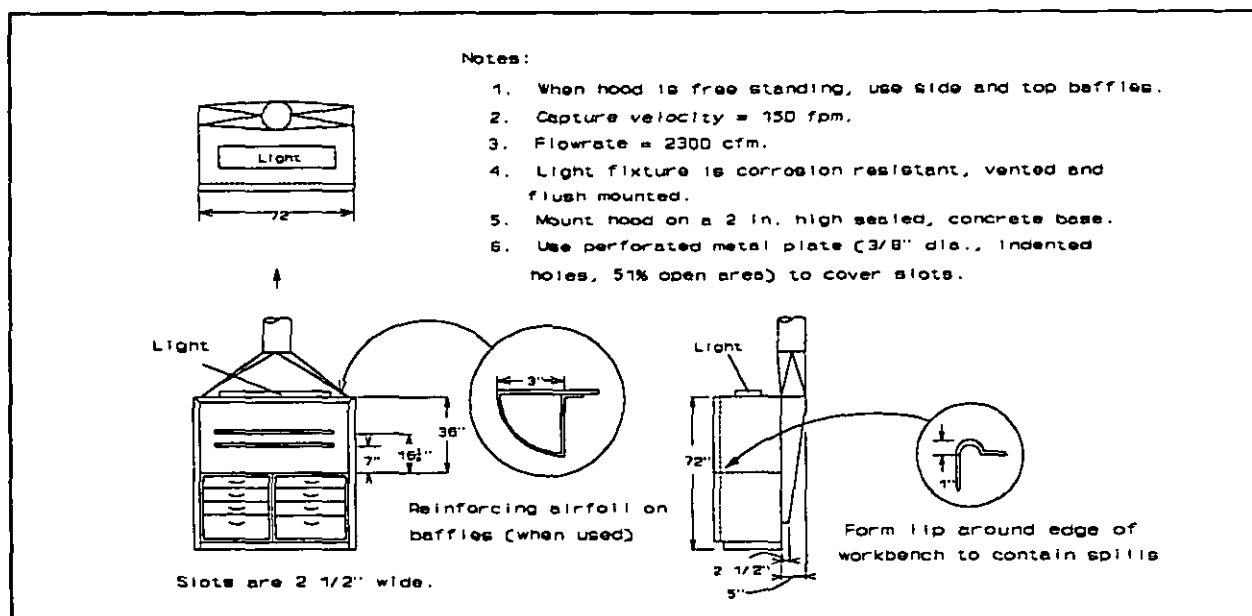


Figure 27  
MK-48 Workbench Hood

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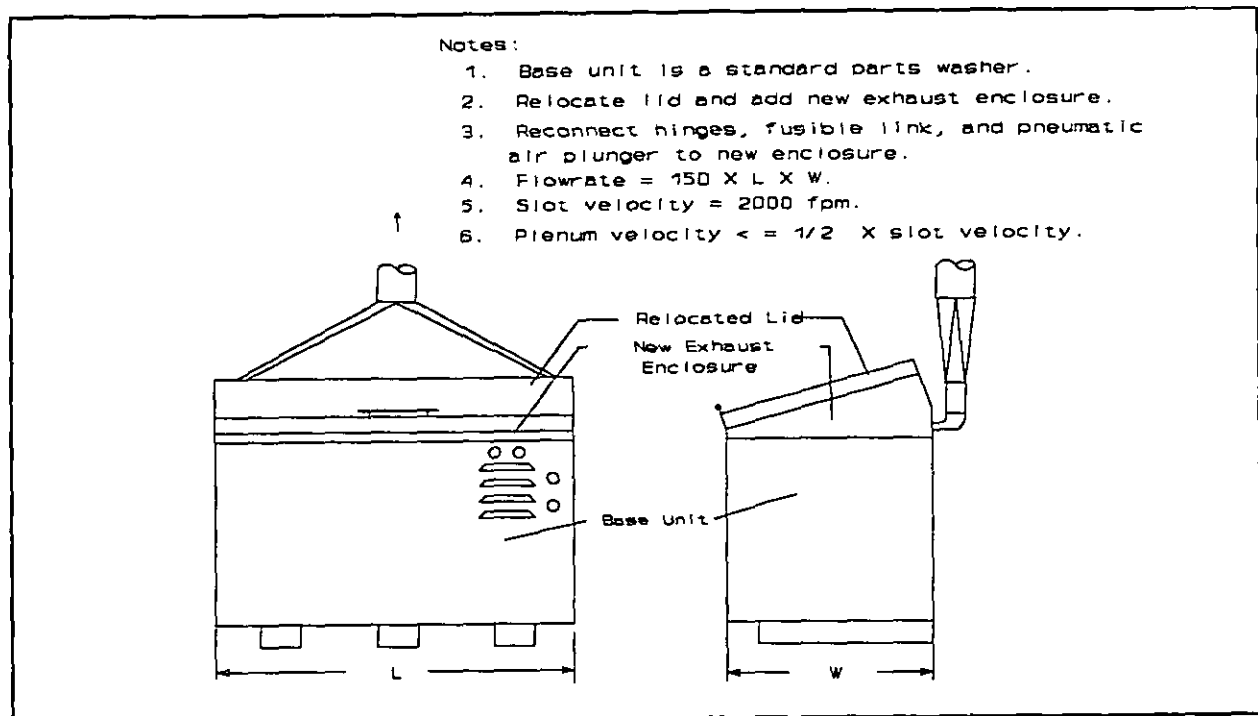


Figure 28  
MK-48 Parts Washer Hood

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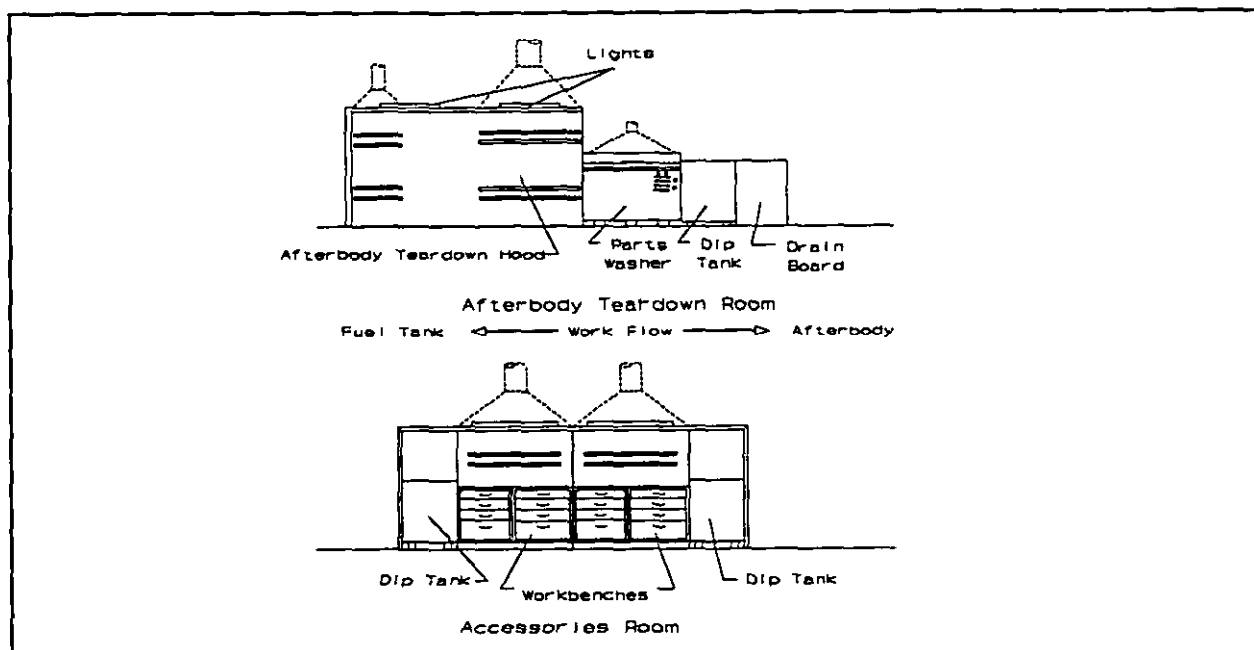


Figure 29  
MK-48 Sequence of Hoods in Afterbody Teardown and Accessories Rooms

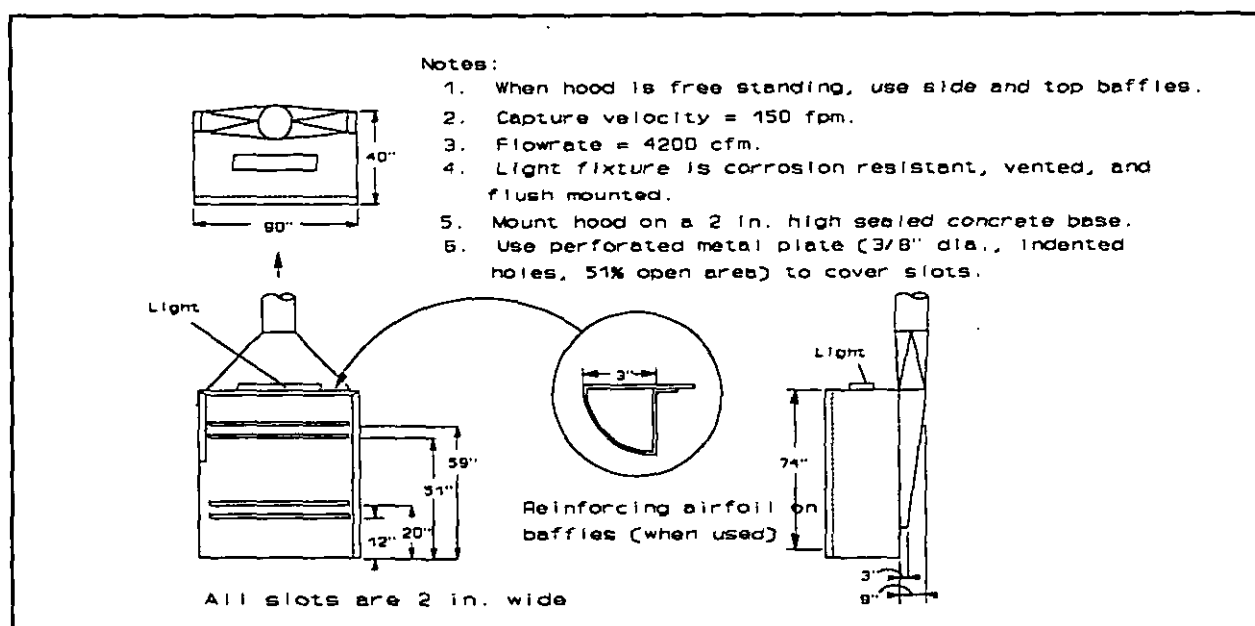


Figure 30  
MK-48 Refueling Hood

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c) Bolt the hood to the floor, using a continuous natural rubber gasket on hood bottom to create a seal between the hood and the floor.

4.3.3 Ductwork and Fans. Criteria in par. 2.1.3 apply to both MK-46 and MK-48 shops.

4.3.3.1 Ductwork. Design ductwork according to criteria established in par. 2.1.3.1 of this handbook, and the following:

a) Fabricate ductwork in contact with Otto Fuel II vapors with (black) carbon steel. Require joints be butt welds, angle, or bar flanges.

b) Size the duct to maintain a minimum transport velocity of 2500 fpm (12.7 m/s).

4.3.3.2 Fans. Select fans according to criteria in par. 2.1.3.2. Backward inclined airfoil fans are the most efficient and quiet, but a centrifugal fan with backward inclined blades is also acceptable.

4.3.4 Weather Stack Design and Location. Utilize a vertical discharge stack with no loss stackhead for Otto Fuel II operations exhaust air. Refer to par. 2.1.3.3 for further considerations.

4.3.5 Air Cleaning Devices. Due to the quantities and types of contaminants generated by these processes, there is no requirement for air pollution control equipment.

Because Otto Fuel II exhaust is not filtered, proper dispersion from the stack is critical. To obtain good dispersion, the stack discharge velocity must be at least 1.5 times the average wind velocity. For example, when the average local wind velocity is 18.9 miles per hour (8.45 m/s), the stack discharge velocity must be at least 2500 fpm (12.7 m/s).

Discharge the contaminants from the stack at a minimum ground to exit distance of 1.5 times the building height. Use taller stacks to ensure good dispersion when the facility is located in hilly terrain or near taller buildings.

4.4 Replacement Air. Design replacement air systems to maintain a pressure (relative to the atmosphere) ranging from -0.02 to -0.06 inches wg (-5.0 to -14.9 Pa) in the dirty spaces. Maintain the clean spaces at a differential pressure ranging from +0.01 to +0.05 inches wg (2.49 to 12.4 Pa).

4.4.1 Quantity and Distribution. Distribute air to produce laminar flow of air from supply to exhaust in the work space. Use vertical supply distribution method as shown in Figure 31. Horizontal supply distribution method as shown in Figure 32 is adequate if, and only if, all exhaust hoods are located on the wall opposite the supply plenum. Refer to par. 2.1.3.5 for detailed criteria.

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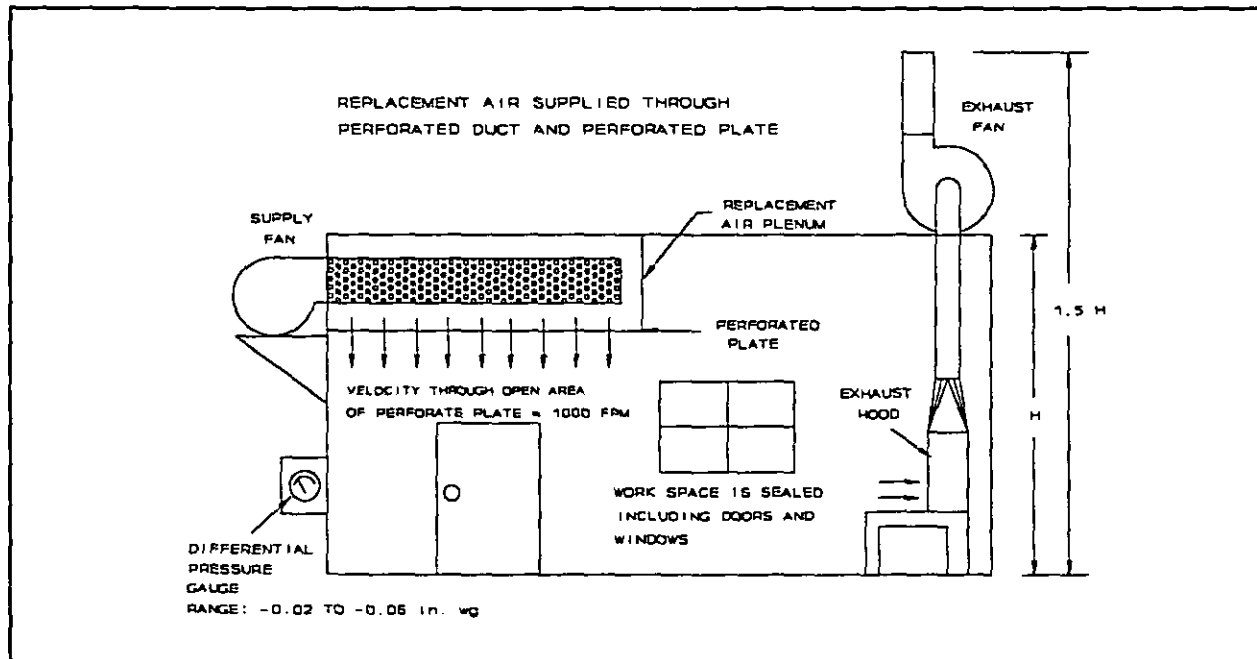


Figure 31  
Vertical Distribution Method

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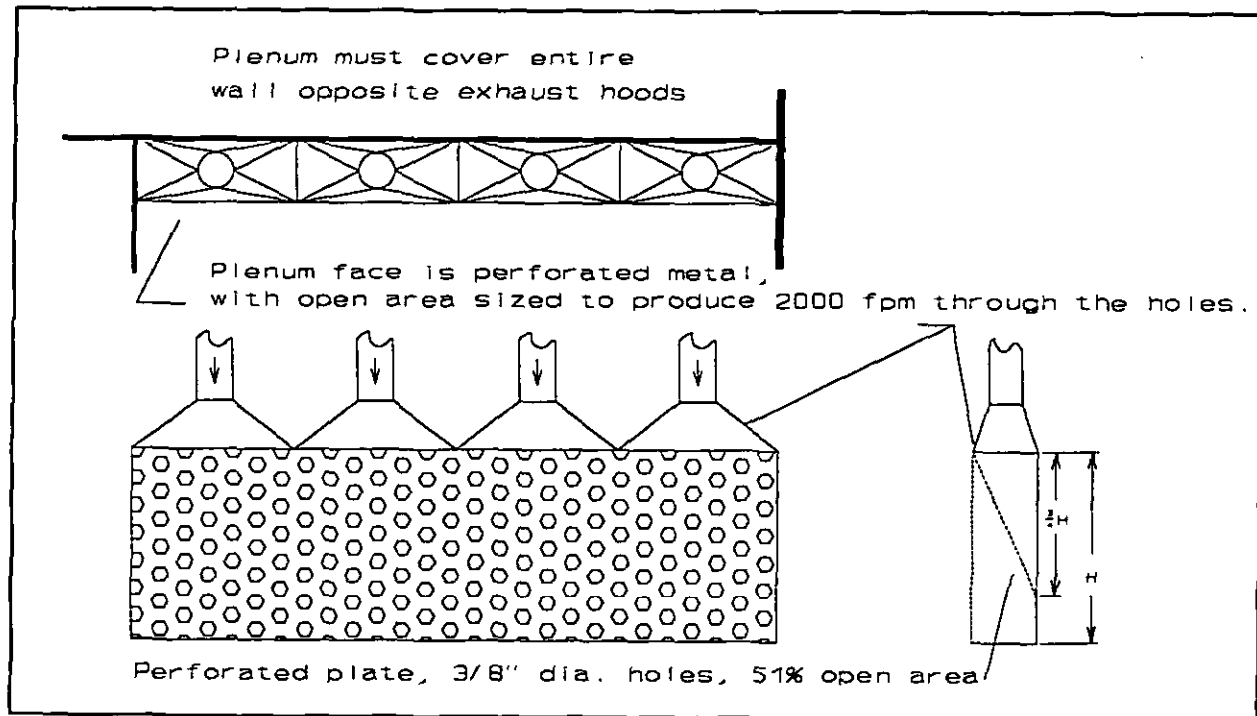


Figure 32  
Horizontal Distribution Method



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4.4.1.1 Vertical Distribution Method. Design a drop ceiling with perforated plate to form a plenum according to par. 2.1.3.5.

4.4.1.2 Horizontal Distribution Method. Design the wall plenum to cover the entire wall opposite the hoods. Size the open area of the perforated sheet for 2000 fpm through the holes. For example, if the supply airflow rate is 13200 cfm, and the face area of the plenum is 128 square feet, then the open area is  $(13200 \text{ cfm}/2000 \text{ fpm})$  6.6 square feet. This is equivalent to  $(6.6 \text{ square feet}/128 \text{ square feet})$  5 percent open area. See Figure 32 for more details.

4.4.2 Heating and Air Conditioning. Design heating, air conditioning, and humidity control according to NAVFAC MIL-HDBK-1003/3. Temper the replacement air to provide a minimum winter design temperature of 65 degrees F (18 degrees C) and a maximum summer design temperature of 75 degrees F (24 degrees C), with a maximum relative humidity of 50 percent.

Do not separate the air conditioning system from the replacement air system. Do not bypass the replacement air system and add cold conditioned air directly into a room, because it will create difficulties in maintaining the negative pressure in the room. Cool the replacement air.

Refer to par. 2.1.4 for criteria on heat recovery systems. Do not recirculate exhaust air.

4.5 System Controls. Design system controls according to par. 2.1.3.6 and the following criteria:

- a) Position an annunciator panel at the entrance to the dirty space so operators can monitor operating gauges.
- b) Install static pressure sensors at locations that are representative of average static pressure in each controlled space. This will ensure that desired differential pressures are maintained.
- c) Trigger a timer if the pressure varies from the specified range. Select a timer that automatically resets if the problem is corrected within 60 seconds.
- d) Trigger both visible and audible alarms if the system cannot correct the difficulty within the allotted time.

4.6 Safety and Health Items. 29 CFR 1910 and Bureau of Naval Medicine (NAVMED) P-5112, The Navy Environmental Health Bulletins require specific criteria for the safety and health of operators. Provide combination emergency eyewash and deluge showers (see Figure 33) in the immediate area of Otto Fuel II use. Refer to ANSI Z358.1, Emergency Eyewash and Shower Equipment for performance requirements on combination units. Design criteria include:

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a) Locate combination units within 10 seconds and 100 feet (30 m) of the potential hazard. Torpedo shops personnel operate in a highly controlled environment and always work in pair, therefore doors and walls are permitted around the combined safety shower and eyewash. For other operations, do not allow a wall or door to separate showers from the hazard. Locate showers at a safe distance from electrical apparatus and power outlets, and as far away as possible from the contamination source.

b) Position valves so that they can be turned on easily and will remain actuated until a deliberate effort is made to turn them off. Hand or foot valves are acceptable.

c) Provide lined sumps to contain deluge shower discharge. Size the sump to contain the contents of the deluge shower based on 15 minutes of flow.

d) Provide an alarm horn to alert fellow workers of hazard.

e) Provide an auxiliary face spray ring on the eyewash.

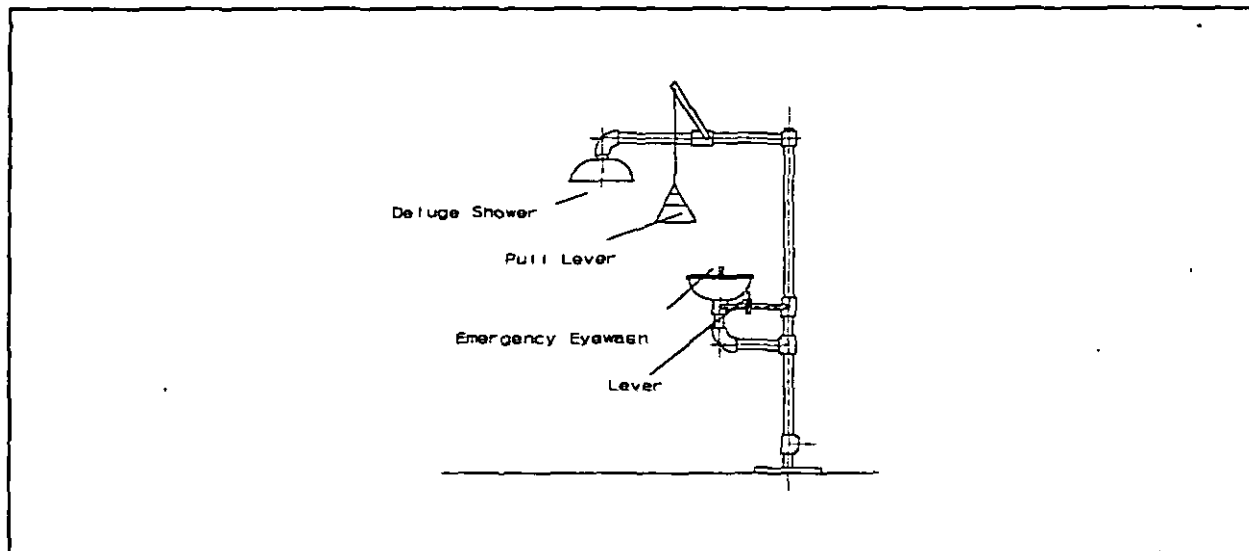


Figure 33  
Emergency Eyewash and Deluge Shower

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## Section 5: METAL CLEANING AND ELECTROPLATING

5.1 Function. At metal cleaning and electroplating facilities, personnel clean (both chemically and mechanically) metal parts and equipment, chemically treat, chemically coat, and electroplate during rework. Refer to ANSI Z9.1, Exhaust Systems - Open-Surface Tanks - Ventilation and Operation, for additional information.

