

SECTION 26 2416
PANELBOARDS AND SIGNAL TERMINAL CABINETS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.01 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes: Lighting and power distribution facilities, including panelboards.
- B. Related Requirements:
 - 1. Division 01 - General Requirements.
 - 2. Section 26 0500: Common Work Results for Electrical.
 - 3. Section 26 0513: Basic Electrical Materials and Methods.
 - 4. Section 26 5000: Lighting.
 - 6. Division 28: Electronic Safety and Security.

1.02 SUBMITTALS

- A. Provide in accordance with Division 01.
- B. Shop Drawings: Include a front elevation indicating cabinet dimensions, make, location and capacity of equipment, size of gutters, type of mounting, finish, and catalog number of locks. General layout of internal devices, wiring drawings with wire numbers and device connections, vendor cut sheets of devices in enclosure and bill of materials listing description, manufacturer, part number, and quantity of items shall be included.
- C. Installation Instructions: Submit manufacturer's written installation instructions.

1.03 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

- A. Panelboards:
 - 1. Panelboards shall be wall-mounted, enclosed safety type with 120/240 volt, three-wire solid neutral 277/480 volt, four-wire or 120/208 volt, four-wire solid neutral mains as indicated on Drawings or specified. First panelboard of each building shall be provided with main or sub-feeder circuit breakers where so indicated.

2. Single pole branches shall be molded case, thermal magnetic circuit breakers with inverse time delay, trip free, quick-make, quick-break mechanism and silver alloy contacts. Circuit breakers shall be fully rated, with ampere rating marked on handle and shall indicate on/off and tripped positions. Ground fault interrupters shall be incorporated into circuit breakers where indicated. They shall be listed by UL, or other NRTL as ground fault devices. Provide appropriate lug kit of sufficient size to accommodate the feeders.
3. Two- and three-pole branches shall be enclosed, and shall be thermal magnetic circuit breakers with inverse time delay, tamper-proof, ambient compensated, single handle, internal common trip, and quick-make, quick-break mechanism with silver alloy contacts. Circuit breakers shall be fully rated or as otherwise indicated on the Drawings.
4. Main and subfeeder circuit breakers shall be enclosed, thermal magnetic type with inverse time delay, single handle common trip, quick-make, quick-break mechanism, corrosion-resistant bearings and silver alloy contacts. Ampere frame size and trip rating shall be as indicated on Drawings. Breakers over 225 amperes shall be furnished with interchangeable trip units. Handles of main and subfeeder circuit breakers shall be provided cabinet door. Voltage rating shall be as indicated on Drawings.
5. Circuit breakers shall be fully rated and of one-piece, bolt-on type and shall meet short-circuit interrupting capacity requirements indicated on Drawings. Series rated circuit breaker combinations are not acceptable.
6. Internal connections shall be fabricated with plated copper bus bars and the busses shall extend for full length of space available for branch circuit breakers. Feeder cable connectors shall be installed at point of feeder entrance. Terminals shall be furnished with copper conductors. Panelboards fed by conductors having over-current protection greater than 200 amperes shall be protected on supply side by over-current devices having a rating not greater than that of panelboards. Copper bussing shall be fully rated. Heat rated bussing is not acceptable.
7. Except where otherwise indicated, circuit breakers shall be in two vertical rows connected to bus bars in a distributed phase arrangement. Two-pole branches shall be balanced on busses. Single pole branches shall be numbered adjacent to its circuit breaker, with odd numbers on left and even numbers on right.
8. Specified circuit breaker spaces shall be furnished with hardware required for future installation of circuit breakers.

9. Provide locking devices for individual circuit breakers. Padlocking devices shall be secured to circuit breakers and by panel dead front plates.
 - e. IEEE C 62.41.
 - f. Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) or equal.