5.1.1 Design Criteria. Design the facility using general technical requirements in Section 2 of this handbook and the specific requirements in this section. Refer to MIL-HDBK-1015/1 Electroplating Facilities and MIL-HDBK-1015/2 Chemical Engineering, Electroplating Technical Synopsis for additional design requirements.

## 5.2 Operational Considerations

5.2.1 Chemical Cleaning and Electroplating. Contaminants rise from the open surface tanks used in metal cleaning and electroplating operations. The best method of protecting the shop workers from these contaminants is to enclose the tanks as much as possible, while still allowing adequate operator access.

Equip tanks, which are inactive for long periods or used for long duration processes, with tank covers to inhibit the spread of any contaminant vapors.

Most electrochemical processes operate at temperatures in excess of 100 degrees F (37.7 degrees C). The heat generated makes air conditioning economically unfeasible. Do not use propeller or pedestal fans to provide heat relief, they generate high velocity air currents and destroy the effectiveness of the ventilation systems.

29 CFR 1910.1000 regulates employee exposure to airborne contaminants. 29 CFR 1910.94(d) gives specific requirements intended to protect the health of the worker in metal cleaning and electroplating shops.

Warning: Do not mix acids and cyanides. The mixture generates toxic hydrogen cyanide gas. Isolate areas under cyanide process tanks from areas under acid tanks by sumps or berms. The cyanide spill containment capacity shall equal 110 percent of the capacity of the largest cyanide process tank in the containment area.

5.2.2 Mechanical Cleaning (Buffing, Grinding, and Polishing). Mechanical cleaning includes buffing, grinding, and polishing. Material from the workpiece and the grinding wheel break off to form a potential respiratory hazard. The larger particles can also act as projectiles. 29 CFR 1910.94(b) regulates these processes to protect workers from the hazards.

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5.3 Exhaust Systems

5.3.1 Chemical Cleaning and Electroplating Hood Design. Personnel perform most operations in chemical cleaning and electroplating facilities in open tanks, vats, or pots. Categorize exhaust hoods as one sided lateral, push-pull, pull-pull, or enclosing type. Use Figure 34 to determine the appropriate type of exhaust hood. Push-pull and enclosing type exhaust hoods require 50 to 70 percent less airflow compared to pull-pull hoods. This allows significantly reduced operating costs, while providing the same contaminant control.

The toxicity and rate of generation of contaminants will vary from process to process, therefore use different ventilation rates. Assign each tank a hazard class from A-1 to D-4, with A-1 the most hazardous. Refer to the ACGIH Manual, Tables 10.70.6 through 10.70.8 for the hazard classes of common plating solutions.

For solutions not listed there, refer to the ACGIH Manual, Table 10.70.1, Determination of Hazard Potential, and Table 10.70.2, Determination of Rate of Gas, Vapor, or Mist Evolution. Also, refer to ANSI Z9.1, Appendix A - Chemical Data, and Tables A3 through A5. Have the cognizant industrial hygiene office determine the hazard class for each tank.

Provide low pressure agitation using a low pressure air circulator as shown in Figure 35 to reduce mist generation associated with compressed air agitation.

The following criteria apply to exhaust hood types for open surface tanks. Refer to Figure 36 for details.

a) Install vertical plates as side baffles perpendicular to the hood face. Size the side baffles for a minimum height (above the tank lip) of 12 inches, and the length equal to the tank width. Construct the baffles of a material that does not chemically react with the tank solution.

b) Install vertical plates as back baffles on the top of free standing hoods. Size the back baffle for the entire length of the tank, with the top of the baffle as high as the tank is wide. For pull-pull type hoods, the top of the back baffle shall be as high as half the tank width. Construct the baffles of a material that does not chemically react with the tank solution.

c) Position dragout covers between two adjacent tanks, overlapping the side baffles, and sloping toward the first tank. Construct the covers out of the same material as the baffles. Baffles and dragout covers must be easily removable for utility maintenance.

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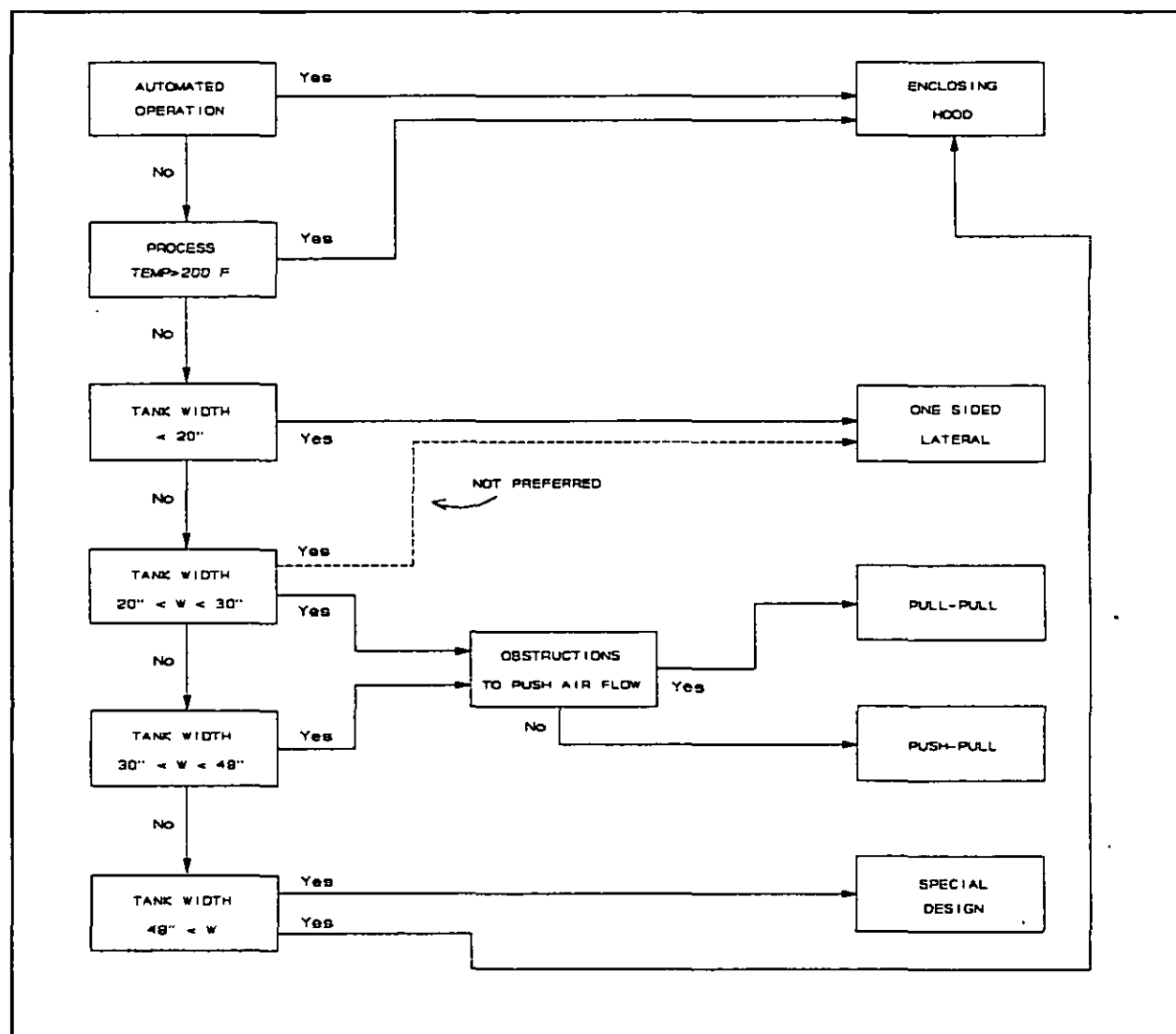


Figure 34  
Decision Process for Open Surface Tank Hoods

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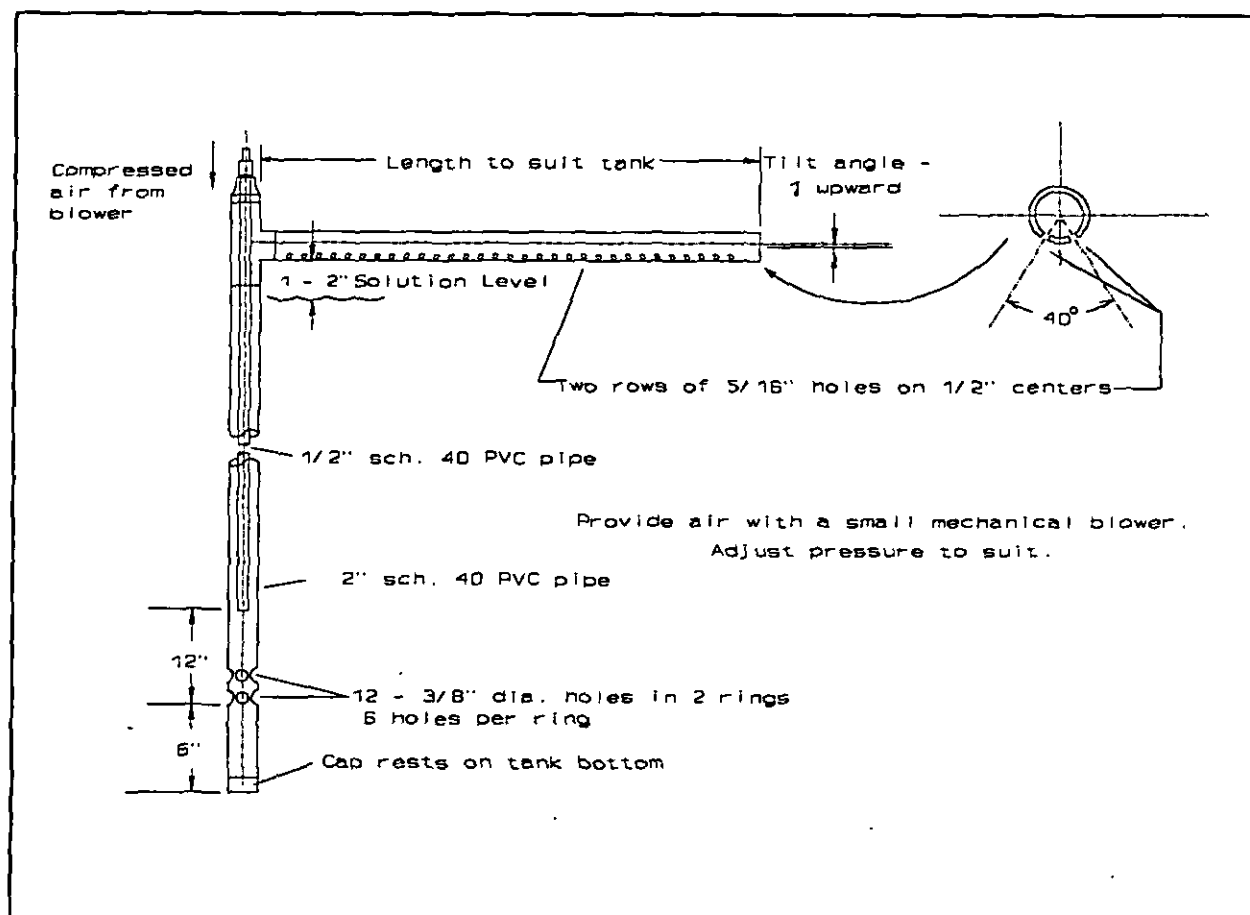


Figure 35  
Air Agitator for Open Surface Tanks

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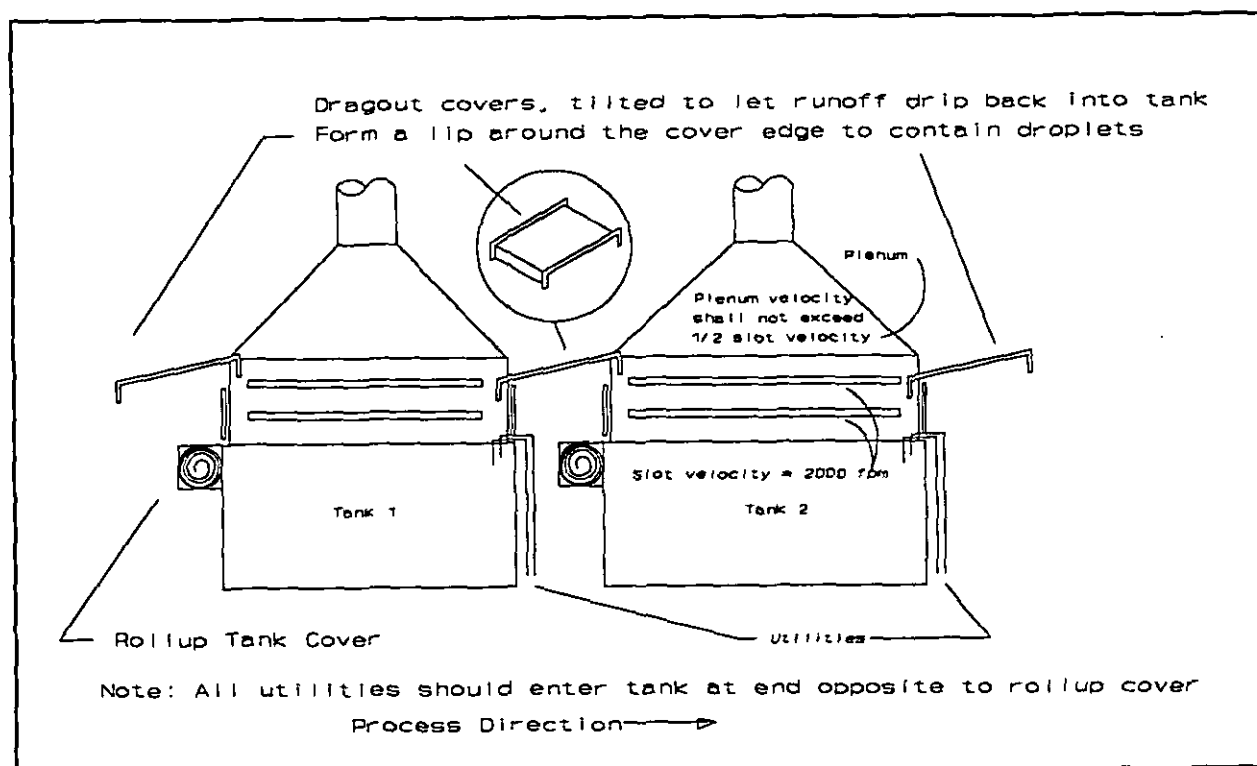


Figure 36  
Hood Optimization Features

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d) Construct tank covers of a material that does not chemically react with the process chemicals and operating conditions. Use tank covers on all processes when feasible. Good candidates for covers are caustic cleaning, solvent vapor degreasing, and acid cleaning.

e) Design slots for an air velocity of 2000 fpm (10.2 m/s) for all exhaust hoods.

f) Design exhaust hood plenum velocity equal to or less than one half of the slot velocity (i.e., plenum velocity shall not exceed 1000 fpm (5.1 m/s)).

5.3.1.1 Lateral Exhaust Hoods. Figures 37 through 41 illustrate several lateral exhaust hood configurations. Use the configurations shown in Figures 37, 38, and 39 whenever possible, since the plenum and transition act as baffles to room air currents.

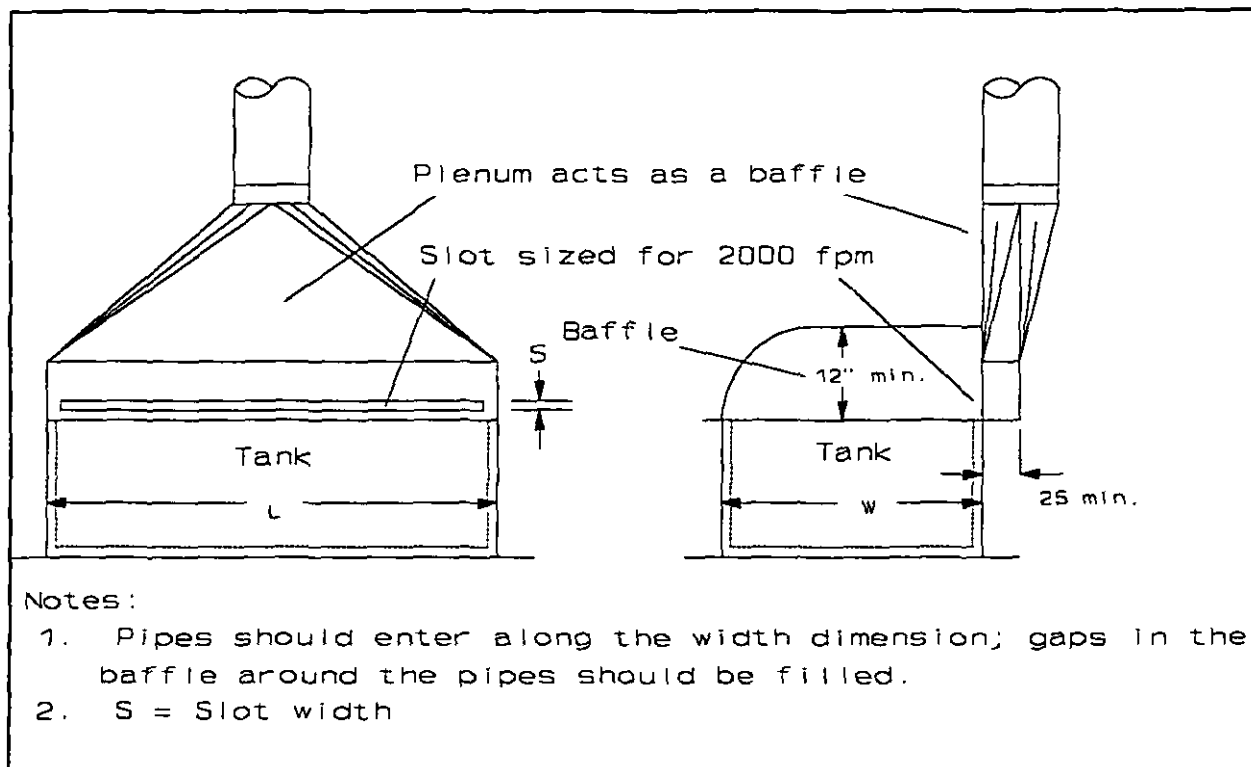


Figure 37  
Lateral Exhaust Hood With Upward Plenum and Transition



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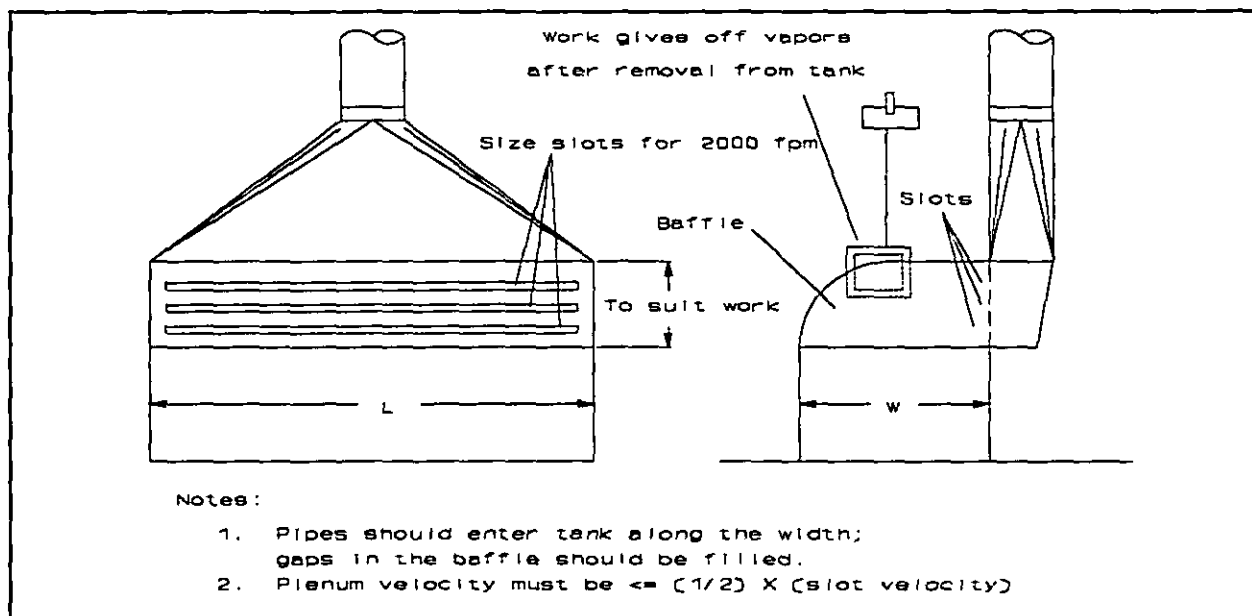


Figure 38  
Lateral Exhaust Hood for Pickling Tank

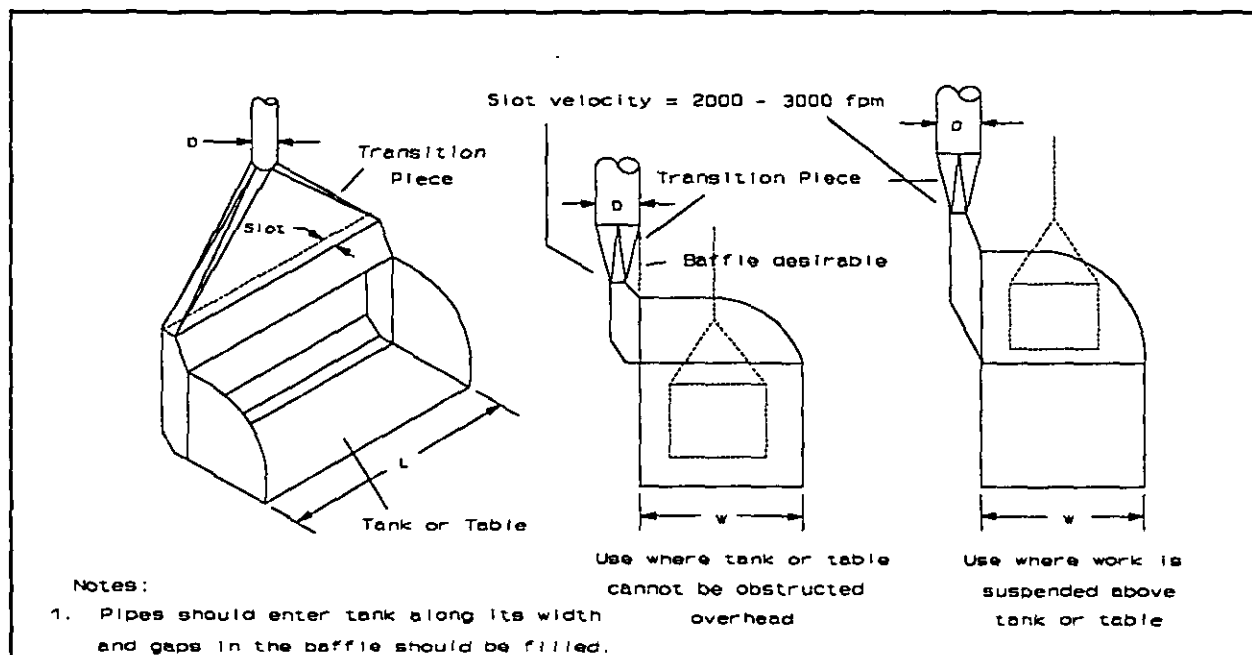


Figure 39  
Lateral Hood for Solutions With a High Vaporization Rate

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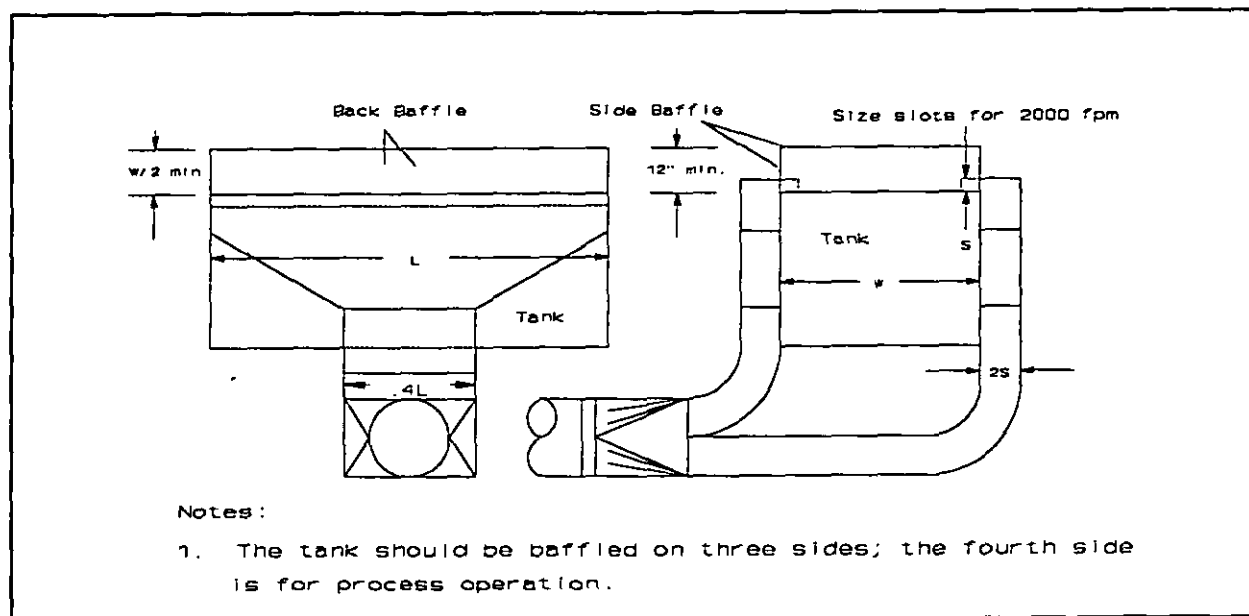


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Lateral Exhaust Hood With Downward Plenum

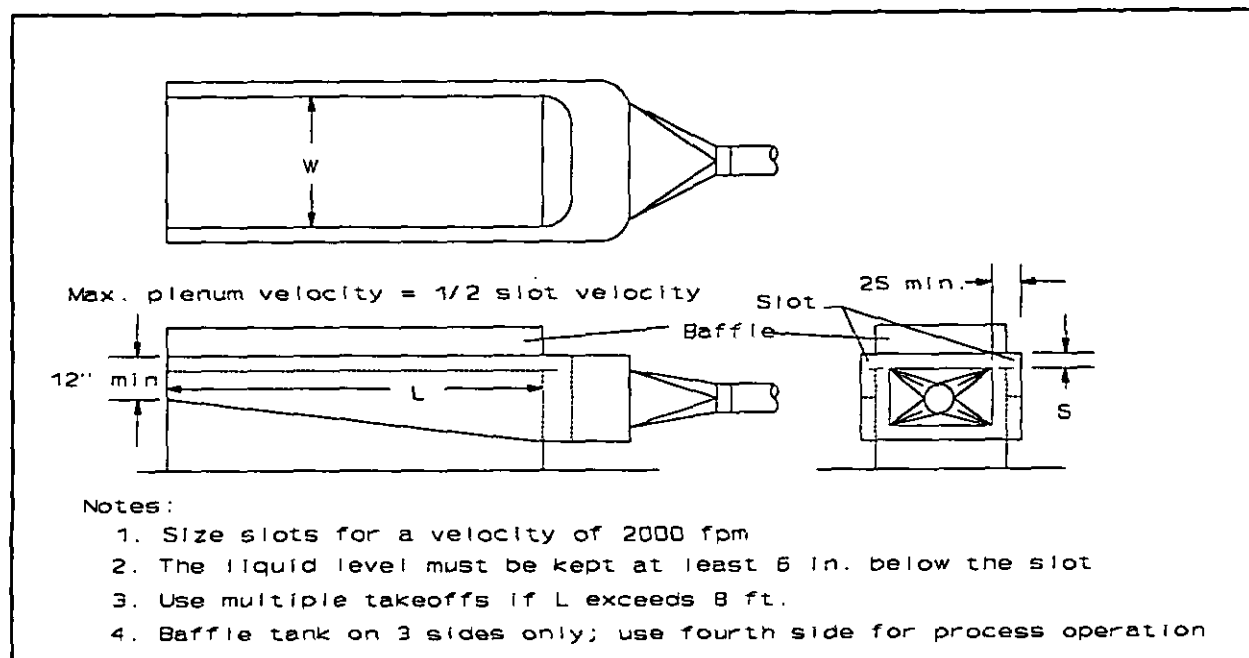


Figure 41  
Lateral Exhaust Hood With End Takeoff

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Figure 42 illustrates a hood for a solvent degreasing tank. Note how the exhaust plenum in Figure 42 (squared plenum) differs from the exhaust plenum in Figure 41 (tapered plenum). The solvent degreasing tank exhaust plenum will function properly, even though it is not tapered, because of its relatively low (500 fpm (2.54 m/s)) velocity. If the velocity or air volume over a degreasing tank is too high, the solvent vapor may be drawn into the duct, greatly increasing the loss of solvent.

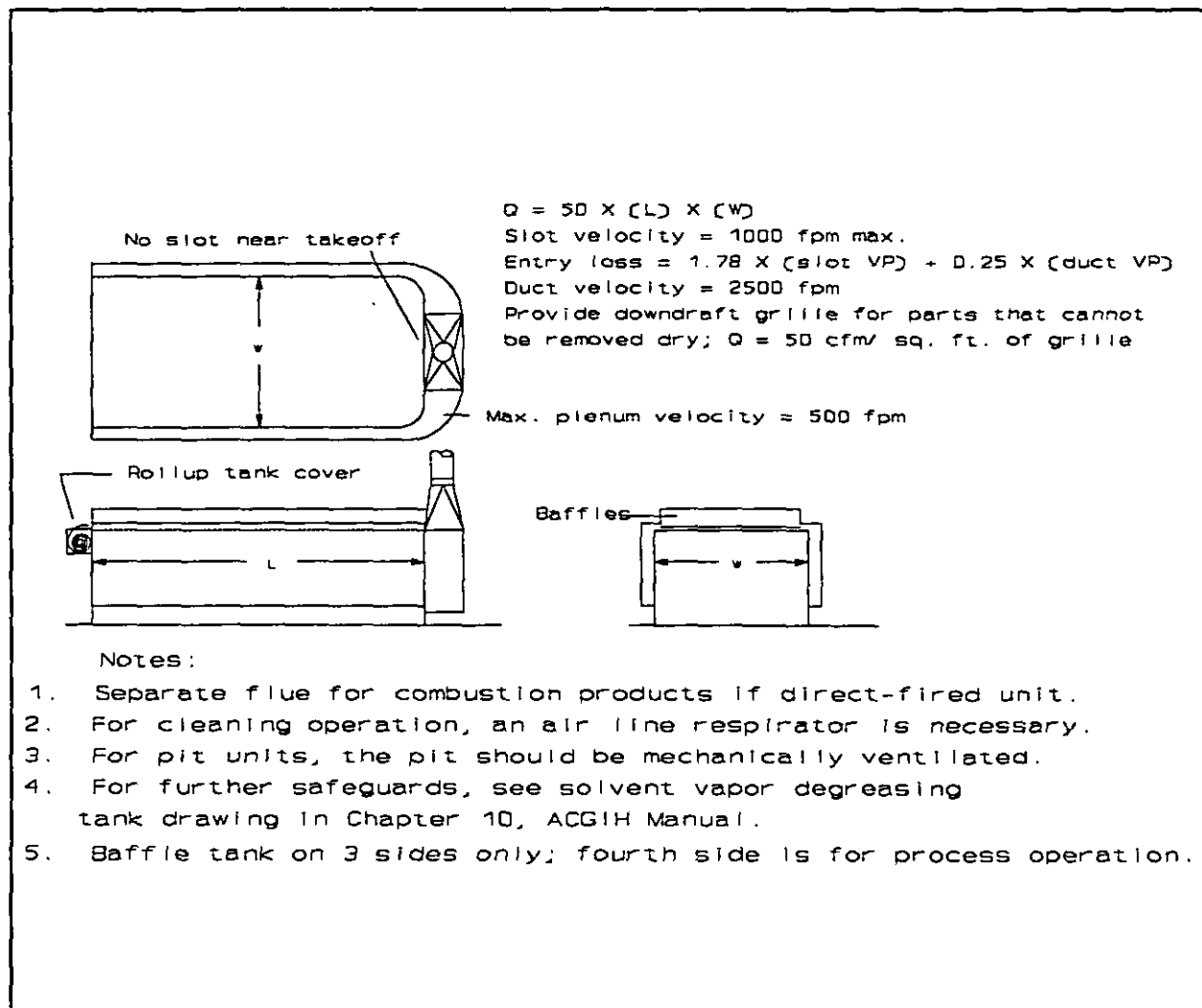


Figure 42  
Lateral Exhaust Hood for Solvent Degreasing Tank

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Determine the hazard class, as described in par. 5.3.1 to determine the required exhaust volume for a given tank. Use Table 2 to determine the corresponding capture velocity.

Table 2  
Minimum Capture Velocities for Lateral Exhaust Hoods in Undisturbed Air

Hazard Class	Capture Velocity	
	fpm	(m/s)
A-1,A-2	150	(0.762)
A-3,B-1,B-2,C-1	100	(0.508)
B-3,C-2,D-1	75	(0.381)
A-4,C-3,D-2	50	(0.254)
B-4,C-4,D-3,D-4	General Ventilation	

- Notes: 1. This table is for rooms with crossdrafts less than 75 fpm (0.381 m/s). Install baffles, relocate the tank, or redesign the replacement air system for crossdrafts greater than 75 fpm (0.381 m/s).
2. Use the next higher capture velocity to completely control water vapor from hot processes.

Use either Table 3 or Table 4, depending on whether or not the tank is baffled, to determine the exhaust flow rate in cfm per square foot of tank surface area. Multiply this figure by the actual surface area of the tank to obtain the exhaust flow rate.

Table 3  
Minimum Volume Rates Required for Lateral Exhaust Hoods  
Without Baffles in cfm per square foot  
(cubic meters per second per square meter)  
of Tank Surface Area

Required Minimum Capture Velocity		Tank Width/Length (W/L) Ratio				
fpm	(m/s)	0.00-0.09	0.10-0.24	0.25-0.49	0.50-0.99	1.00-2.00
150	(0.762)	225(1.14)	250(1.27)	250(1.27)	250(1.27)	250(1.27)
100	(0.508)	150(0.762)	175(0.889)	200(1.02)	225(1.14)	250(1.27)
75	(0.381)	110(0.559)	130(0.660)	150(0.762)	170(0.863)	190(0.965)
50	(0.254)	75 (0.381)	90 (0.457)	100(0.508)	110(0.559)	125(0.635)

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- Notes:
1. Use  $W/2$  as tank width for tank with manifold along the centerline or with hoods on two parallel sides (pull-pull).
  2. Use  $W/L = 1.0$  for a circular tank with lateral exhaust manifold up to half the circumference.
  3. Use  $W/L = 0.5$  for a circular tank with lateral exhaust manifold over half the circumference.
  4. Do not ventilate across the long dimension of a tank when  $W/L$  exceeds 2.0. It is undesirable to ventilate across the long dimension when  $W/L$  exceeds 1.0.

Table 4  
Minimum Volume Rates for Lateral Exhaust Hoods  
With Baffles or Against a Wall in cfm per square foot  
(cubic meters per second per square meter)  
of Tank Surface Area

Required Minimum Capture Velocity		Tank W/L Ratio				
fpm	(m/s)	0.00-0.09	0.10-0.24	0.25-0.49	0.50-0.99	1.00-2.00
150	(0.762)	150(0.762)	190(0.965)	225(1.14)	250(1.27)	250(1.27)
100	(0.508)	100(0.508)	125(0.635)	150(0.762)	175(0.889)	200(1.20)
75	(0.381)	75 (0.381)	90 (0.457)	110(0.559)	130(0.660)	150(0.762)
50	(0.254)	50 (0.254)	60 (0.254)	75 (0.305)	90 (0.457)	100(0.508)

- Notes:
1. These values are for hoods with baffles (including hoods with upward plenums) and hoods against a wall.
  2. Use  $W/2$  as tank width for tanks with hoods along the centerline or on two parallel sides (pull-pull).
  3. Use  $W/L = 1.0$  (tank diameter) for a circular tank with lateral exhaust manifold up to half the circumference.
  4. Use  $W/L = 0.5$  (tank diameter) for a circular tank with lateral exhaust manifold over half the circumference.
  5. Do not ventilate across the long dimension of a tank when  $W/L$  exceeds 2.0. It is impractical to ventilate across the long dimension when  $W/L$  exceeds 1.0.

5.3.1.2 Pull-Pull Exhaust Hoods. The pull-pull exhaust system has parallel hoods on opposite sides of an open surface process tank. Figures 40, 41, and 42 are pull-pull hoods.

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Use the same method as for laterally exhausted tanks to calculate the required exhaust volume for a pull-pull system. Substitute  $(W/2)/L$  for  $W/L$  as the tank aspect ratio. This is because each hood effectively exhausts one half of the tank width.

**5.3.1.3 Push-Pull Exhaust Hoods.** Push-pull ventilation system consists of a push nozzle and an exhaust hood to receive the push jet. Properly used, the push jet intercepts contaminated air and carries it relatively long distances into the exhaust hood.

The principal advantage of a push-pull ventilation system is that the required exhaust air volumes are much lower than for laterally exhausted tanks. This results in energy savings. On the other hand, it is not easy to correctly design, install, and maintain push-pull ventilation system. Whenever practical, design, construct, evaluate, and adjust a pilot system before building the entire system.

In the design and placement of an open surface tank a number of variables must be considered. In some cases, placement in room, presence of crossdrafts or flat surface parts may require increased push and pull flow. Therefore, specify a 20 percent adjustability both in push and pull air volume flow rates. Lock the adjusting mechanism in place after balancing.

Do not use push-pull ventilation system for hard chrome plating processes. Buss bars and hanging parts interfere with push air jets.

Ensure that the height of the receiving exhaust hood, including any baffle, is at least one quarter of the tank width.

Following are the titles for push-pull detail design criteria in the ACGIH Manual, Chapter 10:

Title

Push-Pull Hood Design Data for Widths up to 10 feet  
Design Data Push-Pull Hood  
Push Nozzle Manifold Pressure

**5.3.1.4 Enclosing Hood.** An enclosing hood (see Figures 43 and 44) projects over the entire surface of the tank and encloses at least two sides. Refer to Table 5 to determine the capture velocity. Use the capture velocity and open area of the enclosure to calculate the required exhaust flow rate. Refer to Appendix A for a design problem example.

**5.3.2 Buffing, Grinding, and Polishing Hoods.** Personnel also perform buffing, grinding, and polishing operations at metal cleaning and electroplating facilities. These operations generate finely dispersed (and sometimes flammable or combustible) contaminants.

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Table 5  
Minimum Capture Velocities for Enclosing Hoods in Undisturbed Air

Hazard Class	One Side Open		Two Sides Open	
	fpm	(m/s)	fpm	(m/s)
A-1,A-2	100	(0.508)	150	(0.762)
A-3,B-1,B-2,C-1	75	(0.381)	100	(0.508)
B-3,C-2,D-1	65	(0.330)	90	(0.457)
A-4,C-3,D-2	50	(0.254)	75	(0.381)
B-4,C-4,D-3,D-4	General Room Ventilation			

- Notes: 1. Use this table for room with crossdrafts less than 75 fpm (0.381 m/s). Install baffles, relocate the tank, or redesign the replacement air system for crossdrafts greater than 75 fpm (0.381 m/s).
2. Use the next higher capture velocity to completely control water vapor from hot processes.

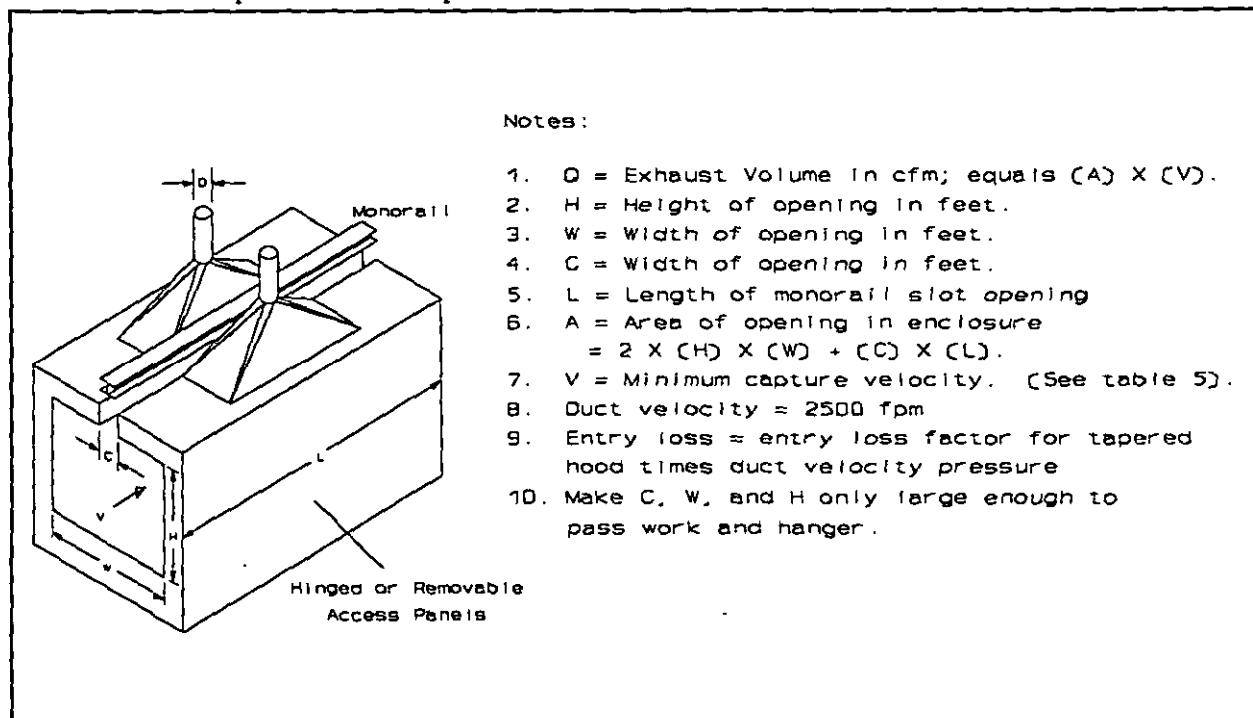


Figure 43  
Enclosing Hood With Outside Monorail

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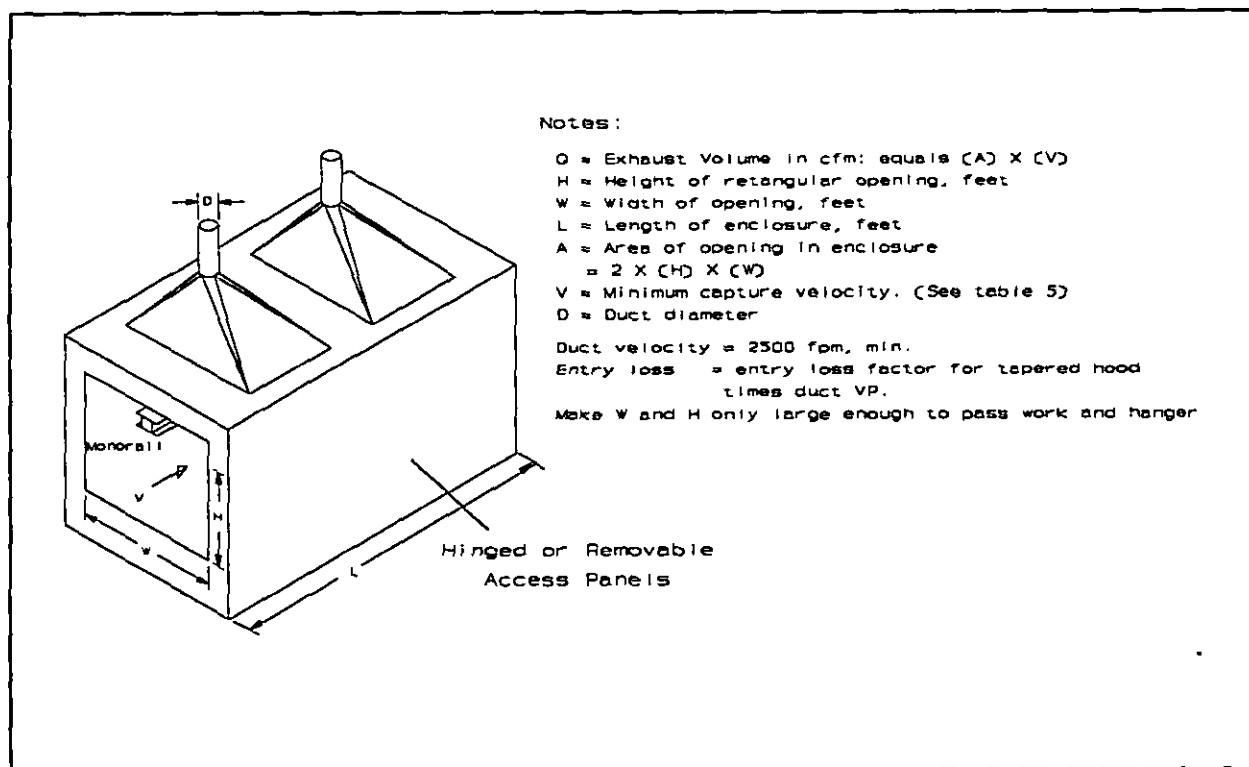


Figure 44  
 Enclosing Hood With Inside Monorail

a) Specify sufficient exhaust volume flow rate to maintain a contaminant level below 25 percent of the lower explosive limit (LEL) of the material, in all areas of the exhaust system.

b) Specify shaped "receiving" hoods for these operations as required in 29 CFR 1910.94(b). The hoods have a three-fold purpose:

(1) To prevent contaminants from entering the operator's breathing zone.

(2) To control ejected dust and dirt particles acting as projectiles.

(3) To serve as a guard or safety device in case the wheel explodes or breaks apart.

c) Cover at least 75 percent of the wheel by the shaped hood and use proper ventilation rate to control particles formed from the workpiece, its coatings, and the wheel material.



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d) Do not use portable hoods with flexible ducts.

e) Design an exhaust hood that completely encloses the workpiece, similar to a glove box, if the workpiece is highly toxic, radioactive, or explosive.

Minimum criteria for the following shaped hoods are given in the ACGIH Manual, Chapter 10:

Type of Hood

Grinder Wheel Hood Surface Speeds Above 6500 sfpm (33.0 m/s)  
 Grinder Wheel Hood Surface Speeds Below 6500 sfpm (33.0 m/s)  
 Vertical Spindle Disc Grinder  
 Horizontal Double-Spindle Disc Grinder  
 Manual Buffing and Polishing Wheel  
 Buffing Lathe  
 Backstand Idler Polishing Machine  
 Metal Polishing Belt

5.4 Ductwork and Fans

5.4.1 Metal Cleaning and Electroplating

5.4.1.1 Ductwork. Follow the general criteria provided in par. 2.1.3.1.

a) Design the exhaust air ductwork to maintain a minimum transport velocity of 2500 fpm (12.7 m/s).

b) Refer to SMACNA Accepted Industry Practice for Industrial Duct Construction for guidance on duct construction materials.

c) Fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP) ductwork, where used, shall be fire resistant and self extinguishing.

d) Use separate exhaust systems to ventilate acid and cyanide operations, to prevent this mixing.