C. Panelboard Cabinets:

1. Panelboard cabinets shall be code gage galvanized steel or blue steel; fronts, doors, and trims shall be code gage furniture steel. Cabinets shall be furnished with at least six-inch high gutters at top and bottom where feeder cable size exceeds four gage or where feeder cable passes through cabinet vertically. Cabinets shall be furnished with top and bottom gutters sized as required by inspection department having jurisdiction, but never less than six inches where more than one feeder enters top or bottom of cabinets. Side gutters shall not be less than four inches wide. Width of cabinets shall be 20 inches, unless otherwise indicated on Drawings.
2. Doors shall be cut true, shall accurately fit opening and finish smooth across joints. Rabbets shall be inside. Hinges shall be entirely concealed except for barrels and pins. Hinge flanges shall be welded to door and trim. Doors shall be equipped with flush type, spring-latching, Corbin locks for metal doors, keyed to Corbin No. 60 keys.
3. Where contactors, time switches, and control devices are specified or indicated to be installed within panelboard cabinets, a separate compartment and door shall be provided at top of cabinet for such devices. Door shall be sized as required to permit removal of contactor and other devices intact. Gutters shall be provided at sides and top of compartment. Doors shall be equipped with flush type, spring-latching, Corbin locks for metal doors keyed to Corbin No. 60 keys.
4. Provide and install panelboard manufacturer's permanent circuit number kit option.
5. Panelboards with control devices in compartment shall arrive at the Project site completely assembled with control devices installed and wired.
6. Outdoor cabinets shall be NEMA Type 3R. Construction shall be formed from code gage galvanized steel with ANSI No. 61 gray enamel finish. Provide heavy-duty, three point latching, vault type door handles with padlocking provisions. Provide stainless steel or galvanized butt hinges on doors. Padlocks shall be furnished, keyed to Corbin No. 60 keys.
7. Self-tapping screws and bolts not permitted.

- D. Panelboard Schedule: Provide a neatly typewritten schedule with number or name of room or area, or load served by each panelboard circuit. Room numbers or names shall be determined at the Project site and shall not necessarily be those indicated on the Drawings. Schedule shall also indicate panel designation, voltage and phase, building and distribution panel or switchboard from which it is fed. Schedule shall be installed in a frame under transparent plastic 1/32 inch thick on inside of each panelboard cabinet door.
- E. Panelboard nameplate: Provide a nameplate identifying panelboard. Plates shall be black and white plastic nameplate stock, with character cut through black exposing white and shall bare designation of service. Name plate shall be mechanically fastened to switchboard.
- F. Provide additional labeling on dead-front of panelboard. Label shall be a P-Touch or equal with a minimum width of 3/8 inch with black letters on white background. Label shall re-identify panelboard and also identify name and location of power source feeding this panel. Location information shall include building name if located in different building and name or room location. If power source is installed in same room, label should indicate source name and "In this Room"
- G. Panelboard Standards: Panelboards shall be UL, or other NRTL listed and labeled. Panelboards shall meet latest revisions of following standards:
 - 1. California Electric Code, Article 384.
 - 2. UL 67, Panelboards.
 - 3. UL 50, Cabinets and Boxes.
 - 4. UL 943, GFCI.
 - 5. UL 489, Molded Case Circuit Breakers.
 - 6. NEMA PB1.
 - 7. Federal Specifications W-P- 115C and WC-375B.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.01 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Panelboards shall be manufactured by Siemens, W.A. Benjamin, General Electric, Cutler Hammer, Square D or equal.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 INSTALLATION

- A. Panelboards shall be located so they are readily accessible and not exposed to physical damage.
- B. Panelboards installed outdoors shall be specifically listed for wet locations and shall be weatherproof in NEMA Type 3R cabinets.
- C. Panelboard locations shall provide sufficient working space around panels to comply with the California Electrical Code.
- D. Panelboards shall be securely fastened to structure and mounted on surface by at least four points.
- E. Unused openings in cabinets shall be effectively closed as required by the manufacturer.
- F. Cabinets shall be grounded as specified in Article 250 of the California Electrical Code.
- G. Conduits shall be installed so as to prevent moisture or water from entering and accumulating within the enclosure.
- H. Lugs shall be suitable and listed for installation with the conductor being connected.
- I. Conductor lengths shall be maintained to a minimum within the wiring gutter space. Conductors shall be long enough to reach the terminal location in a manner that avoids strain on the connecting lugs.
- J. Maintain the required bending radius of conductors inside the cabinet.
- K. Clean the cabinet of foreign material such as cement, plaster, and paint.
- L. Distribute and arrange conductors neatly in the wiring gutters.
- M. Use the manufacturer's torque values to tighten lugs.
- N. Before energizing panelboards, the following steps shall be taken:
 - 1. Retighten connections to the manufacturer's torque specifications. Verify that required connections have been provided.
 - 2. Remove shipping blocks from component devices and panelboard interiors.
 - 3. Manually exercise circuit breakers to verify they operate freely.

- 4. Remove debris from panelboard interior.
- O. Follow manufacturer's instructions for installation.
- P. Do not install in highly corrosive environments, unless rated for the application.

3.02 PROTECTION

- A. Protect the Work of this section until Substantial Completion.

3.03 CLEANUP

- A. Remove rubbish, debris, and waste materials and legally dispose of off the Project site.

END OF SECTION