5.4.1.2 Fans. Specify the exhaust and replacement air fans according to criteria provided in par. 2.1.3.2. Select exhaust fans according to the following criteria:

a) Specify backward inclined centrifugal fans.

b) Do not place fan motor in contact with the airstream.

c) Use the following fan components when ventilating explosive or flammable particles, vapors, and fumes:

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(1) Nonferrous impeller.

(2) Nonferrous ring through which the shaft passes.

d) Do not use ferrous material on fan components that may rub or strike one another causing a spark. Ensure that the impeller, bearings, and the shaft are adequately fastened to prevent a lateral or axial shift in these components.

#### 5.4.2 Buffing, Grinding, and Polishing

5.4.2.1 Ductwork. Follow design criteria provided in par. 2.1.3.1.

a) Specify Class II duct construction according to SMACNA Round Industrial Duct Construction Standards.

b) Specify a minimum duct transport velocity of 3500 fpm (17.8 m/s) for dry materials, and 4500 fpm (22.9 m/s) for wet materials in buffing and polishing operations.

c) Specify a minimum duct transport velocity of 4000 fpm (20.3 m/s) for grinding operations.

d) Specify duct hangers with sufficient strength to support the ductwork in case the duct becomes half filled with material.

e) Provide cleanout doors adjacent to every bend and vertical riser.

f) In horizontal duct runs, space cleanout doors no more than 12 feet (3.66 m) apart in ducts that are 12 inches (30.5 cm) or less in diameter. Space cleanout doors no more than 20 feet (6.0 m) apart in larger ducts.

g) Locate cleanout doors on the side or top of the ductwork.

5.4.2.2 Fans. Specify the exhaust and replacement air fans according to criteria provided in par. 2.1.3.2 and par. 5.4.1.2.

5.5 Discharge Stack Design and Location. Use FRP discharge stacks for operations with corrosive emissions. Use steel stacks, designed according to SMACNA Guide for Steel Stack Design and Construction for operations with either solvent or buffing, grinding, and polishing emissions.

#### 5.6 Air Cleaning Devices

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5.6.1 Chemical Cleaning and Electroplating Air Cleaning Devices. Specify air cleaning devices to comply with state and local air pollution regulations and to prevent deterioration of surrounding buildings, equipment, and vehicles. Most hard chrome and hydrochloric acid (HCl) tanks require air pollution control devices. Other processes such as nickel plating, metal cyanide plating and nitric acid may require emission control devices depending on local air emission regulations. Refer to the following documents for compliance requirements:

a) EPA 453/B-95-001, A Guide Book On How To Comply With the Chromium Electroplating and Anodizing National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP).

b) Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center (NFESC) HAP Status Binder, Status of the 1990 Clean Air Act Hazardous Air Pollutant Regulations and DOD Compliance Efforts.

5.6.2 Air Cleaning Devices for Buffing, Grinding, and Polishing. Specify a dust collector for controlling emissions from these operations. Position the dust collector outdoors and equip it with explosion relief vents designed according to NFPA 68, Guide for Venting of Deflagrations. Accumulation of lint or combustible metals (e.g., magnesium) can create fire and explosion hazards.

Ground all parts of the ductwork and dust collector to prevent build-up of static charges. Specify a wet collector for extremely hazardous materials.

5.7 Replacement Air. Use multiple air handling units to provide replacement air to the shop. Design replacement air systems to maintain a pressure (relative to the atmosphere) ranging from -0.02 to -0.06 inches wg (-5.0 to -14.9 Pa) in the shop.

Distribute the air evenly to produce laminar flow of air from supply to exhaust in the work space. Design a drop ceiling with perforated plate to form a plenum according to par. 2.1.3.5. Do not recirculate exhaust air.

5.7.1 Heating and Cooling. Design air heating according to NAVFAC MIL-HDBK-1003/3. Consider the use of heat recovery equipment for cold weather locations. Do not specify a heat exchanger which mixes exhaust and replacement air, as in the case of rotary wheel heat exchangers.

5.8 System Controls. Design system controls according to par. 2.1.3.6.

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Section 6: FIBERGLASS REINFORCED PLASTIC FABRICATION  
AND REPAIR FACILITIES

6.1 Function. Fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) shops and facilities primarily fabricate and repair aircraft and shipboard components. Both include a shop area, a mechanical equipment area, and a decontamination area (for protective clothing).

6.1.1 Design Criteria. Design the facility using general technical requirements in Section 2 of this handbook and the specific requirements in this section.

6.2 Operational Considerations. FRP fabrication and repair operations include sanding, buffing, fabric cutting, grinding, lay up, and wet spray up. These operations produce dust and vapor that constitute health hazards. The protective clothing that the workers wear and the physical nature of the work create a potential for heat stress.

Consider using airless spray equipment to reduce potentially hazardous vapors in the shop. While the initial cost for this equipment is greater than traditional compressed air systems, benefits include the following:

- a) Reduction of overspray and fog.
- b) Less accumulation of resin and fiberglass over the life of the equipment.

One disadvantage of these systems is their limited pattern and flow adjustment capability.

6.2.1 Typical Floor Plans. Design functional floor plans for FRP fabrication and repair facilities to meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements. Locate locker room and shop spaces so workers do not have to go through decontamination procedures many times per day while attending to their bodily needs. Figure 45 shows the typical floor plan which addresses these considerations.

6.2.2 Ergonomics. The arrows in Figure 45 show the traffic pattern during a typical work shift. The workers enter the clean locker rooms through the administrative area. They put on protective outerwear and proceed to the shop area through corridors that bypass the dirty locker rooms.

After performing their work, shop personnel vacuum then discard their protective outerwear in containers provided in the decontamination area. The workers then enter the dirty locker rooms where they remove the remainder of their work garments. They proceed to the clean locker rooms via the showers, which act as a barrier to the migration of glass fibers, vapors, and resin dust.

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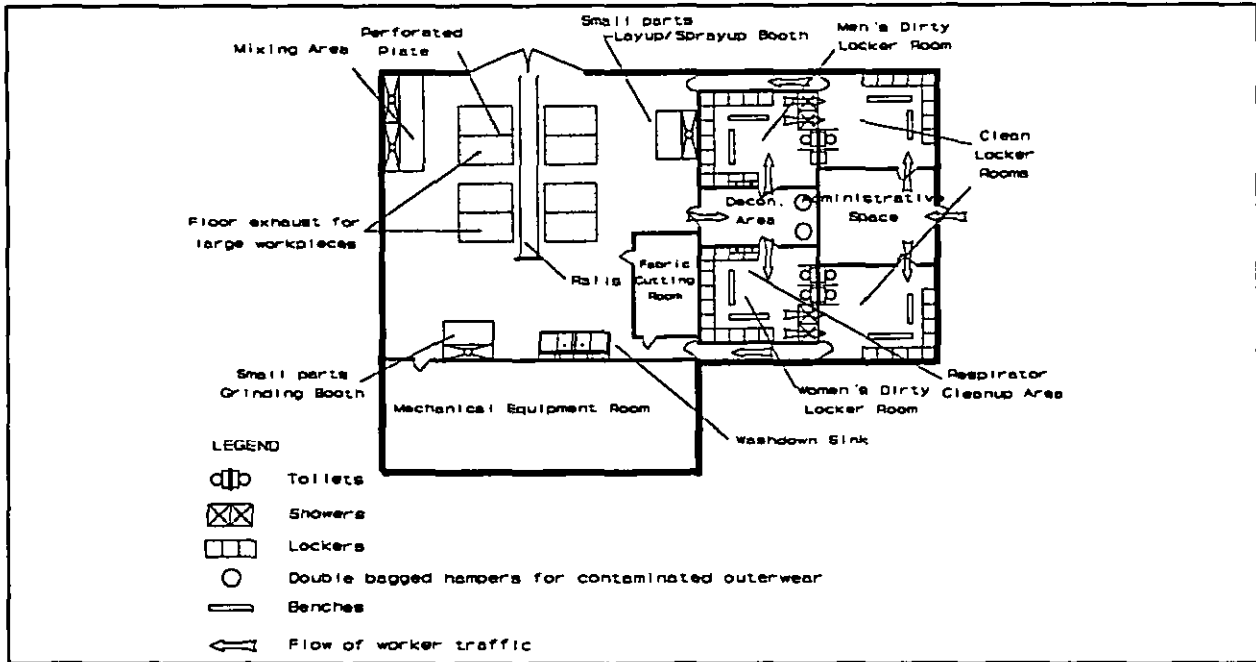


Figure 45  
Typical Floor Plan for FRP Facility

6.3 Exhaust Air. Provide local exhaust that captures contaminated air generated during FRP fabrication and repair operations.

Design the entire exhaust air system according to the following:

a) MIL-HDBK 1008B, Fire Protection for Facilities Engineering, Design and Construction;

b) NFPA 33, Standard for Spray Applications Using Flammable and Combustible Materials;

c) NFPA 91, Standard for Exhaust Systems for Air Conveying of Materials;

d) NFPA 654, Standard for the Prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions in the Chemical, Dye, Pharmaceutical, and Plastics Industries;

e) NFPA 68.

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FRP dust will burn and can explode in a manner similar to fine wood dust. Design sufficient exhaust volume to maintain a contaminant concentration level below 25 percent of the LEL of the material in all areas of the exhaust system.

Vapor condensation may occur in the ductwork as it passes through an area with a lower temperature. Flammable vapors from styrene and acetone that condense and pool in the ductwork can create a fire hazard.

Use LVHV hand tools, described in par. 6.3.6, in hoods generating vapors, if space is limited. Isolate conventional grinding operations from the mixing areas and the lay up and spray up areas. The combined hazard of dust and flammable vapors is potentially explosive. Post signs in the lay up and spray up areas and the mixing area without LVHV connectors that read:

DANGER  
DO NOT GRIND, CUT, OR SAW  
FIBERGLASS IN THIS AREA

The LEL, also referred to as the lower flammability limit, is the minimum concentration of chemical below which the chemical and air mixture is too "lean" to burn or explode. The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) lists the LEL for volatile chemicals as percent by volume in air. Request the information from the manufacturer if the MSDS does not list the LEL.

Generally, if the ventilation system removes vapor to meet the threshold limit value (TLV) requirements, the LEL requirement is also met. However, the LEL value must be checked. Appendix B shows a sample calculation.

**6.3.1 Hood Design.** The sizes and shapes of workpieces in FRP fabrication and repair facilities vary greatly. Design separate hoods for processes producing only particulate, only vapor, and both particulate and vapor. Table 6 summarizes recommended hood types and air pollution control devices for each operation.

Use portable hand tools with LVHV vacuum systems for sawing, cutting, and grinding on workpieces. Ensure that the tools, with their vacuum hoses, are properly sized for the workpiece internal angles and curvature. Par. 6.3.6 describes LVHV systems.

Consider a molding system that completely encloses the workpiece if the facility repeatedly manufactures the same workpiece.

Design exhaust hoods that enclose processes to the greatest possible extent without inhibiting operations. Baffle exhaust hoods to reduce crossdrafts and improve hood efficiency. Ensure that a capture velocity of no less than 150 fpm (0.76 m/s) is generated by the hood to control contaminants.

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Table 6  
Recommended Hoods and Air Pollution Devices for FRP Operations

Operation (Expected contaminant)	Hood Type (Figure Number)	Air Cleaning Device (See Notes)
Chemical Mixing (Vapors)	Workbench (53)	1
Lay up (Vapors)	Workbench/Large Piece (53/52/51)	1
Spray up (Vapors)	Spray up (52)	1
Grind, Cut, Saw (Particulate)	Workbench/Large Piece (53/51)	2
Cleanup (Vapors)	Washdown (54)	3 or 1
Hand Tools (Particulate)	LVHV Vacuum System	2

Notes: 1. Determined by the local air pollution regulations but may include an afterburner or a carbon adsorber.

2. Fabric collector.

3. Substitute an aqueous emulsion cleaner for acetone.

Design the hood face using 3/8-inch (9.5 mm) hole perforated plate for all hoods, except the spray up hood. Use a layered prefilter for spray up booths. Design for 2000 fpm (10.2 m/s) velocity through the perforated plate.

Design the plenum velocity at least one-half, but no greater than, the velocity through the perforated plate or layered prefilter to create an even airflow over the hood face. Design the hood-to-duct transition with an included angle of no more than 90 degrees.

Specify that the length of the hood served by each exhaust plenum shall not exceed 8 feet (2.44 m). For example, hoods between 8 and 16 feet (2.44 and 4.88 m) in length shall have two exhaust takeoffs. Provide cleanout doors in the plenum to allow removal of accumulated particulate.

6.3.1.1 Hoods for Large or Concave Pieces. Specify a floor exhaust plenum as shown in Figure 46 when the workpiece has large or concave surfaces.

Mount the workpiece on a cart that rotates the workpiece easily. This will reduce the dead air space that occurs when radomes, boat hulls, etc. are placed on the floor.

6.3.1.2 Spray up Booths. Design a spray up booth as shown in Figure 47. Use the spray up hood design in shops where spray up and lay up are performed in the same booth. Separate operations in this booth from any cutting, grinding, and sawing operations when conventional hand tools are used.

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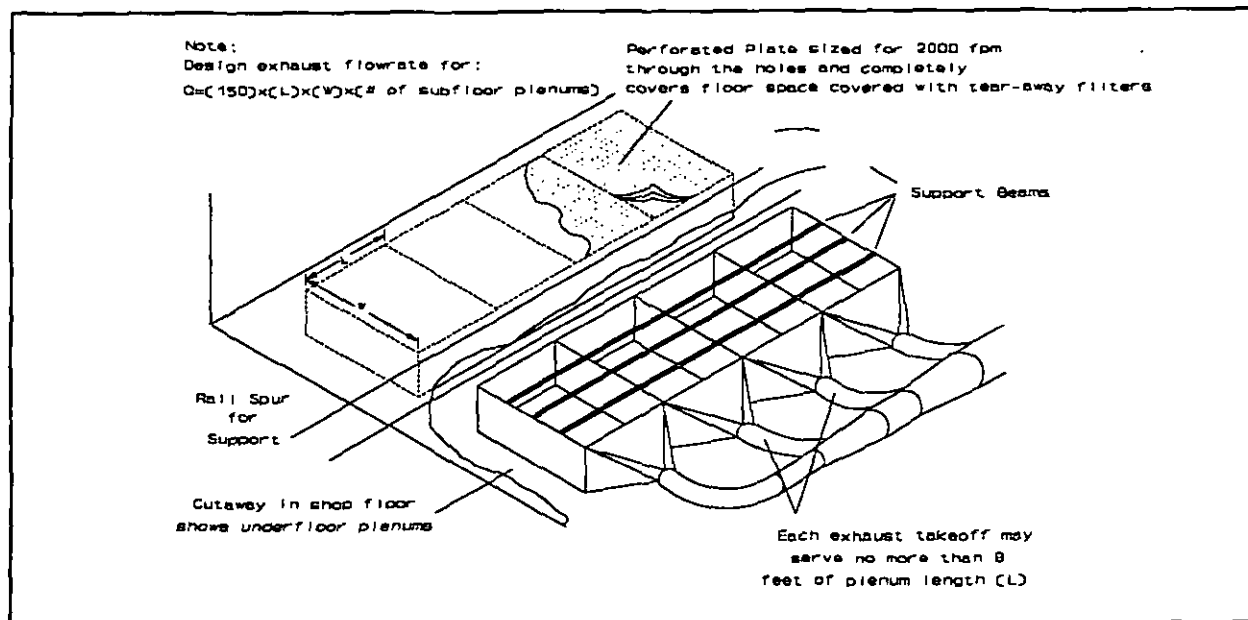


Figure 46  
Floor Exhaust

6.3.1.3 Ventilated Workbench. Design a ventilated workbench as shown in Figure 48 for small workpieces. Use a similar workbench for resin preparation and mixing.

Eliminate the drawers and increase the size of the hood face by extending it to the floor if 55-gallon drums are used during resin preparation. Use aqueous emulsion cleaners to reduce styrene and acetone exposure.

6.3.1.4 Ventilated Solvent Washdown Sink. Specify a ventilated solvent washdown sink as shown in Figure 49 in FRP lay up and repair facilities. Install appropriate backflow device on feed water to sink.

6.3.2 Ductwork. Design a 3500 fpm (17.8 m/s) minimum transport velocity for LVHV hand tools, and grinding and spray up operations to prevent particulate material from collecting in the ductwork.

Size the ductwork carrying vapor (e.g., lay up and mixing operations) for a minimum transport velocity of 2500 fpm (12.7 m/s). Use sheet metal as duct material since it is non-combustible. Route the ductwork directly to fans located outdoors. For further information on ductwork, refer to par. 2.1.3.1.



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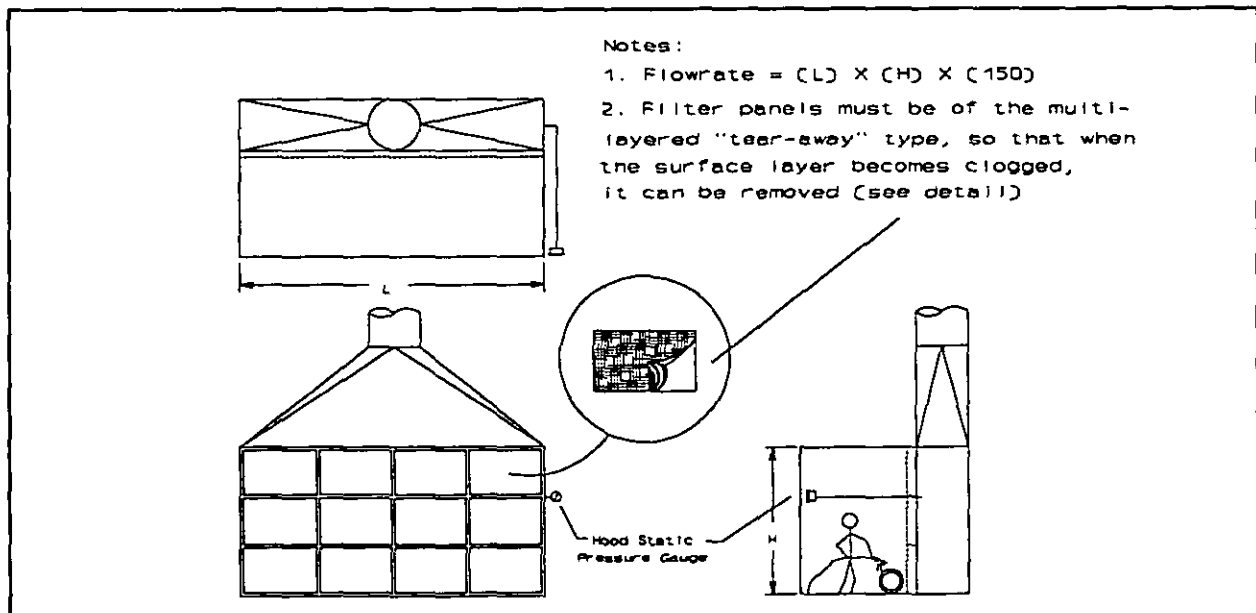


Figure 47  
Spraying Booth

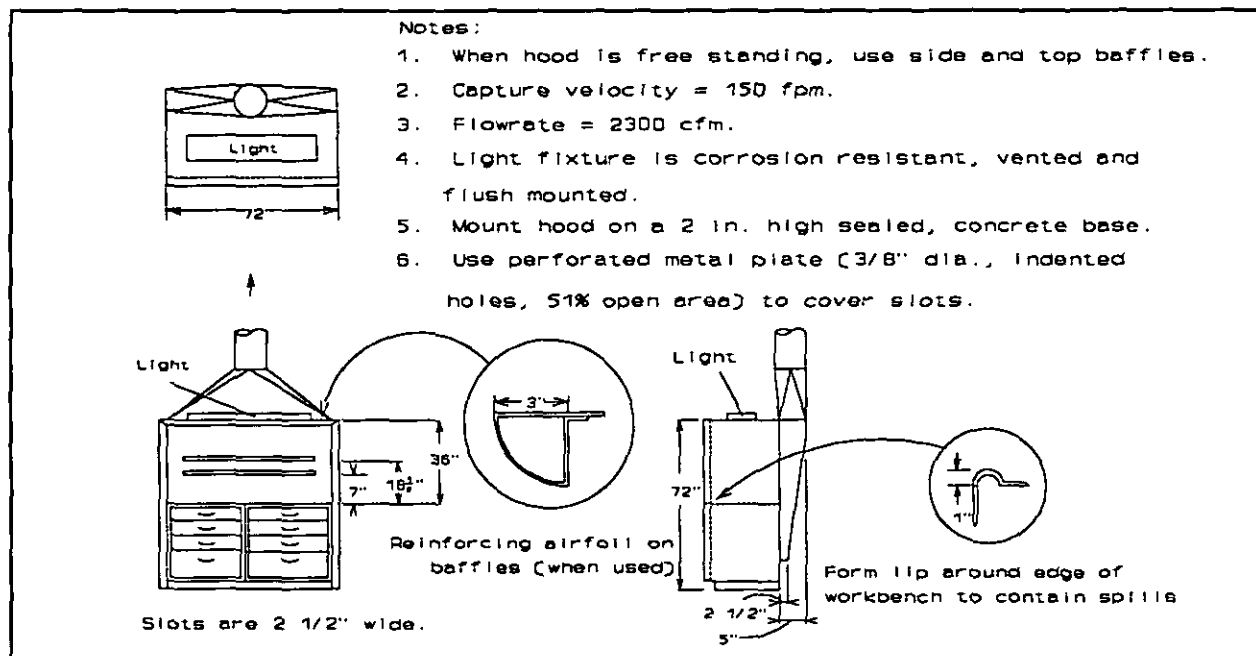


Figure 48  
Workbench Hood

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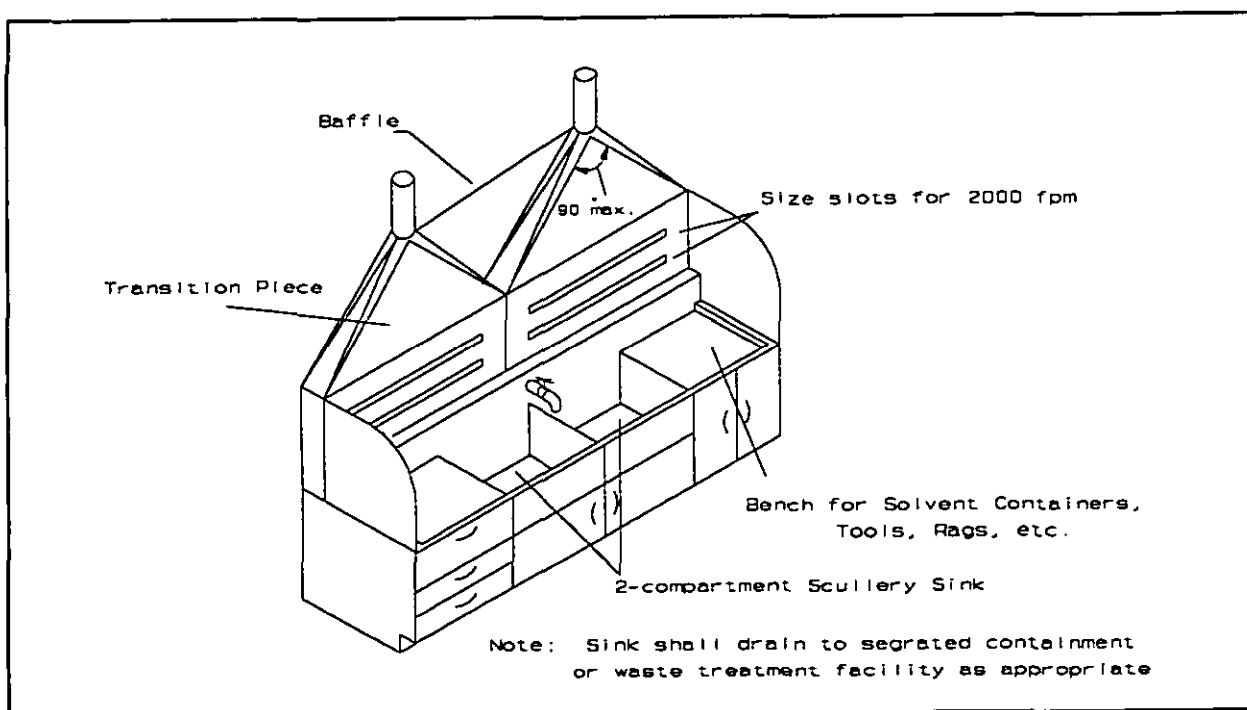


Figure 49  
Ventilated Sink

Specify duct hangers that have sufficient strength to support the ductwork should it become half filled with material.

Provide cleanout doors adjacent to every bend and vertical riser. In horizontal duct runs, space cleanout doors no more than 12 feet (3.66 m) apart in ducts that are 12 inches (0.305 m) or less in diameter. Space cleanout doors no more than 20 feet (6.0 m) apart in larger ducts. Refer to par. 2.1.3.1 for general duct considerations. Do not locate cleanout doors on the bottom side of ductwork.

Consult with a fire protection engineer and use MIL-HDBK-1008B to design a fire protection system for the ductwork when required.

**6.3.3 Fans.** Use backward curved airfoil type centrifugal fans for this application. Backward airfoil type centrifugal fans are the most efficient and quiet, but a centrifugal fan with backward inclined blades is also acceptable. Refer to par. 2.1.3.2 for general considerations.

**6.3.4 Weather Stack Design and Location.** Refer to par. 2.1.3.3 for exhaust stack design guidance.

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6.3.5 Air Cleaning Devices. Use separate air cleaning devices for grinding, buffing and polishing operations where particulate material is generated. Use separate air cleaning devices for lay up and mixing operations where flammable vapors are generated.

Volatile organic compound (VOC) emission laws are becoming more strict. Mixing booths, spray up booths, and lay up booths may require air pollution control devices such as afterburners, adsorbers, absorbers, or condensers. Consult the air pollution control authorities for details on local requirement. Consider using low monomer polyester material, closed molding systems or low-VOC resin systems, and airless and air-assisted spray equipment to avoid the need for expensive air pollution devices.

Use a fabric collector for grinding operations and LVHV hand tools. Equip the fabric collector disposal chute with a motor-driven rotary air lock in shops with a large particulate volume.

Spray up operations release a combined contaminant of wet resin laden fiber and organic vapors. Therefore, separate spray up operations from other operations. Install an air cleaning device for vapors.

Install layered prefilters on the spray up hood face instead of the perforated plate to prevent wet airborne resin from hardening in the ductwork and collectors. Peel off and discard a layer of the prefilter when its surface becomes loaded as indicated by the hood static pressure gauge. This continues until only the base filters remain. After that, replace the entire prefilter section. Specify a filter material that is not damaged by the styrene and acetone vapor produced in FRP facilities.

6.3.6 Industrial Vacuum System. Install a vacuum system (see Figure 50) at fiberglass shops to exhaust fibers, dry resin and dust from LVHV hand tools when they are used. The vacuum system also allows workers to conduct shop cleanup and to decontaminate their protective outerwear.

The ACGIH Manual, Chapter 10 gives design details and illustrates power tools using LVHV vacuum systems. The large size and high terminal velocity of the particulates produced by the hand tools requires a high velocity vacuum take-off hood for each tool. Generally, design the takeoff hood into the tool's safety guard. See Table 7 for minimum exhaust volumes and vacuum hose sizes.

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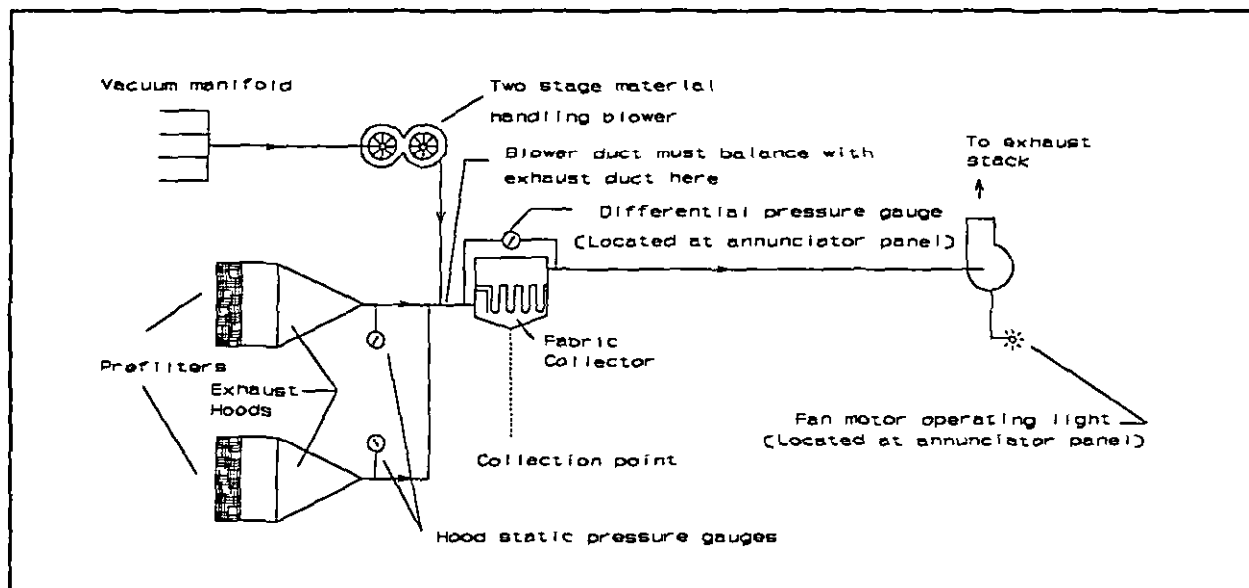


Figure 50  
Exhaust System Schematic

Table 7  
Minimum Volumes and Vacuum Hose Size for FRP Operations

Hand Tool	Flow Rate (CFM)	Hose Size (inch)
Router, 1/8" - 1"	80-100	1-1.25
Belt sander 3" - 4000 fpm	70	1
Disk sanders 3"-9" diam.	60-175	1-1.25
Vibratory pad sander - 4"x9"	100	1.25
Pneumatic chisel	60	1
Radial wheel grinder	70	1
Surface die grinder, 1/4"	60	1
Cone Wheel grinder, 2"	90	1.25
Cup stone grinder, 4"	100	1.25
Cup-type brush, 6"	150	1.5
Radial wire brush, 6"	90	1.25
Hand wire brush, 3" x 7"	60	1
Rip out knife	175	1.5
Rip out cast cutter	150	1.5
Saber saw	120	1.5
Saw abrasive, 3"	100	1.25
Swing frame grinder 2" x 18"	380	2.5
General vacuum	200	2

Note: Locate tool vacuum hose connection on the ends of the worktable underneath the stands.

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Design the vacuum system according to the following criteria:

a) Ensure each take-off hood produces the proper capture velocity. This is the most important consideration in designing the vacuum system. Design the hood to capture contaminants as close as possible to the point of generation. Design vacuum systems to capture contaminants within 1/2 inch (1.26 cm) of the source.

b) Design the capture airstream to have a velocity of two to three times the generation velocity for particles of 20 to 30 microns. Design for an additional velocity of:

(1) four to five times the generation velocity to pull the particles up through 300 U.S. standard mesh, or

(2) six to eight times the generation velocity to pull particles up through 20 U.S. standard mesh.

c) Design the air volume for no less than two parts of air to one part of material to be captured by weight.

d) Design the vacuum hose length less than 25 feet (7.6 m). Locate inlet valves 30 to 35 feet (9 m to 10.7 m) apart when a 25 foot length of hose is used. Locate the tool vacuum hose connection on the ends of the workbench underneath the stands. Size the hose based on the following:

1) Air volume per hose.

2) Number of hoses to be used simultaneously.

3) Transport velocities.

e) Use a multistage centrifugal blower for the vacuum system. Size the blower according to the following:

(1) The total system pressure loss associated with the total number of hoses to be used simultaneously.

(2) The maximum exhaust flow rate entering the inlet of the blower.

f) Feed the blower directly into the dirty side of the fabric collector (see Figure 53) used by the industrial exhaust system to minimize the number of FRP collection points.

g) Use the manufacturer's data to complete the design because the LVHV system design data is largely empirical.

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h) Design the entire vacuum system according to NAVFAC DM-3.5.

6.4 Replacement Air. Design replacement air systems to maintain a pressure (relative to the atmosphere) ranging from -0.02 to -0.06 inches wg (-4.97 Pascal (Pa) to -14.9 Pa) in the shop space.

Maintain the protective clothing decontamination areas, the equipment room, and the dirty locker rooms at a pressure (relative to the atmosphere) ranging from -0.01 to -0.04 inches wg (-2.49 to -9.96 Pa). Maintain the clean spaces at a pressure (relative to the atmosphere) ranging from +0.01 to +0.05 inches wg (+2.49 to +12.5 Pa). Refer to par. 2.1.3.5 for replacement air system criteria.

6.4.1 Quantity and Distribution. Distribute replacement air to produce a laminar flow of air from supply to exhaust in the work space. Use the vertical supply method (downdraft). Refer to par. 2.1.3.5 for design criteria.

6.4.2 Heating and Air Conditioning. Provide each ventilated space with a dedicated replacement air system. Provide heating and cooling according to NAVFAC MIL-HDBK-1003/3. Conduct a study of the curing requirements of the resin before specifying temperature and humidity ranges. Do not recirculate exhaust air.

6.5 System Controls. Design system controls according to par. 2.1.3.6 and the following criteria.

a) Position the annunciator panel at the entrance to the dirty space so operators can monitor operating gauges.

b) Install static pressure sensors at locations that are representative of the average static pressure in each controlled space. This will ensure that desired differential pressures are maintained.

c) Trigger a timer if the pressure varies from the specified range. Select a timer that automatically resets if the problem is corrected within 60 seconds.

d) Trigger both visible and audible alarms if the system cannot correct the problem within the allotted time. Install multiple alarm beacons if the operator's view is obscured during grinding.

e) Interlock the hand tool power supply with the ventilation system's on-off switch. This will prevent the use of hand tools without ventilation controls.

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6.6.1 Respirators. 29 CFR 1910.1000 prescribes the maximum allowable concentrations of styrene, acetone, various solvents and glass fibers. Use guidelines established by the ACGIH if the process requires chemicals (e.g., methyl ethyl ketone peroxide) not listed in 29 CFR 1910.1000.

Provide a stacked cartridge respirator system to protect workers from glass fiber, specific resins and solvents used in the shop. Provide space in the dirty locker room to clean respirators.

Consider using air-line respirators. Provide several connection points for the respirator hoses to allow worker mobility. The connection for the air-line respirator hose must not be the same as the connection for the vacuum hose. This prevents inadvertent use of unfiltered plant compressed air for breathing air. Refer to 29 CFR 1910.134, NAVFAC DM-3.5, and ANSI Z88.2, Respiratory Protection, for general design considerations for breathing air supply systems.

6.6.2 Combination Emergency Eyewash and Deluge Shower. Specify a combination emergency eyewash and deluge shower when the potential for exposure to irritants (e.g., styrene, methyl ethyl ketone peroxide) exist. Refer to par. 4.6 for design criteria.

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## Section 7: ABRASIVE BLASTING FACILITIES

7.1 Function. Workers in abrasive blasting facilities prepare aircraft, shipboard, mechanical, and utility equipment for surface coating and welding operations.

7.1.1 Design Criteria. Design the facility using general technical requirements in Section 2 of this handbook and the specific requirements in this section.

7.2 Operational Considerations. During abrasive blasting operations, abrasives and the surface coatings on the blasted materials are shattered to varying degrees. This generates dust which may contain particles of respirable size (0 to 5 micrometer). The composition and toxicity of the dust often creates a health hazard. Enclose blasting operations to prevent contaminants from migrating to the adjacent areas.

Due to the abrasive materials and the dust-laden atmosphere in the work area, personnel must wear heavyweight clothing and an abrasive-blasting respirator. Refer to 29 CFR 1910.94(a) for specific design criteria to protect workers from health and safety hazards.

7.2.1 Toxic Materials. ANSI Z9.4, Exhaust Systems - Abrasive Blasting Operations, recommends high volume airflow rates for the following toxic materials:

- a) Abrasives containing more than 5 percent free silica.
- b) Materials that may generate asbestos fibers or free silica containing dusts.
- c) Coatings containing lead, mercury, cadmium, chromates, or other similarly toxic compounds having a PEL of less than 1 milligram per cubic meter.

Do not recirculate the air in facilities where operators blast on toxic coatings and substrates or use toxic blasting media. Consider using a less toxic blasting media whenever possible. Note that recirculation of air from operations generating lead is not permitted per OPNAVINST 5100.23, Section 2103.

Evaluate the coatings on existing workpieces when designing the facility. For example, even though the Navy no longer uses leaded paint, existing pieces may contain lead based coatings. Therefore, the designer must use higher flow rates.

7.3 Exhaust Air. Design the exhaust air system using criteria for downdraft or crossdraft blasting enclosures. Discharge exhaust air from



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abrasive blasting operations through an appropriate air cleaning device specified in par. 7.3.7.

Recirculate cleaned exhaust air only:

- a) When outside air needs to be tempered, and
- b) In blasting enclosures larger than 400 square feet (e.g., hangers) where breathing air is supplied through abrasive blasting helmets, and
- c) When coatings, substrates and blasting media are composed only of non-toxic nuisance material.

Recirculated air must contain at least 25 percent outdoor air. The volumetric airflow rate must be sufficient to keep the contaminant below the PEL and 25 percent of the LEL.

Follow the recirculated air guidelines set forth in the ACGIH Manual, 29 CFR 1910.94(a), and ANSI Z9.4. They require sensitive and sophisticated equipment not usually found in Navy industrial settings.

The initial cost savings of a recirculating air system may be offset by the cost of the long term preventative maintenance program required for the control system and the replacement air components. Be aware that the preventative maintenance program often is one of the first programs cut during cost reduction efforts.

Design the entire exhaust air system according to the following when using flammable or combustible materials:

- (1) NFPA 68,
- (2) NFPA 69, Standard on Explosion Prevention Systems,
- (3) NFPA 70,
- (4) NFPA 91,
- (5) NFPA 654.

Locate the air pollution equipment outdoors when blasting on aluminum or aluminum alloys according to NFPA 65, Standard for the Processing and Finishing of Aluminum.

7.3.1. Blasting Enclosures. Table 8 summarizes ANSI Z9.4 criteria specifying minimum design average velocities for various sized enclosures.

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Table 8  
Minimum Design Average Air Velocities Through Blasting Enclosures  
[Units are in feet per minute (units in ( ) are in meters per second)]

Downdraft					Side-draft
Ft <sup>2</sup> of Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> of Floor Area)	0-100 (0 to 9.29)	100-200 (9.29 to 18.6)	200-300 (18.6 to 27.9)	> 300 (> 27.9)	Any Size
Type of Abrasives (1) Abrasives containing more than 5 percent free silica; materials that may generate airborne asbestos fibers or free-silica-containing dusts; coatings containing lead, chromates or other similarly toxic compounds having a permissible exposure limit of less than 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> .	90 (0.457)	70 (0.356)	60 (0.305)	60 (0.305)	100 (0.508)
(2) Abrasives containing 5 percent free silica or less; coatings having permissible exposure limits from 1 to 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> .	60 (0.305)	50 (0.254)	40 (0.203)	35 (0.178)	80 (0.406)
(3) Low toxicity materials, such as abrasives of steel or aluminum oxide and contaminants, such as iron oxide scale, having permissible exposure limits of 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> or greater.	40 (0.203)	35 (0.178)	30 (0.152)	20 (0.102)	60 (0.305)
(4) Shot peening on clean metal with metal shot.	30 (0.152)	20 (0.102)	20 (0.102)	20 (0.102)	50 (0.254)

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Note: 1. Ventilation rates may need to be greater than those in the table, depending on individual circumstances. Use higher rates when the composition of the workpiece is such that upon breakdown from the abrasive impact, toxic contaminants are released into the work area. Consider also the composition of the abrasive (e.g., beryllium in copper slag).

Minimize the area of the blasting enclosure to reduce the volumetric airflow rate. Allow at least 4 feet of clearance between the workpiece and the ceiling, walls, and doors of the enclosure. Add extra clearance to accommodate internal fixtures such as tables and hoists.

Design the enclosure so the exhaust air flows either from ceiling to floor (downdraft) or from one wall to the opposite wall (crossdraft) as shown in Figures 51 and 52, respectively.

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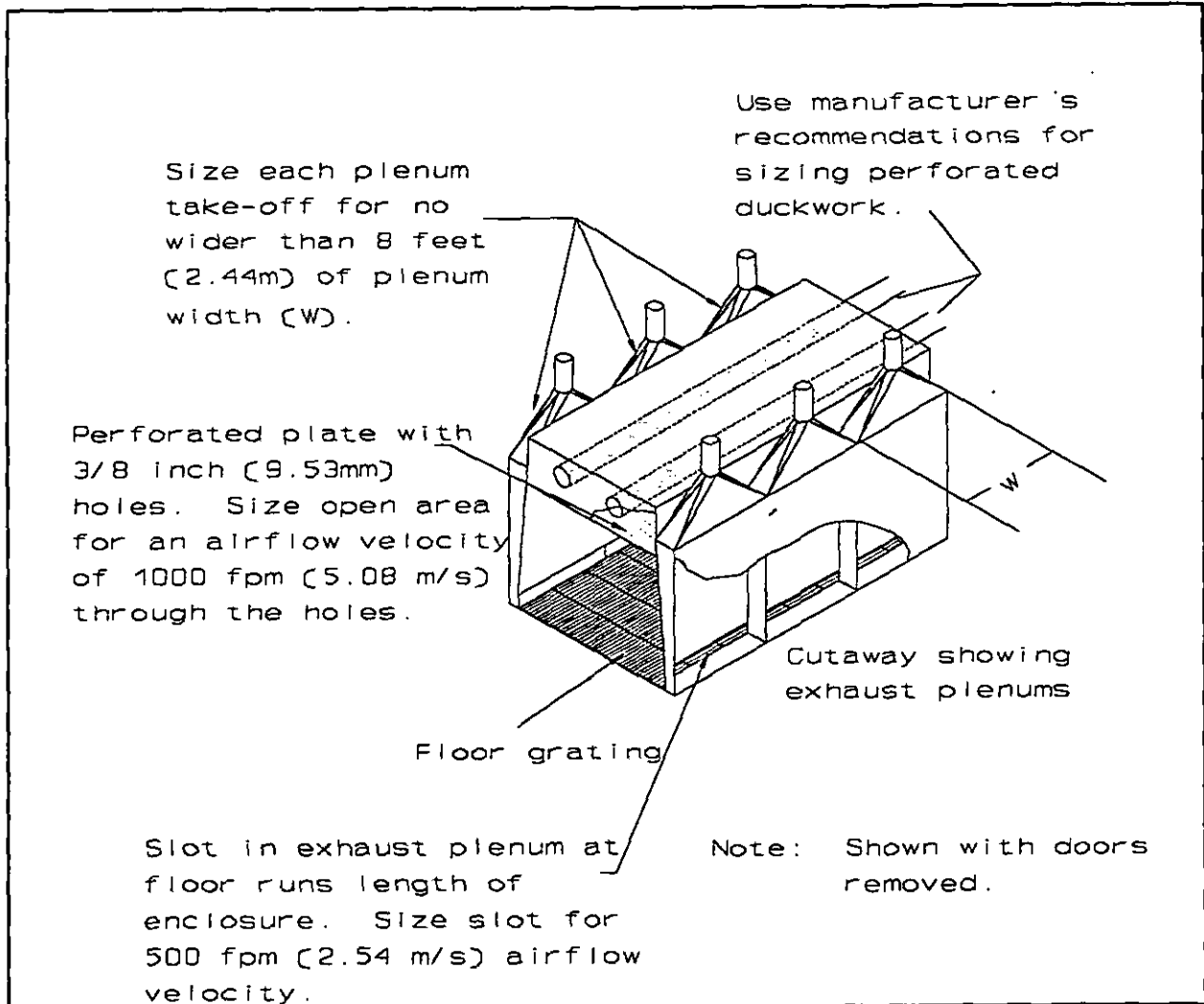


Figure 51  
Downdraft Blast Enclosure

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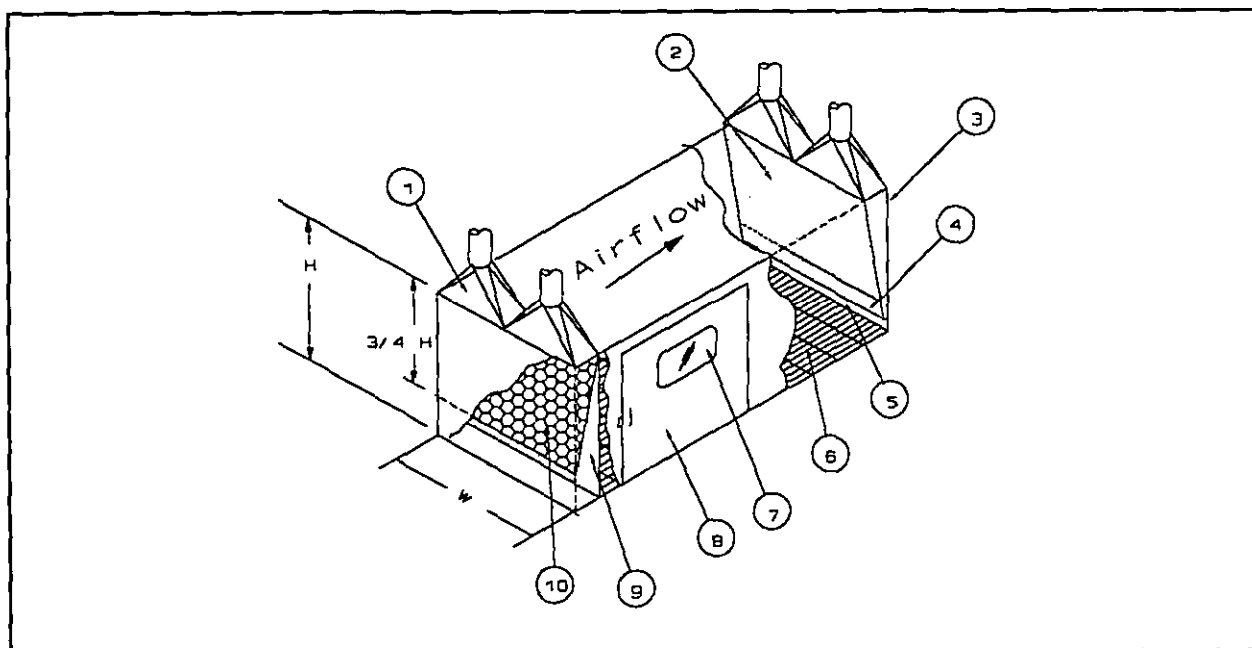


Figure 52  
Crossdraft Blast Enclosure

Notes to Figure 52:

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- (1) Size each plenum take-off for no more than 8 feet (2.44 m) of plenum width (W).
- (2) Perforated plate with 3/8-inch (9.53 mm) holes. Size open area for an airflow velocity of 2000 fpm (10.16 m/s) through holes (e.g., 5 percent open area for 100 fpm (5.08 m/s) average airflow velocity through the room).
- (3) Size exhaust plenum for a maximum plenum velocity of 1000 fpm (5.08 m/s). Size supply plenum for a maximum plenum velocity of 500 fpm (2.54 m/s).
- (4) Lift up flap to remove material from behind plenum.
- (5) Clean out door located on bottom of exhaust plenum.
- (6) Floor grating.

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- (7) Observation window.
- (8) Equipment door swings or slides open.
- (9) Perforated plate (9), from floor to ceiling and wall to wall, with 3/8-inch (9.53 mm) holes. Size open area for an airflow velocity of 1000 fpm (5.08 m/s) through holes (e.g., 10 percent open area for 100 fpm (0.508 m/s) average airflow velocity through booth.
- (10) Diagonal perforated plate inside plenum, with 1/2-inch (12.7 mm) holes and 50 percent open area.

Consider the geometry of the enclosure, item to be worked within the enclosure, and the number of workers and their positions when selecting a crossdraft or a downdraft design. For example, downdraft ventilation will create dead air space below the wings and body of a plane within a hanger. Therefore, choose crossdraft ventilation for hangers.

Design flanged and tightly sealed doors. Make personnel and material doors operable from both inside and outside of the enclosure.

Design the enclosure to ensure that the airflow at any location is not obstructed by the work piece, and will not vary more than 20 percent from the applicable velocity shown on Table 8.

a) Downdraft. A downdraft design is preferred since contaminated air is usually drawn away from the worker's breathing zone. When more than one operator works in an enclosure, contaminated air generated from one operation is less likely to migrate into another operator's breathing zone. Downdraft design also provides superior visibility.

Use perforated plate with 3/8-inch (9.53 mm) diameter holes, as shown in Figure 51, to uniformly distribute airflow over the entire cross-section of the enclosure.

Use perforated duct inside the plenum to help evenly pressurize the plenum.

b) Crossdraft. Evaluate the operators work positions when locating the replacement and exhaust air plenums. Do not allow any operator to blast upstream of their coworkers.

Use a perforated plate with 3/8-inch (9.53 mm) diameter holes, as shown in Figure 52, to uniformly distribute airflow over the entire cross-section of the enclosure. Also use a perforated plate with 1/2-inch (12.7 mm) diameter holes, installed on a diagonal inside the replacement air plenum. The internal diagonal plate helps to evenly pressurize the air inside the plenum.

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7.3.2 Blasting Cabinets. Install baffles around air inlets to prevent abrasive material leakage. Use a minimum inward air velocity of 500 fpm (2.54 m/s) at all operating openings. Discharge the exhaust air outside.

7.3.3 Media Reclaim. Use an abrasive separator to separate those larger particles that are still useful in installations where the blasting media is recirculated.

Do not integrate the exhaust ventilation system with the abrasive recovery system. Provide a separate abrasive recovery system. When the abrasive material fills up in an integrated system, the industrial ventilation system cannot provide sufficient airflow to protect the worker. Partial plugging is especially dangerous. Air still moves, but the volume is much lower than required. Worker protection is insufficient and media concentrations approach the LEL.

Consider pneumatic recovery instead of mechanical recovery such as rotary screw conveyors for plastic media recovery systems. The mechanical systems tend to abrade the media.

Protect the reclaim system and ductwork from moisture to reduce media plugging by preventing rain water intrusion into the system.

Provide a space to hold contaminated spent media (hazardous waste) before it is removed to the storage or disposal facility.

7.3.4 Ductwork. Size the exhaust ductwork to maintain a minimum transport velocity of 3500 fpm (17.8 m/s). Specify flat backed elbows (see Figure 53) for ductwork carrying abrasive material. Design duct hangers with sufficient strength to support the ductwork half filled with material.

Provide cleanout doors adjacent to every bend and vertical riser. Space cleanout doors a maximum of 12 feet (3.66 m) apart for horizontal duct runs of 12 inches (0.305 m) or less in diameter. Space cleanout doors a maximum of 20 feet (6.0 m) apart in larger ducts. Refer to par. 2.1.3.1 for general duct considerations. Do not locate cleanout doors on the bottom side of ductwork.

7.3.5 Fans. Use centrifugal fans with backward curved blades, whenever possible. Centrifugal fans with radial blades are less efficient, but still acceptable. Locate exhaust fan and associated discharge duct outside of the building.

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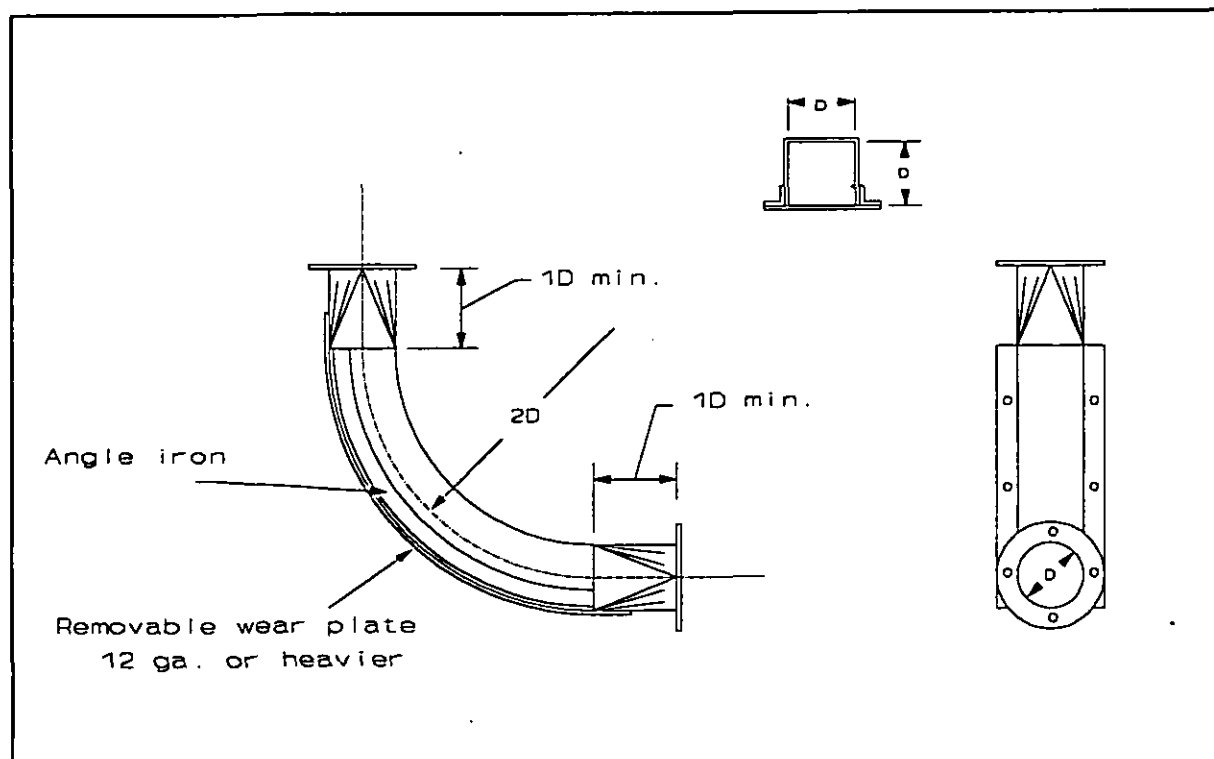


Figure 53  
Flat Back Elbow

Supply the replacement air mechanically with a fan, whenever possible. This improves system balance and control. The room static pressures might be greater than  $-0.10$  inch wg ( $-2.49$  Pa) when the replacement air is not mechanically supplied. The extra negative pressure reduces exhaust fan performance. Include the room static pressure and resistance through the filters and louvers when sizing the exhaust fan. Refer to par. 2.1.3.2 for further information about fan selection and connection.

7.3.6 Weather Stack Design and Location. Refer to par. 2.1.3.3 for design guidance.

7.3.7 Air Cleaning Devices. Use a pulse-jet, pleated paper cartridge type collector. The collector shall have 99.9 percent weight arrestance efficiency according to ASHRAE Standard 52. Use an "air-to-cloth" ratio between 1.5:1 and 2:1. The air-to-cloth ratio is the ratio of flow rate in cfm to filter area in square feet.



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- a) Include the following pulse-jet controls:
  - (1) Pulse interval range of 0 to 5 minutes.
  - (2) Pulse duration range of 0 to 2 seconds.
  - (3) Magnehelic gauge with remotely mounted alarm.
  - (4) Option to use upper static pressure setpoint on photohelic gauge to trigger cleaning cycle.
- b) Design the baghouse with the following criteria:
  - (1) Perforated plate at the inlet to evenly distribute incoming dirty air across filters.
  - (2) Access hatch on baghouse inlet, 24 inches by 24 inches minimum (0.610 m by 0.610 m).
  - (3) Access hatch on hopper, 24 inches by 24 inches minimum (0.610 m by 0.610 m).
  - (4) Rotary airlock, 10 inches (0.254 m) diameter minimum, on hopper throat.
  - (5) Replaceable explosion vents designed per NFPA 68 located on baghouse hoppers where the potential for explosion of accumulated dust exists.
  - (6) Platforms leading to all elevated access hatches.
  - (7) Fan located on the clean side of the baghouse.
  - (8) Dust collectors shall be located outside of the building.

7.4 Replacement Air. Design a dedicated replacement air system for each abrasive blasting enclosure.

Design the replacement air system to maintain a pressure (relative to the atmosphere) ranging from -0.02 to -0.06 inches wg (-4.98 to -14.9 Pa) in the abrasive blasting enclosure. Maintain enclosed mechanical equipment spaces at a pressure (relative to the atmosphere) ranging from -0.01 to -0.02 inches wg (-2.49 to -4.98 Pa). Maintain the administrative spaces and locker rooms at a pressure (relative to the atmosphere) ranging from +0.0 to +0.05 inches wg (+0.0 to +12.4 Pa).

Design abrasive blasting enclosures with ceiling or wall supply plenum located directly opposite the exhaust (ceiling to floor airflow or wall to opposite wall). Refer to par. 2.1.3.5 for detailed design criteria.

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7.4.1 Heating and Air Conditioning. Design heating and air conditioning using NAVFAC MIL-HDBK-1003/3. Do not recirculate exhaust air from blasting operations except under conditions allowed in pars. 7.2 and 7.3.

7.5 System Controls. Design system controls using par. 2.1.3.6 and the following criteria:

a) Position an annunciator panel at the entrance to the blasting enclosure so operators can monitor operating gauges.

b) Install static pressure sensors at locations that are representative of the average static pressure in each blasting enclosure. This will ensure that desired blasting enclosure pressures (refer to par. 7.4) are maintained.

c) Trigger a timer if the pressure varies from the operating range. Select a timer that automatically resets if the problem is corrected within 60 seconds.

d) Trigger both visible and audible alarms if the system cannot correct the problem within the allotted time. Install multiple alarm beacons if the operator's view is obscured during blasting.

e) Interlock the blasting tool power supply with the ventilation system's on-off switch. This will prevent the use of blasting tools without ventilation controls.

## 7.6 Safety and Health Items

7.6.1 Breathing Air. 29 CFR 1910.94(a)(5) describes the respiratory protection equipment required in abrasive blasting facilities. When performing work inside a blasting enclosure or room, the operator wears a continuous-flow, air-line respirator that covers the wearer's head, neck, and shoulders. Provide each respirator hood with an adjustable, vortex-type climate control system.

Provide several air hose connection points along the perimeter of the enclosure to allow the operator freedom of movement. The connection for the air-line respirator hose must not be the same type as the connection for other gas systems. This prevents inadvertent use of unfiltered plant compressed air for breathing air. Design the respirator air supply using 29 CFR 1910.134(d) and NAVFAC DM-3.5.

7.6.2 Noise. Install engineering controls to reduce worker's exposure to noise wherever feasible. Carefully select the blast nozzle. This is an important role, since noise generation is a high power function of discharge velocity. Consider using sound barrier or dampening material on enclosure

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walls. Protect the absorptive material from abrasive material impingement to the maximum extent possible. Isolate the air compressor, blasting reclaim, and air pollution equipment to minimize noise exposure in the shop.

7.6.3 Explosiveness. Organic abrasive blasting media can explode if the dust concentration reaches the minimum explosion concentration (MEC) and an ignition source exists. An ignition source can be as simple as static electricity. MEC is also known as the LEL. Agricultural media (e.g., peach pits, rice hulls, walnut shells) are particularly susceptible to explosions. Avoid using agricultural media whenever possible.

Obtain the MEC from each blasting media manufacturer. The airborne concentration of -200 mesh combustible dust particles shall be no more than 25 percent of the MEC. Calculate the air volume required to maintain an airborne concentration for the specific abrasive below 25 percent of the MEC. Compare it to the volume required to maintain the minimum velocities specified in Table 8. Use the higher of the two volumes.

Currently, there is no real-time measuring device to continuously monitor the heavy dust concentrations found in blasting booths. Use a deductive method to determine if the booth operates below the MEC.

Before accepting the system, test for -200 mesh combustible dust particles in the enclosure under the worst-case condition. Compare the results with media manufacturers data to verify that the system reduces the dust concentration to below 25 percent of the MEC. Measure the volume airflow and static pressure at the fan inlet or at the booth outlet to establish a reference point at the same time. Refer to par. 2.1.3.7 for static pressure taps and volume flow rate test locations. Refer to Appendix C for unit conversion and MEC for typical organic media.

Post calculations and test results outside the blasting enclosure and in the facility standard operating procedures. Record weekly the static pressures from the annunciator panel described in par. 7.5 to detect any changes in the system.

7.6.4 Access. Provide personnel an access door. Use several doors in large enclosures. Provide emergency exits on the opposite walls.

Locate observation windows as necessary, into enclosure walls or doors to ensure that the worker within the enclosure can be viewed from outside the enclosure at all times.

Use safety glass for observation windows. Protect the window with outside screening. The screen retains the glass if an explosion occurs.

7.6.5 Hygiene Facilities. Refer to OPNAVINST 5100.23, Section 2103 for change room and shower requirements if workers will be exposed to airborne lead above the PEL.

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## Section 8: PAINT SPRAY FACILITIES

8.1 Function. Paint spray shops and facilities provide surface finishing capabilities for a wide range of parts, equipment, vehicles, and aircraft. Paint spray enclosure sizes range from bench type units designed to paint small parts, to rooms such as hangers that are used for painting aircraft. This chapter does not address hangers used for spray painting. Refer to MIL-HDBK-1028/1 Aircraft Maintenance Facilities for hanger criteria. Design paint spray shops and facilities to include a shop area, a mechanical equipment area, and a protective clothing decontamination area.

8.1.1 Design Criteria. Design the facility using general technical requirements in Section 2 of this handbook and the specific requirements in this section.

8.2 Operational Considerations. During paint spray operations, paint is atomized by a spray gun and then deposited on the object being painted. Depending on the application equipment and spray method used, transfer efficiencies vary greatly. Transfer efficiency is the amount of paint solids deposited on a surface divided by the total amount of paint sprayed, expressed as a percentage. Overspray is the paint that is sprayed but not deposited on the surface to be painted.

Spray painting equipment must conform to national, state, and local emission control requirements. One of these requirements is transfer efficiency. Five primary types of paint spraying equipment and their typical transfer efficiencies include:

- a) Conventional air spray (25 percent transfer efficiency),
- b) Airless spray (35 percent transfer efficiency),
- c) Air-assisted airless spray (45 percent transfer efficiency),
- d) Electrostatic spray (65 percent transfer efficiency), and
- e) High volume/low pressure (HVLP) spray (up to 75 percent transfer efficiency).

Use high transfer efficiency application equipment such as electrostatic or HVLP spray guns to reduce overspray. This not only saves paint cost, but also reduces VOC emissions and maintenance requirements.

Heat paint prior to application whenever possible. The heated paint has a lower viscosity, which enables spray painting at a lower pressure, thereby minimizing the amount of overspray generated. The lower viscosity also decreases the quantity of solvent which must be used to thin the paint prior to spraying. This results in reduced solvent consumption and VOC emissions.

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8.3 Exhaust Air. Design the entire exhaust system according to the following:

- a) 29 CFR 1910.94(c), Ventilation,
- b) 29 CFR 1910.107, Spray Finishing Using Flammable and Combustible Materials,
- c) NFPA 33,
- d) NFPA 68,
- e) NFPA 69,
- f) NFPA 70,
- g) NFPA 91.

The air velocity requirement, combined with an adequate amount of total air volume exhausted, serves to dilute the solvent vapor to at least 25 percent of the LEL as defined in 29 CFR 1910.107(c) and NFPA 325, Guide to Fire Hazard Properties of Flammable Liquids, Gases, and Volatile Solids. In addition, maintain employee exposure to any toxic substances inside the booth below the PEL as defined in 29 CFR 1910.1000, Air Contaminants.

Design the exhaust air system to draw the air past the operator, toward and past the workpiece, and into the exhaust intake, thereby giving maximum protection to the worker.

Discharge exhaust air to the outdoors after passing through an appropriate air cleaning device and exhaust stack. Do not recirculate exhaust air.

See Table 9 for airflow requirements of rooms and booths. Table 9 summarizes 29 CFR 1910.94(c)(6) minimum velocity criteria for rooms and for large and small booths.

8.3.1 Spray Area Design. The size and shape of workpieces which require spray painting vary greatly. Design the spray booths to enclose the painting operation to the maximum possible extent in order to contain the paint overspray with a minimum volume of air and to avoid disturbances from room air currents.

8.3.1.1 Spray Booths and Spray Rooms. Design paint spray booths and rooms according to 29 CFR 1910.94, 29 CFR 1910.107. Refer to ACGIH Industrial Ventilation, a Manual of Recommended Practice for design of large and small booths.

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Table 9  
Minimum Maintained Velocities Into Spray Booths and Spray Rooms

Operating conditions for objects completely inside booth or room (See notes 5,6 and 7).	Disruptive drafts (fpm) See note 2	Airflow velocities (fpm)	
		Design	Range
Electrostatic and automatic airless operation contained in booth or room without operator.	negligible	50 (large booth or room)	50-75
Air-operated guns, manual or automatic	Up to 50	100 (All Enclosures)	75-125
Air-operated guns, manual or automatic	Up to 100	150 (All Enclosures)	125-175
Air-operated guns, manual or automatic	Over 100	200 (Small booth)	150-250

- Notes:
1. The effectiveness of the spray booth depends on the relationship of the depth of the booth or room to its height and width.
  2. Design the booth to eliminate drafts which disrupt the designed airflow inside the booth. Do not permit disruptive drafts in excess of 100 fpm. Disruptive drafts are often referred to as "crossdrafts", a naturally occurring or mechanically induced draft which is disruptive to the designed airflow.
  3. Excessive air pressures result in loss of both efficiency and material waste in addition to creating backlash that may carry overspray and fumes into adjacent work areas.
  4. Design for velocities shown in the column headed "Design". However, booths or rooms operating with velocities shown in the column headed "Range" are in compliance with 29 CFR 1910.94(c).
  5. A large spray booth is a power ventilated structure with one open face used to accommodate a spray finishing operation and which has minimum height and width dimensions (as viewed looking towards the open face) 2 feet greater than the corresponding height and width dimensions of the item being sprayed.
  6. A small spray booth is a power ventilated structure with one open face used to accommodate a spray finishing operation which is small enough to rest on a bench or table and whose height and

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width dimensions (as viewed looking towards the open face) are 12 inches to 24 inches greater than the corresponding height and width dimensions of the item to be sprayed.

7. A spray room is a power ventilated, fully enclosed, walk-in, drive-in or drive-through structure used for spray finishing, where the operator is inside the enclosure during the spray finishing operation.

See Figure 54 for a spray room when it is necessary to temper the replacement air. Refer to ACGIH Manual, Chapter 10, painting operations for an example of a spray room which does not require mechanically supplied replacement air. The design airflow rates in the ACGIH Manual differ from the airflow rate criteria of 29 CFR 1910.94. Since the Navy must follow 29 CFR 1910.94 as required by chapter 16 of OPNAVINST 5100.23, designs for Navy spray paint booths and rooms shall adhere to the air flows required by 29 CFR 1910.94 as reflected in Table 9.

The airflow must be in a direction that carries the contaminated air away from the workers breathing zone. If necessary, provide manlifts, workpiece turntables, or other means to maintain the proper orientation of airflow.

### 8.3.2 Ductwork

a) Design the plenum-to-duct-transition with an included angle of no greater than 90 degrees.

b) Size each plenum take-off for no longer than 8 feet (2.44 m) of plenum width. For example, hoods between 8 and 16 feet (2.44 and 4.88 m) in width shall have two exhaust takeoffs (see Figure 54).

c) Size ductwork to maintain a minimum airflow velocity of 2500 fpm (12.7 m/s).

d) Design duct hangers with sufficient strength to support the ductwork half filled with material.

e) Provide cleanout doors adjacent to every bend and vertical riser. Space cleanout doors a maximum of 12 feet (3.66 m) apart for horizontal duct runs of 12 inches (0.305 m) or less in diameter. Space cleanout doors a maximum of 20 feet (6.0 m) apart in larger ducts. Refer to par. 2.1.3.1 for general duct considerations. Do not locate cleanout doors on the bottom side of ductwork.

8.3.3 Fans. Use centrifugal fans with backward curved blades, whenever possible. Airfoil blades may be economically feasible on large projects such as hangers. Centrifugal fans with radial blades are less efficient, but still acceptable. A tube axial or vane axial fan is also appropriate for low pressure applications (fan static pressure less than 2 inches wg).

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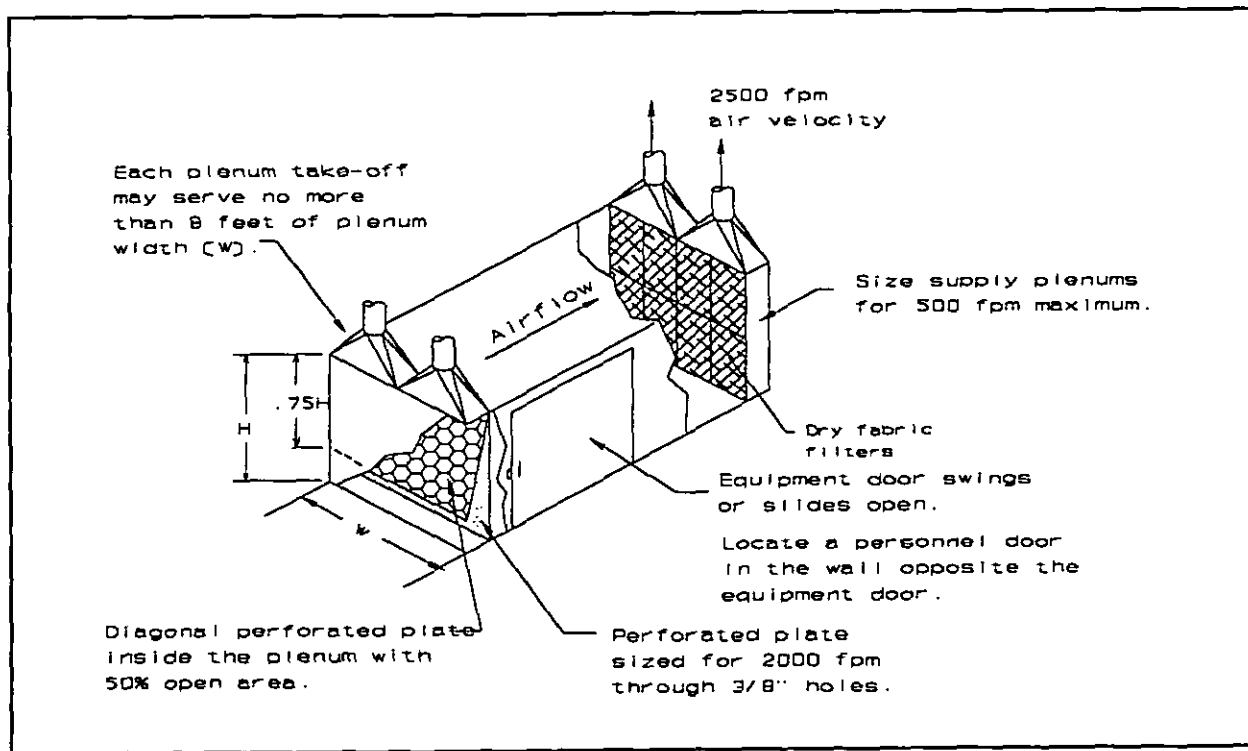


Figure 54  
Spray Painting Room

Use explosionproof fans. Do not place electric motors, which drive exhaust fans, inside booths or ducts. Ensure the belts and pulley are not in contact with the airstream. Refer to par. 2.1.3.2 for more detailed information about fan selection.

8.3.4 Weather Stack Design and Location. Refer to par. 2.1.3.3 for design guidance.

8.3.5 Air Cleaning Devices. Provide dry filter pads that cover as much of the entire wall opposite the supply air as possible (see Figure 54). Filter pads not only remove paint overspray from the air stream, but also help to distribute air within the booth.

8.4 Replacement Air for Spray Rooms. Design the replacement air system to maintain a pressure (relative to the atmosphere) ranging from -0.02 to -0.06 inches wg (-4.98 to -14.9 Pa) in the spray room. This will prevent paint overspray and vapors from escaping the room and migrating into adjacent work areas.



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Design a dedicated replacement air system for each spray room. Design the paint area so that the replacement air enters directly opposite from the area where the air is exhausted. Refer to para. 2.1.3.5 for detailed design criteria.

The distribution of replacement air within the spray room is as significant as the average air velocity through the room. Distribute the replacement air evenly over the entire cross section of the room to prevent turbulence or undesirable air circulation. The preferred means of distributing the replacement air is through perforated plate as shown in Figure 54.

8.4.1 Heating and Air Conditioning. Design all heating and air conditioning using NAVFAC MIL-HDBK-1003/3. Review the paint drying requirements before specifying temperature and humidity ranges. Do not recirculate exhaust air.

8.5 System Controls. Design system controls according to par. 2.1.3.6 and the following criteria:

a) Position an annunciator panel at the entrance to the spray paint booth so operators can monitor operating gauges.

b) Install static pressure sensors at locations that are representative of the average static pressure in each controlled space. This will ensure that desired differential pressures are maintained.

c) Trigger a timer if the pressure varies from the specified range. Select a timer that automatically resets if the problem is corrected within 60 seconds.

d) Trigger both visible and audible alarms if the system cannot correct the problem within the allotted time. Install multiple alarm beacons if the operator's view is obscured during painting.

e) Provide automatic, high-voltage disconnects for conveyor failure, fan failure, or grounding for electrostatic spray booths.

## 8.6 Safety and Health Items

8.6.1 Respiratory Protection. Provide respiratory protection when control of contaminants by ventilation, to meet 29 CFR 1910.1000 requirements, has not been attained or cannot be attained because of particular conditions. Always provide respiratory protections when the operator must position himself in a booth downstream of the object being sprayed.

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Provide several air hose connection points along the perimeter of the booth to allow the operator freedom of movement when using supplied air respirators. The connection for the air-line respirator hose must not be the same type as the connection for other gas systems. This prevents inadvertent use of unfiltered plant compressed air for breathing air. Design the respirator air supply using 29 CFR 1910.134(d) and NAVFAC DM-3.5.

Refer to 29 CFR 1910.134, Respiratory Protection, for additional requirements that may impact the facility design such as respirator cleaning and disinfecting.

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## Section 9: FOUNDRIES

9.1 Function. Founding or casting is a metal forming process by which molten metal is poured into a prepared mold to produce a metal object called a casting. The foundry considered here is typical of a small operation. Refer to the ACGIH Manual for processes not addressed here and for further information on operations using non-standard air. Ventilation is addressed for the following processes and their associated hazards:

a) Mixing and Mulling. The mixing of sand with organic binding agents in order to keep the sand bound for molding. Potential hazard is silica dust, which may cause silicosis, lung cancer and other respiratory disorders.

b) Melting. The process of melting metal and alloys in a furnace. Potential hazards are:

(1) Metal oxide fumes, which may cause metal fume fever.

(2) Lead fumes, if brass is being melted, which may impair the central nervous system and kidneys.

(3) Infrared radiation, which may damage skin and eyes.

(4) Carbon monoxide from gas furnaces, which may cause tissue anoxia.

(5) Heat stress.

c) Pouring. The process of pouring the molten metal into the sand molds. Potential hazards are:

(1) Vapors from organic binding agents.

(2) Silica dust.

(3) Metal oxide fumes.

(4) Lead fumes.

(5) Infrared radiation.

(6) Heat stress.

d) Shakeout. The removal of sand, scale, and excess metal from the castings by vibration. Potential hazard is silica dust.

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9.1.1 Design Criteria. Design the facility using general technical requirements in Section 2 of this handbook and the specific requirements in this section.

9.2 Operational Considerations. Foundry operations generate dust, metal oxide fumes, lead fumes, carbon monoxide, and organic binding agent vapors. 29 CFR 1910.1000 regulates employee exposure to air contaminants. 29 CFR 1910.1025 regulates employee exposure to lead.

The presence of molten metal in foundries creates hazardous work areas warranting special attention to worker safety. Provide easy equipment access to improve safety. Design the ventilation system to prevent interference with equipment access. Sometimes, as in the case of ladle transport, it is not easy to install a ventilation hood to control a process, because it may cause interference. In most cases, however, with careful consideration hoods can be installed to control a process without interference.

9.3 Typical Floor Plans. Figure 55 shows a small foundry floor plan. Locate the molds close to the furnaces to minimize the transport distance. Controlling fumes during transport is very difficult. Locate all baghouses and fans outside the building.

9.4 Exhaust Air. Design the exhaust air system to capture contaminants at the point of generation. Any air exhausted during pouring, molten transport, and melting, will be heated as it passes over the process. Since the exhaust air is no longer at room temperature, 70 degrees F (21 degrees C), use non-standard air conditions for volume flow rate and fan static pressure calculations. Refer to Appendix D for non-standard air calculations.

9.4.1 Hood Design. Foundry hoods generally control either dust (from mold materials) or high temperature fumes and vapors.

a) Use stainless steel sheet metal for the hood when the temperature of the exhaust air stream is likely to exceed 400 degrees F (204 degrees C). Water cooled or refractory linings are alternatives to stainless steel.

b) Install baffles on exhaust hoods to reduce crossdrafts and to improve hood efficiency.

c) Refer to the drawings in the ACGIH Manual, Chapter 10 listed in par. 9.4.1.1 through par. 9.4.1.4 to specify capture velocity for each hood.

d) Size slots for 2000 fpm (10.2 m/s).

e) Design the plenum velocity less than or equal to one half of the slot velocity.

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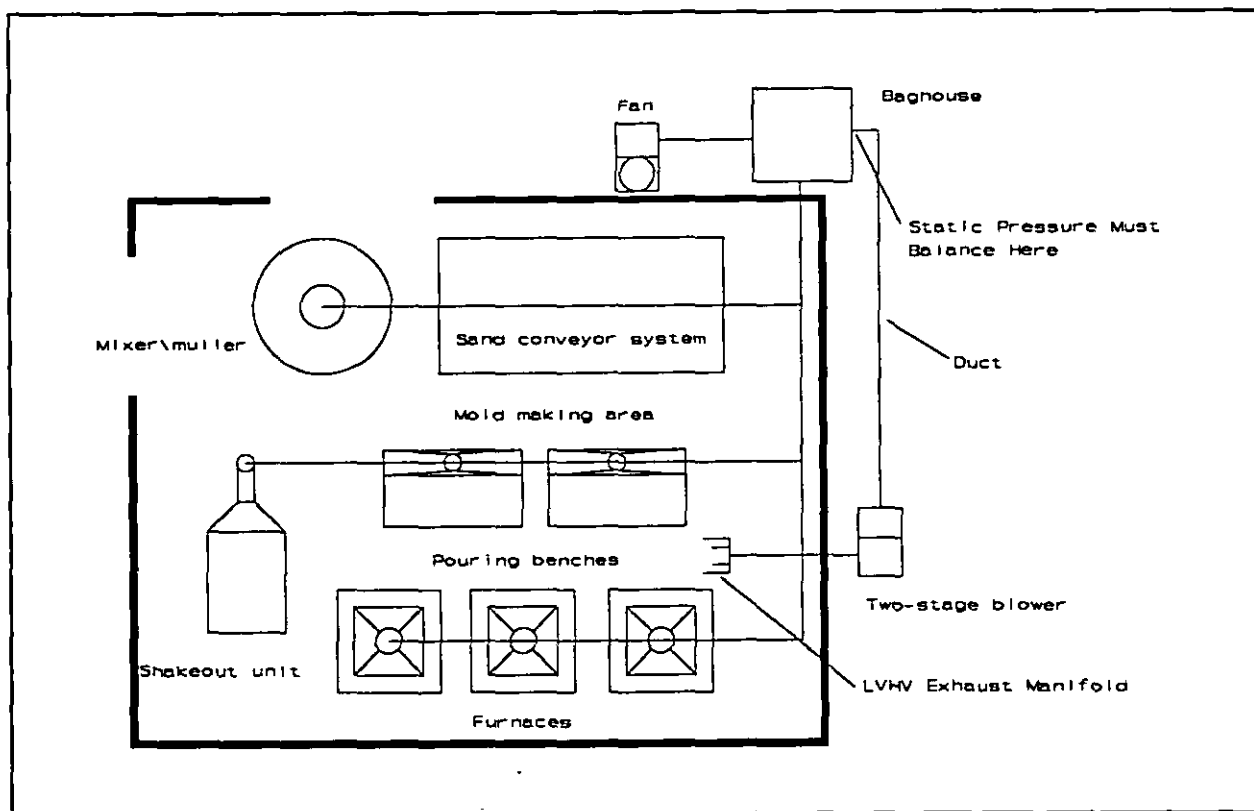


Figure 55  
Typical Small Foundry Floor Plan

f) Design hood-to-duct transition with an included angle of no more than 90 degrees.

g) Specify that the length of the hood served by each exhaust plenum shall not exceed 8 feet (2.44 m). For example, hoods between 8 and 16 feet (4.88 m) in length shall have two exhaust takeoffs.

h) Provide cleanout doors in the plenum for removal of accumulated particulates.

9.4.1.1 Mixer/Muller. Design a minimum capture velocity of 150 fpm (0.762 m/s). Provide additional ventilation when flammable solvents are used. The dilution ventilation rates should maintain concentrations within the muller below 25 percent of the LEL. Following are the titles and figure numbers for mixer and muller detail design criteria in the ACGIH Manual, Chapter 10:

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Title

Mixer and Muller Hood  
Air-Cooled Mixer and Muller

9.4.1.2 Furnaces. There are a variety of hood designs for metal melting furnaces that use either natural gas or electric resistance as the heat source. Provide exhaust ventilation to control the specific oxides associated with the metal being melted or the contaminants carried in the scrap charge. Following are the titles and figure numbers for the metal melting furnace detail design criteria in the ACGIH Manual, Chapter 10:

Title

Melting Furnace Crucible, Non-Tilt  
Metal Furnace, Tilting  
Melting Furnace, Electric, Top Electrode  
Melting Furnace, Electric, Rocking  
Melting Pot and Furnace  
Crucible Melting Furnace, Highly Toxicity Material  
Induction Melting Furnace, Tilting

9.4.1.3 Mold Pouring Station. Design a pouring station as shown in the ACGIH Manual, Chapter 10.

9.4.1.4 Shakeout Unit. There are three different shakeout hood designs. The enclosing shakeout hood requires the smallest airflow rate. The side-draft shakeout hood improves access but requires additional airflow rates. The downdraft shakeout is the least effective in controlling contaminants and requires the highest ventilation rates. Do not use downdraft shakeout hood for hot casting. Following are the titles and figure numbers for the shakeout hood detail design criteria in the ACGIH Manual, Chapter 10:

Title

Foundry Shakeout, Enclosing  
Foundry Shakeout, Side Draft  
Foundry Shakeout, Downdraft

9.4.2 Ductwork and Fans9.4.2.1 Ductwork

a) Use SMACNA Class III duct construction standards, since light concentrations of abrasive sand are drawn into foundry ductwork.

b) Design the minimum transport velocity according to the ACGIH Manual drawings referenced in pars. 9.4.1.1, 9.4.1.2, 9.4.1.3, and 9.4.1.4.

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c) Install cleanout access doors near bends and vertical risers to allow sand removal in case settling occurs. Require regular inspection and cleaning to prevent buildup of sand, oil, and water condensate on the inner walls of the duct.

d) Use stainless steel when the air temperature may exceed 400 degrees F (204 degrees C).

e) Design duct supports slightly larger than the duct to allow for duct expansion at higher temperatures. Ensure the duct does not contact any flammable material.

f) Design the entire air exhaust system according to NFPA 91.

g) Use ball joints and telescopic ducts instead of flex ducts for movable ducts.

h) Refer to par. 2.1.3.1 for more information regarding duct fabrication and installation.

9.4.2.2 Fans. Use backward curved airfoil type centrifugal fans for this application. Backward airfoil type centrifugal fans are the most efficient and quiet, but a centrifugal fan with backward inclined blades is also acceptable. Locate the exhaust fan downstream from the air cleaning device. Otherwise, the abrasive action of the particulates and the accumulation of sludge will destroy the fan blades. Locate the fan outside the shop to reduce the noise and keep the duct negatively pressurized the inside shop. Refer to par. 2.1.3.2 for general considerations.

9.4.3 Weather Stack Design and Location. Design the exhaust stack according to criteria in par. 2.1.3.3. Refer to SMACNA Guide for Steel Stack Design and Construction for proper stack construction.

9.4.4 Air Cleaning Devices. Consult local air pollution authorities for air cleaning requirements. Figure 55 shows the recommended location of the air cleaning device with respect to the fan, the vacuum system, and the exhaust hoods.

A high-efficiency dust collector will be appropriate for many installations. High temperature cartridges may be required depending on the airstream temperature. Ground the dust collector cartridges to protect against static electricity buildup in the baghouse and install an explosion vent designed according to NFPA 68.

Use high pressure, reverse pulse air jets to clean the baghouse fabric when the pressure drop across the baghouse reaches a preset limit. This type of cleaning cycle is referred to as "demand pulse." Use a photohelic gauge as the control mechanism for the on-off pulse air jet switch.

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9.4.5 Industrial Vacuum System. Provide a LVHV vacuum system (see Figure 55) to exhaust silica dust and metal chips. Good housekeeping with industrial vacuum systems has a substantial impact on lead levels in brass melting and pouring operations.

Design the vacuum system according to the following criteria:

- a) Use a multistage centrifugal blower for the vacuum system.
- b) Feed the blower directly into the dirty side of the baghouse used by the industrial exhaust system to minimize the number of dust collection points.
- c) Design the vacuum system duct to balance with the exhaust system duct where the two systems connect.
- d) Use the manufacturer's data to complete the design because the LVHV system design data is largely empirical.
- e) Design the entire vacuum system according to NAVFAC DM-3.5.

9.5 Replacement Air. Design replacement air systems that modulate airflow to maintain a pressure (relative to the atmosphere) ranging from -0.02 to -0.06 inches wg (-4.97 Pa to -14.9 Pa) in the shop space. A slight negative pressure will prevent contaminated foundry air from migrating into clean spaces. Refer to par. 2.1.3.5 for replacement air system criteria.

9.5.1 Quantity and Distribution. Distribute replacement air to produce a laminar flow of air from supply to exhaust in the work space. Refer to par. 2.1.3.5 for design criteria.

9.5.2 Heating and Air Conditioning. Provide a dedicated replacement air system for each ventilated space. Temper the air according to NAVFAC MIL-HDBK-1003/3. Do not recirculate exhaust air.

9.6 System Controls. Design system controls according to par. 2.1.3.5 and the following criteria.

- a) Post signs that state:

"Caution: Do not operate furnace without ventilation control."

- b) Interlock the equipment power supply with the ventilation system's on-off switch. This will prevent the use of the mixer, furnace, shakeout unit, and pouring area without ventilation control.

9.7 Safety and Health Items. Refer to the NIOSH 85-116, Recommendations for Control of Occupational Safety and Health Hazards in Foundries, Appendix F, for OSHA regulations pertaining to the foundry industry.



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## Section 10: WOOD SHOP FACILITIES

10.1 Function. Wood shops throughout the Navy differ in size and function. Therefore, use the design criteria in this chapter as broad guidelines for developing ventilation systems for wood shops.

10.1.1 Design Criteria. Design the facility using general technical requirements in Section 2 of this handbook and the specific requirements in this section.

10.2 Health Considerations. The accumulation of wood dust creates potential health and housekeeping problems, and fire hazards. Exposure to wood dust has long been associated with a variety of adverse health effects, including dermatitis, allergic respiratory effects, and cancer. As many as 300 species of wood dust have been shown to cause dermatitis. The most common allergic response to wood dust is asthma. In addition, wood dust has been shown to cause mucosal and nonallergic respiratory effects such as throat irritation and bleeding, wheezing, sinusitis, and prolonged colds.

Although NIOSH studies have linked exposure to wood dust with various forms of nasal and lung cancers, OSHA contends the results are not conclusive. However, OSHA concludes that wood dust exposures are harmful and cause loss of functional capacity and material impairment of health. Therefore, treat wood dust as a potentially dangerous and a possible carcinogenic contaminant.

In 1989, OSHA proposed a single eight hour time weighted average (TWA) of 5 milligrams per cubic meter and a short term exposure limit (STEL) of 10 milligrams per cubic meter for both hardwood and softwood. OSHA also proposed a separate eight hour TWA of 2.5 milligrams per cubic meter for Western red cedar, a highly allergic species of softwood.

ACGIH recommends a single TWA TLV of 5 milligrams per cubic meter and a STEL of 10 milligrams per cubic meter for softwood. For certain hardwoods, such as beech and oak, ACGIH recommends a TLV TWA of 1 milligram per cubic meter.

Design the ventilation system to comply with the most stringent criteria.

10.3 Typical Floor Plans. Design machine, floor, and isle layouts as described in ANSI O1.1, Woodworking Machinery - Safety Requirements. Design the ventilation system to complement equipment layout and minimize housekeeping.

10.4 Exhaust Air

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10.4.1 System Design. Design the system using the velocity pressure method explained in Chapter 5 of the ACGIH Manual. Ensure that the branch ducts of equipment hoods with the greatest resistance are short, and enter the main duct close to the air cleaning device.

Calculate the capacity of the system on the basis of hoods and other openings connected to the system being open. Fasten dampers, gates, or orifice plates provided for the specific purpose of balancing the airflow in the system to prevent inadvertent manipulation.

10.4.2 Hood Design. Provide a hood for any machine which produces dust. This includes sawing, shaping, planing, and sanding operations.

Design, locate, and place hoods so the finely divided wood dust generated will fall, be projected, or drawn into the hood in the direction of the airflow and to provide the greatest possible enclosure in the zone of wood particle generation without interfering with the safe and satisfactory operation of the machine.

Refer to ACGIH Manual, Chapter 10, woodworking section for specific hood designs. Construct hoods of noncombustible materials. Ensure the hoods do not interfere with worker operations. Figure 56 shows general hood design characteristics.

10.4.3 Ductwork. Table 10.95.1 of the ACGIH Manual gives exhaust volumes for specific wood shop machines. Size the ductwork to maintain a minimum transport velocity of 4000 fpm (20 m/s) or as specified in ACGIH Manual, Chapter 10, woodworking section. Refer to par. 2.1.3.1 of this handbook for general ductwork design.

In most cases, locate ductwork along the ceiling and walls. However, running ductwork under removable grates or panels in the floor of the shop may reduce duct lengths and leave more working space around machinery.

Specify duct hangers that have sufficient strength to support the ductwork should it become half filled with material.

Provide cleanout doors adjacent to every bend and vertical riser. In horizontal duct runs, space cleanout doors no more than 12 feet (3.66 m) apart in ducts that are 12 inches (0.305 m) or less in diameter. Space cleanout doors no more than 20 feet (6.0 m) apart in larger ducts. Do not locate cleanout doors on the bottom side of ductwork. Refer to ACGIH Manual, construction guidelines for local exhaust systems section, cleanout opening drawings for examples of cleanout door designs.

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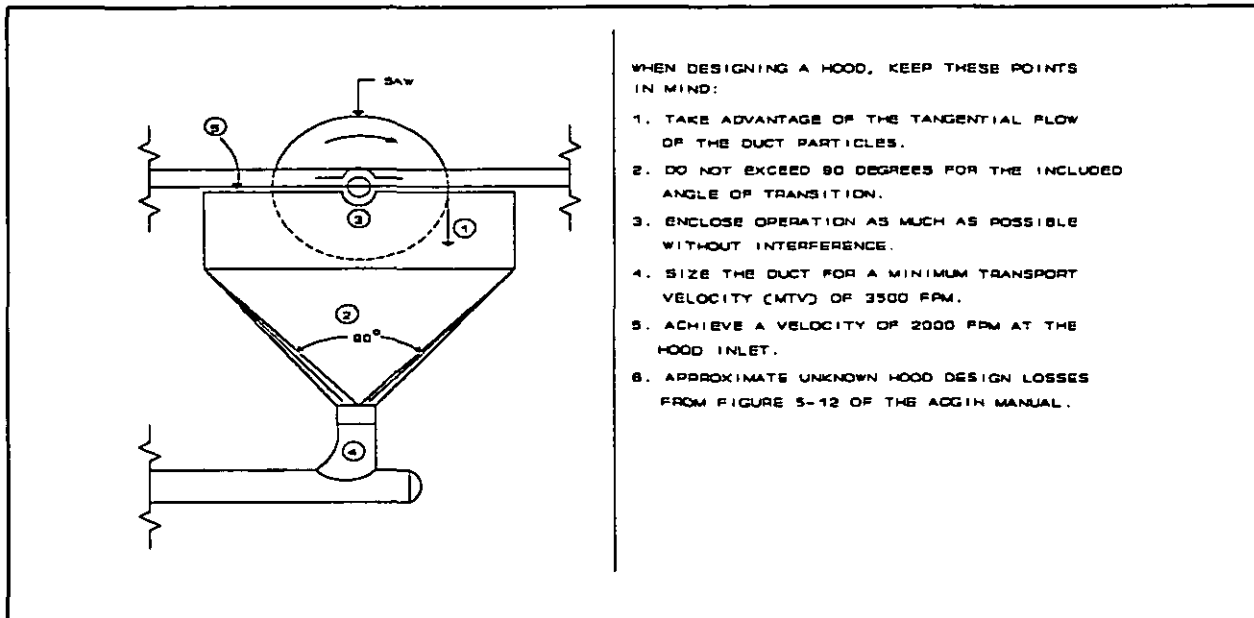


Figure 56  
General Hood Design

10.4.4 Fans. Use a centrifugal fan with backward inclined blades for wood shop exhaust systems. Place the fan downstream of the air cleaning device. Specify a Class II construction fan. This fan is specifically designed for light dust applications. Refer to par. 2.1.3.2 for more information on fan selection.

10.4.5 Weather Stack Design and Location. Use a vertical discharge stack with a no loss stackhead for wood shop facilities. Do not use a horizontal discharge stack. Refer to par. 2.1.3.3 for more information on stack design.

10.4.6 Air Cleaning Devices. Use high efficiency dust collectors with fabric filter media. They are effective in removing both large and microscopic dusts. The main parameters for selecting an air cleaning device are volume flow rate and particle size distribution. Obtain particle size distributions from either particle sampling methods or health research data. Locate the air cleaning device outside the building.

10.4.7 Floor Sweeps. Install floor sweeps to assist in housekeeping. Provide one floor sweep for every 20 feet (6.1 m) of straight, horizontal duct. Design the sweeps to exhaust between 800 and 1400 cfm (0.38 and 0.66 cubic meters per minute), depending on the size of the shop. Include these exhaust hoods in design calculations. Figure 57 shows a basic floor sweep design.

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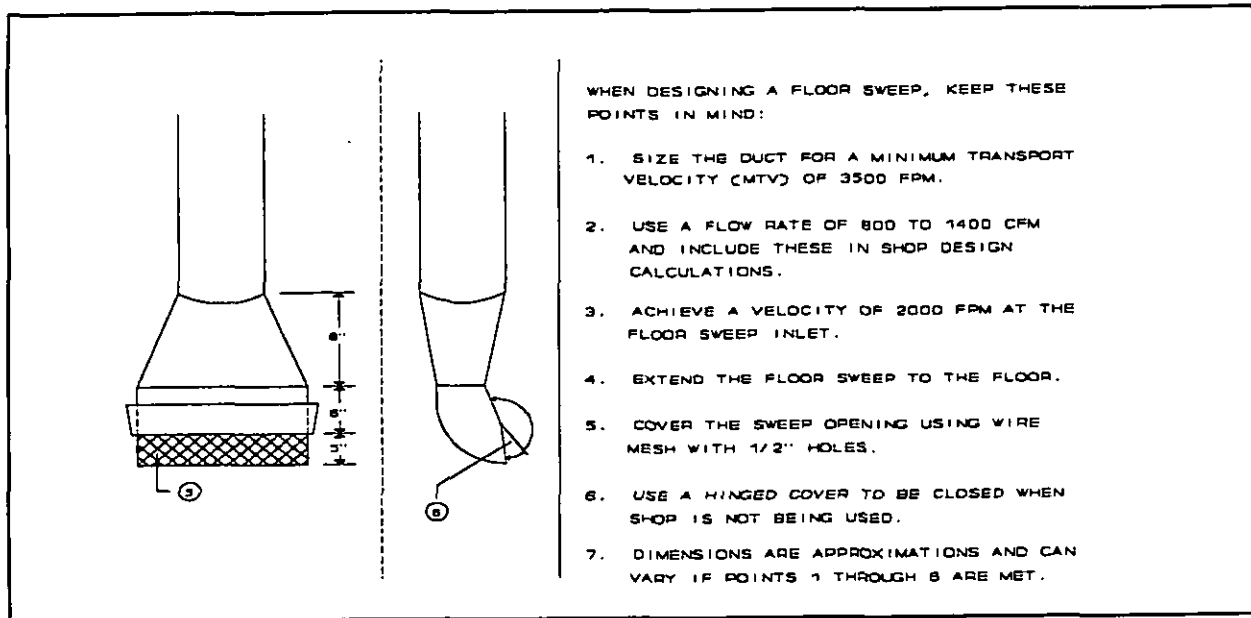


Figure 57  
Floor Sweep

Collect and dispose separately of any metal scrap, such as nails, band iron, or any wood containing metal, so that metal scrap will not enter the wood handling or dust collecting system.

10.5 Replacement Air. Design replacement air systems to maintain a pressure (relative to the atmosphere) ranging from -0.02 to -0.06 inches wg (-4.97 Pa to -14.9 Pa) in the shop space. Refer to par. 2.1.3.5 for replacement air system criteria.

10.5.1 Quantity and Distribution. Distribute replacement air to produce a laminar flow of air from supply to exhaust in the work space. Use the vertical supply method (downdraft).

10.5.2 Heating and Air Conditioning. Provide each ventilated space with a dedicated replacement air system. Provide heating and cooling according to NAVFAC MIL-HDBK-1003/3. Do not recirculate exhaust air.

10.6 System Controls. Design system controls according to par. 2.1.3.6 and the following criteria.

a) Position the annunciator panel at the entrance to the dirty space so operators can monitor operating gauges.

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b) Install differential pressure sensors at locations that are representatives of the average static pressure in each controlled space. This will ensure that desired differential pressures are maintained.

10.7 Safety and Health Items. Design the facility according to NFPA 664, Standard for the Prevention of Fires and Explosions in Wood Processing and Woodworking Facilities, since wood dust is an explosion hazard. Provide explosion venting when a dust explosion hazard exists in equipment, rooms, buildings, or other enclosures. An acceptable alternative to explosion venting is an approved explosion suppression system installed according to NFPA 69.

Restrict woodworking exhaust systems to handling wood residues. Do not connect another operation generating sparks, such as metal or plastic grinding wheels to a woodworking exhaust system.

Make provisions for systematic, thorough cleaning of the entire plant at sufficient intervals to prevent the accumulation of finely divided wood dust that might be dislodged and lead to an explosion.

Refer to Section 7.2.2 of ANSI O1.1 for personal protective equipment. Refer to ANSI Z88.2 for practices for respiratory protection.

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APPENDIX A  
DESIGN CALCULATION EXAMPLES FOR REPRESENTATIVE METAL CLEANING  
AND ELECTROPLATING HOODS

- A1 - Design Calculation Example I: Lateral Exhaust Hood With Baffles
- A2 - Design Calculation Example II: Pull-Pull Exhaust Hood Without Baffles
- A3 - Design Calculation Example III: Pull-Pull Exhaust Hood With Baffles
- A4 - Design Calculation Example IV: Enclosing-Type Exhaust Hood

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## A1 - Design Calculation Example I: Lateral Exhaust Hood With Baffles

Given: Freestanding chrome plating tank with baffled sides, see Figure 38.  
 Tank dimensions are 6 feet long and 2.5 feet wide.  
 No crossdrafts, replacement air is adequate and well distributed.

Total Volumetric Flow Rate Calculation

1. Determine the minimum capture velocity, using Table 2. The hazard classification for chromic acid is A-1, according to the ACGIH Manual. Therefore, the minimum capture velocity is 150 fpm.

2. Determine the minimum exhaust rate, using Table 4 for baffled tanks. The tank width-to-length (W/L) ratio is:

$$\begin{aligned} W/L &= (2.5 \text{ feet}) / (6.0 \text{ feet}) \\ &= 0.42 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the minimum exhaust rate, in cfm per square foot of tank surface area, equals 225.

3. Calculate the minimum required exhaust volume using the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minimum exhaust volume} &= \text{Minimum exhaust rate} \times \text{Tank surface area} \\ &= 225 \text{ cfm/ft}^2 \times [(6 \text{ feet}) \times (2.5 \text{ feet})] \\ &= 3375 \text{ cfm} \end{aligned}$$

Slot Size and Plenum Depth Calculation

Given: The preliminary design slot velocity is 2000 fpm.  
 The slot length ( $L_s$ ) is 6 inches less than tank length.

1. Determine the slot area. The slot area is the total area of slots on the hood face.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Slot area} &= Q/V \\ &= 3375 \text{ cfm} / 2000 \text{ fpm} \\ &= 1.69 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ (estimate)} \end{aligned}$$

From the slot area we can calculate the total width of the slots.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Slot width} &= A/L_s \\ &= 1.69 \text{ ft}^2 / 5.5 \text{ feet} \\ &= 0.31 \text{ feet or } 3.7 \text{ inch (estimate)} \end{aligned}$$

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2. Divide the total width into two slots 1.75 inches wide. This value is chosen to give reasonable dimensions for construction. The slot velocity will also remain above 2000 fpm. The design width is the total width of the two slots or  $(2)(1.75)$

3. Using the design width determine the design slot velocity and the plenum depth.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Design slot area} &= (\text{slot width})(\text{slot length}) \\ &= [(2)(1.75 \text{ inch})](5.5 \text{ feet})(1 \text{ ft}/12 \text{ inch}) \\ &= 1.6 \text{ ft}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Design slot velocity} &= Q/A \\ &= 3375 \text{ cfm}/(1.6 \text{ ft}^2) \\ &= 2104 \text{ fpm}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Plenum depth} &= (2)(\text{slot width}) \\ &= (2)[(2)(1.75 \text{ inch})] \\ &= 7.0 \text{ inches}\end{aligned}$$

Duct Size and Design Velocity Calculation

1. Determine the duct size. Estimate the duct area using minimum exhaust volume and transport velocity.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Duct area} &= Q/V \\ &= 3375 \text{ cfm}/2500 \text{ fpm} \\ &= 1.35 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ (estimate)}\end{aligned}$$

2. Choose a 15 inch diameter duct. The duct area is  $1.227 \text{ ft}^2$ . This will give a higher duct velocity than the minimum transport velocity required.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Design duct velocity} &= Q/A \\ &= 3375 \text{ cfm}/1.227 \text{ ft}^2 \\ &= 2751 \text{ fpm}\end{aligned}$$

Hood Static Pressure Calculation. (Refer to Sections 3 and 5, ACGIH Manual)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Hood SP} &= \text{entry loss} + \text{acceleration} \\ &= h_e + VP_d\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Where: } h_e &= \text{entry loss slot and entry loss of duct} \\ &= h_{es} + h_{ed} \\ &= 1.78 VP_{\text{slot}} + 0.25 VP_{\text{duct}}\end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} VP_d &= (V/4005)^2 \text{ at standard temperature and pressure} \\ &= (2751/4005)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hood SP} &= 1.78 VP_{\text{slot}} + 0.25 VP_{\text{duct}} + VP_{\text{duct}} \\ &= (1.78)(0.28 \text{ inch}) + (0.25)(0.47 \text{ inch}) + (0.47 \text{ inch}) \\ &= 0.50 + 0.12 + 0.47 \\ &= 1.09 \text{ in. wg at (STP)} \end{aligned}$$

## A2 - Design Calculation Example II: Pull-Pull Exhaust Hood Without Baffles

Given: Chrome plating tank (8 feet x 3 feet).  
 Freestanding in center of room, no baffles.  
 No crossdrafts, adequate and well distributed replacement air.

Total Volumetric Flow Rate Calculation

1. Determine the minimum capture velocity, using Table 2. The hazard classification for chromic acid is A-1, according to the ACGIH Manual. Therefore, the minimum capture velocity is 150 fpm.

2. Determine the minimum exhaust rate, using Table 3 for tanks without baffles. Since it is a pull-pull hood, the effective area for each hood is half the tank width. The tank W/L ratio becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} (W/2)/L &= (3/2)/8 \\ &= 0.1875 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the minimum volume rate, in cfm per square foot of tank surface area, equals 250.

3. Calculate the minimum required exhaust volume using the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minimum exhaust volume} &= \text{Minimum exhaust rate} \times \text{Tank surface area} \\ &= 250 \text{ cfm/ft}^2 \times [(8 \text{ feet}) \times (3 \text{ feet})] \\ &= 6000 \text{ cfm} \end{aligned}$$

Slot Size Calculation

1. Size slots for a slot velocity of 2000 fpm. Determine the slot area. The slot area is the total area of slots on the hood face.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Slot area} &= Q/V \\ &= 6000 \text{ cfm}/2000 \text{ fpm} \\ &= 3 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ (estimate)} \end{aligned}$$

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From the slot area we can calculate the total width of the slots. The slot length should cover the entire length of the tank.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Slot width} &= A/L_s \\ &= 3 \text{ ft}^2/8 \text{ feet} \\ &= 0.375 \text{ feet or } 4.5 \text{ inch (estimate)}\end{aligned}$$

2. Divide the total width into two slots 2.25 inches wide. Ensure that the value chosen gives a reasonable dimensions for construction and the slot velocity remains above 2000 fpm.

Duct Size and Design Velocity Calculation

1. Determine the duct size. Estimate the duct area using minimum exhaust volume and transport velocity.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Duct area} &= Q/V \\ &= 6000 \text{ cfm}/2500 \text{ fpm} \\ &= 2.4 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ (estimate)}\end{aligned}$$

2. Choose a 20 inch diameter duct. The duct area is 2.182 ft<sup>2</sup>. This will give a higher duct velocity than the minimum transport velocity required.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Design duct velocity} &= Q/A \\ &= 6000 \text{ cfm}/2.182 \text{ ft}^2 \\ &= 2750 \text{ fpm}\end{aligned}$$

## A3 - Design Calculation Example III: Pull-Pull Exhaust Hood With Baffles

Given: Chrome plating tank (8 feet x 3 feet).  
Freestanding in center of room, with baffles.  
No crossdrafts, adequate and well distributed replacement air.

Total Volumetric Flow Rate Calculation

1. Determine the minimum capture velocity, using Table 2. The hazard classification for chromic acid is A-1, according to the ACGIH Manual. Therefore, the minimum capture velocity is 150 fpm.

2. Determine the minimum exhaust rate, using Table 4 for tanks with baffles. Baffles on a pull-pull tank are a minimum of 12 inches high, with the rear baffle as tall as half the tank width.

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Since it is a pull-pull hood, the effective area for each hood is half the tank width. The tank W/L ratio becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}(W/2)/L &= (3/2)/8 \\ &= 0.1875\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the minimum volume rate, in cfm per square foot of tank surface area, equals 190.

3. Calculate the minimum required exhaust volume using the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Minimum exhaust volume} &= \text{Minimum exhaust rate} \times \text{Tank surface area} \\ &= 190 \text{ cfm/ft}^2 \times [(8 \text{ feet}) \times (3 \text{ feet})] \\ &= 4560 \text{ cfm}\end{aligned}$$

Slot Size Calculation

1. Size slots for a slot velocity of 2000 fpm. Determine the slot area. The slot area is the total area of slots on the hood face.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Slot area} &= Q/V \\ &= 4560 \text{ cfm}/2000 \text{ fpm} \\ &= 2.28 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ (estimate)}\end{aligned}$$

From the slot area we can calculate the total width of the slots. The slot length should cover the entire length of the tank.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Slot width} &= A/L_s \\ &= 2.28 \text{ ft}^2/8 \text{ feet} \\ &= 0.285 \text{ feet or } 3.42 \text{ inch (estimate)}\end{aligned}$$

2. Divide the total width into two slots 1.5 inches wide. Ensure that the value chosen gives a reasonable dimensions for construction and the slot velocity remains above 2000 fpm.

Duct Size and Design Velocity Calculation

1. Determine the duct size. Estimate the duct area using minimum exhaust volume and transport velocity.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Duct area} &= Q/V \\ &= 4560 \text{ cfm}/2500 \text{ fpm} \\ &= 1.824 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ (estimate)}\end{aligned}$$

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2. Choose a 18 inch diameter duct. The duct area is  $1.7671 \text{ ft}^2$ . This will give a higher duct velocity than the minimum transport velocity required.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Design duct velocity} &= Q/A \\ &= 4560 \text{ cfm} / 1.7671 \text{ ft}^2 \\ &= 2580 \text{ fpm}\end{aligned}$$

## A4 - Design Calculation Example IV: Enclosing-Type Exhaust Hood

Given: Chrome plating tank (8 feet x 3-1/2 feet).  
Freestanding in center of room, two opened sides.  
No crossdrafts.  
Adequate and well distributed replacement air.  
Figure 43 - outside monorails are more adaptable.

Exhaust Volume Calculation

1. The hazard classification for chromic acid is A-1. Using Table 5, the minimum capture velocity equals 150 fpm since two sides are open.

2. Determine open area of enclosure.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area} &= \text{area of opening} + \text{area of monorail slot} \\ &= 2 \text{ HW} + \text{CL}\end{aligned}$$

Where: H = Height of rectangular opening = 4 feet  
L = Length of monorail slot opening = 8 feet  
W = Width of side opening = 3.5 feet  
C = Width of monorail slot opening = 1 foot

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area} &= (2)(4)(3.5) + (1)(8) \\ &= 36 \text{ ft}^2\end{aligned}$$

3. Determine exhaust volume.

$$\begin{aligned}Q &= VA \\ &= (150 \text{ fpm})(36 \text{ ft}^2) \\ &= 5400 \text{ cfm}\end{aligned}$$

Hood Design Calculation

1. Slot design criteria not applicable for enclosing hoods.
2. Plenum design criteria not applicable for enclosing hoods.

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Duct Design Calculation

1. Duct design is based on the following criteria and calculations:

Duct velocity = 2500 fpm

Duct area =  $Q/V$   
 $= 5400 \text{ cfm}/2500 \text{ fpm}$   
 $= 2.16 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ (estimate)}$

The duct diameter is determined as follows:

$$A = \pi(d)^2/4$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} d &= (4A/\pi)^{.5} \\ &= [4(2.16)/\pi]^{.5} \\ &= 19.9 \text{ inch (estimate)} \end{aligned}$$

Use a 20 inch duct, whose area equals  $A = 2.182 \text{ ft}^2$

Design duct velocity =  $Q/A$   
 $= 5400 \text{ cfm}/2.182 \text{ ft}^2$   
 $= 2475 \text{ fpm}$

Hood Static Pressure Calculations

Using Sections 3 and 5 of the ACGIH Manual, hood static pressure calculations are based on the following equations:

1.  $V = 4005 \times \sqrt{VP}$  at standard temperature and pressure (STP).

Where:  $V$  = highest velocity in the balanced system  
 $VP$  = velocity pressure in inches wg

$$\begin{aligned} VP &= (V/4005)^2 \\ &= (2475/4005)^2 \\ &= 0.38 \text{ inch wg @ STP} \end{aligned}$$

2. Hood Static Pressure = entry loss + acceleration

Assuming hood has a 90 degree included angle, and the hood take-off is square or rectangular. Use entry loss factor of 0.25 in the hood entry loss factors drawing in ACGIH Manual.

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Acceleration factor = 1

$$\begin{aligned}\text{SP hood} &= (.25)(VP_0) + (1.0)(VP_0) \\ &= (0.25)(0.38 \text{ inch}) + (1)(0.38 \text{ inch}) \\ &= 0.48 \text{ inches wg @ STP}\end{aligned}$$

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# APPENDIX B CALCULATION FOR DILUTION VENTILATION FOR XYLENE

Given: Xylene at 14.7 psi (1 Atmosphere) and 70 degrees F  
Specific Gravity (SG): 0.86  
Lower Explosive Limit (LEL): 1.10 percent  
Molecular Weight (MW): 106.2 lb/lb-mol  
Threshold Limit Value (TLV): 100 ppm (Note: ACGIH does not recommend dilution ventilation for substances with a TLV greater than 100 ppm, e.g., 50 ppm or 25 ppm)

Assumptions: Room Operating Temperature: 85 degrees F  
Evaporation Rate (ER): 2 pints/60 minutes (based on empirical and historical data or research). ER depends on factors such as surface area, solvent volatility, etc.  
Safety Factor (SF): 4 (based on 25 percent of the LEL requirement)  
B = 0.7 for temperatures below 250 degrees F,  
B = 1 for temperatures above 250 degrees F  
Room Dimensions: 20 feet (long), 10 feet (high), 15 feet (wide)

## Calculations

### Minimum Dilution Rate (Steady State) for Health

$$Q = \frac{(403 \times 10^6) (SG) (ER)}{(MW) (TLV)} = \frac{(403 \times 10^6) (0.86) (2/60)}{(106.2) (100)} = 1088 \text{ cfm}$$

### Minimum Dilution Rate (Steady State) for Fire and Explosion Protection

$$Q = \frac{(403) (SG) (100) (ER) (SF)}{(MW) (LEL) (B)} = \frac{(403) (0.86) (100) (2/60) (4)}{(106.2) (1.1) (1)} = 40 \text{ cfm}$$

Refer to ACGIH Manual, Sections 2.3 to 2.6, for further discussion on dilution ventilation.

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# APPENDIX C UNIT CONVERSION AND MEC FOR TYPICAL ORGANIC MEDIA

Industrial hygienists test for dust by taking readings at various places in the room. The result is in units of milligrams per cubic meter ( $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ ). In most cases, the regulations require the ventilation system to control the airborne concentration of -200 mesh combustible dust particles below 25 percent of the MEC.

To compare the result to a published MEC for the specific dust, convert the unit using the following formula:

$$\frac{\# \text{ milligrams}}{\text{cubic meter}} \times \frac{1 \text{ gram}}{1000 \text{ mg}} \times \frac{1 \text{ cubic meter}}{35.314 \text{ cubic foot}} \times \frac{1 \text{ ounce}}{28.35 \text{ grams}} = \frac{\# \text{ oz}}{\text{cubic foot}}$$

Refer to 29 CFR 1910.94 (c)(6)(ii) to calculate the LEL for flammable liquids. The flammable liquid standard also gives more stringent percentages for some flammable liquids. The conversion above is for dust only.

In addition, there are some situations in the construction and maritime industry that require atmospheres to have lower percentages than 25 percent of the LEL. Refer to the Industrial Hygiene Field Operations Manual, NEHC-TM91-2, for exceptions.

Contact the manufacturer or vendor to determine the LEL for the specific material used in the booth. Table 10 gives values for generic materials.

Table 10  
Minimum Explosion Concentrations for Typical Organic Media

Material	MEC (ounce/cubic foot)
Rice hull	0.055
Black Walnut Shells	0.03
Corncob Grit	0.045
Urea Formaldehyde (Type II)	0.085
Acrylic, Thermoplastic (Type V)	0.079



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APPENDIX D  
NON-STANDARD AIR CALCULATIONS

- Given:
1. Furnace hood face area equals 1 ft<sup>2</sup>. Required capture velocity is 200 fpm. Air passing over the room furnace is heated to 250 degrees F.
  2. At standard conditions (70 degrees F, 1 atm), the fan static pressure (FSP) is 3.0 inch wg for an identical system exhausting the same volume of air.
- Find:
1. The flow rate of standard, room temperature air into the hood.
  2. The flow rate, in actual cubic feet per minute (ACFM) of the heated air flowing in the exhaust duct downstream of the hood.
  3. The FSP for the hot air system.

Total Volumetric Flow Rate Calculation

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= V \times A \\
 &= 200 \text{ fpm} \times 1 \text{ ft}^2 \\
 &= 200 \text{ cfm}
 \end{aligned}$$

Total Volumetric Flow Rate Calculation for Heated Air

1. Find the absolute temperatures.

$$T_1 = 70 \text{ degrees F} = (70 + 460) \text{ degrees R} = 530 \text{ degrees R}$$

$$T_2 = 250 \text{ degrees F} = (250 + 460) \text{ degrees R} = 710 \text{ degrees R}$$

2. Convert the flow rate of room air into the flow rate of heated air.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_2 &= Q_1(T_2/T_1) \\
 &= 200 \text{ cfm} (710 \text{ degrees R}/530 \text{ degrees R}) \\
 &= 268 \text{ acfm}
 \end{aligned}$$

Fan Static Pressure Calculation for Heated Air

1. Find the density factor of the heated air.

$$\begin{aligned}
 DF &= T_2/T_1 \\
 &= 710 \text{ degrees R}/530 \text{ degrees R} \\
 &= 1.34
 \end{aligned}$$

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2. Multiply the FSP at standard conditions by the density factor.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FSP}_2 &= \text{FSP}_1(\text{DF}) \\ &= 3.0 \text{ inch wg (1.34)} \\ &= 4.02 \text{ inch wg} \end{aligned}$$

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## STANDARDS

MIL-STD-282	Filter Units, Protective Clothing, Gas-Mask Components, and Related Products: Performance-Test Methods.
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MIL-HDBK-1003/3	Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, and Dehumidifying Systems.
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Design of Industrial Vacuum Cleaning Systems and High Velocity, Low Volume Dust Control, Revis L. Stephenson and Harold E. Nixon, 1987.

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ACGIH Industrial Ventilation, a Manual of Recommended Practice.

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## GLOSSARY

ACFM. Actual feet per minute.

AICUZ. Air Installation Compatible Use Zone.

ER. Evaporation rate.

FRP. Fiberglass reinforced plastic.

FSP. Fan static pressure.

HCl. Hydrochloric acid.

HVLP. High volume/low pressure.

LEL. Lower explosive limit.

LVHV. Low Volume, high velocity.

MEC. Minimum explosion concentration.

MSDS. Material Safety Data Sheet.

MW. Molecular weight.

OSHA. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

PEL. Permissible exposure limit.

PPE. Personal protective equipment.

PVC. Polyvinyl chloride.

SG. Specific gravity.

STEL. Short term exposure limit.

STP. Standard temperature and pressure.

TLV. Threshold limit value.

TWA. Time weighted average.

VOC. Volatile organic compound.



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WG. Water gauge.

W/L. Width-to-length.

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