**SECTION 13 1713**

**SPAS**

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The following should be noted in using this specification:

Hypertext links to specific websites are included after manufacturer names and names of organizations whose standards are referenced within the text, to assist in product selection and further research. Hypertext links are contained in parenthesis and shown in blue, e.g.:

[(www.astm.org](http://(www.astm.org) )

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1. **GENERAL**
   1. SUMMARY

Edit the following paragraphs to include only those items specified in this section.

* + 1. Section Includes:
       1. Spa shell.
       2. Spa mechanical system.
       3. Spa heating system.
       4. Interior spa finish.
       5. Final testing and demonstration to Owner.

Coordinate the following paragraphs with other sections in the Project Manual.

* + 1. Related Sections:
       1. Division 01: Administrative, procedural, and temporary work requirements.
       2. Section [03 3000 - Cast-in-Place Concrete:] [\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_]: Concrete deck.
       3. Section [22 1100 - Facility Water Distribution:] [\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_]: Water supply.
       4. Section [22 1300 - Facility Sanitary Sewerage:] [\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_]: Drainage system.
       5. Section [26 1000 - Medium Voltage Electrical Distribution:] [\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_]: Power supply.
  1. REFERENCES

In the following paragraphs, retain only those reference standards that are used elsewhere in this section.

* + 1. American National Standards Institute (ANSI) ([www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org)) A108/A118/A136.1 - American National Standard for Installation of Ceramic Tile.
    2. American National Standards Institute / Association of Pool and Spa Professionals / International Code Council (ANSI/APSP/ICC) [(www.apsp.org](http://www.apsp.org)) 2 - Standard for Public Spas.
    3. American National Standards Institute/American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ANSI/ASME) ([www.asme.org](http://www.asme.org)) A112.19.8 - Suction Fittings for Use in Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs, Includes Addenda A.
    4. American Welding Society (AWS) [(www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org)):
       1. D1.1/D1.1M - Structural Welding Code - Steel.
       2. D1.6/D1.6M - Structural Welding Code - Stainless Steel.
    5. Association of Electrical Equipment and Medical Imaging Manufacturers (NEMA) ([www.nema.org](http://www.nema.org))) 250 - Enclosures for Electrical Equipment (1000 Volts Maximum).
    6. ASTM International (ASTM) ([www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org)):
       1. A36/A36M - Standard Specification for Carbon Structural Steel.
       2. A240/A240M - Standard Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications.
       3. D1784 - Standard Specification for Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Compounds and Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Compounds.
       4. D1785 - Standard Specification for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Pipe, Schedules 40, 80, and 120.
       5. D2564 - Standard Specification for Solvent Cements for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Piping Systems.
       6. D2855 - Standard Practice for Two-Step (Primer and Solvent Cement) Method of Joining Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) or Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Pipe and Piping Components with Tapered Sockets.
    7. International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) ([www.iapmo.org](http://www.iapmo.org)).
    8. International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [(www.iso.org)](http://www.iso.org) 9001 - Quality Management Systems - Requirements.
    9. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) ([www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)) 70 - National Electrical Code.
    10. National Sanitary Foundation/American National Standards Institute (NSF/ANSI) ([www.nsf.org](http://www.nsf.org)) Standard 50 - Equipment for Swimming Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs and Other Water Facilities.
    11. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) [(www.ul.com)](http://www.ul.com) - Product Directories.
  1. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION
     1. Spa Walls and Floors: [Stainless steel.] [Stainless steel with tile trim finish.] [Fully tiled finish.]
  2. SUBMITTALS

Limiting submittals to only those actually required helps to minimize liability arising from the review of submittals. Minimize submittals on smaller, less complex projects.

Include the following for submission of shop drawings, product data, and samples for the Architect's review.

* + 1. Submittals for Review:
       1. Shop Drawings:
          1. Show spa layout, dimensions, wall and floor panel layout, and stiffeners.
          2. Include diagrammatic layout for equipment and piping.
          3. Show termination and finish details for interface with adjacent construction.
       2. Product Data: Manufacturer’s descriptive data for:
          1. Piping.
          2. Filters.
          3. Pumps and strainers.
          4. Heaters.
          5. Chemical controller, feeder, and storage tank.
          6. Valves.
          7. Gauges, thermometers, and flow meters.
          8. Inlets and gratings.
       3. Performance Criteria: For products specified by performance criteria only, document conformance with design calculations or past performance records with list of previous installations and contact information.

Include the following for submission of quality control submittals. These submittals are intended for the Owner's record purposes and are not intended to be reviewed by the Architect.

* + 1. Quality Control Submittals:
       1. Certificates of Compliance: Submit certification that spa system complies with requirements of ISO 9001, applicable codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, ANSI/APSP/ICC 2, and ANSI/ASME A112.19.8.

Include the following for submission of closeout submittals for the Owner's record purposes.

* + 1. Closeout Submittals:
       1. Operation and Maintenance Data: Include data for spa and spa equipment, and warranty information.
       2. Project Record Documents.
       3. Owner’s Certificate of Instruction.
  1. QUALITY ASSURANCE

The following paragraphs specifies a minimum level of experience required of the parties performing the work of this section. Retain if required, and edit to suit project requirements.

* + 1. Manufacturer and Equipment Supplier Qualifications:
       1. Minimum 5 years experience in work of this Section, or successful completion of minimum 5 projects of similar scope and complexity within past 5 years.
       2. Manufacture all stainless steel components in-house.
       3. ISO 9001:2015 certified.

Include the following for larger, more complex projects where factory observation of spa installation is necessary. Delete for smaller, less complex projects.

* + 1. Spa Shell and Equipment Installer Qualifications:
       1. Minimum 5 years experience in work of this Section, or successful completion of minimum 5 projects of similar scope and complexity within past 5 years.
       2. Trained by manufacturer of spa system.
    2. Regulatory Requirements: Perform work in accordance with applicable codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations.
    3. Spa Equipment System:
       1. Tested to NSF/ANSI 50.

Include the following paragraph when an NSF approval is required.

* + - 1. Bear NSF Approval Rating.
      2. Tested to ANSI/NSPI 2; certified by IAPMO.

Include the following for a pre-installation conference attended by the parties performing the work of this section.

* + 1. Pre-Installation Conference:
       1. Convene at site [2] [\_\_] weeks prior to beginning work of this Section.
       2. Attendance: Architect, Contractor, spa installer, [spa manufacturer’s representative,] and related trades who’s work affects spa installation.
       3. Review and discuss: Scheduling, delivery, installation, protection, and related work.
  1. DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING
     1. Store spa system components off ground and protect with waterproof covering.
     2. Protect piping and accessories from exposure to ultraviolet and from contact with chemicals that could cause damage or deterioration.
  2. WARRANTIES
     1. Furnish spa system manufacturer’s 25 year warranty providing coverage for:
        1. Workmanship, materials, and performance of spa wall and floor system.
        2. Structural stainless steel bracing system, stainless steel gutter, stainless steel skimmer, and stainless-steel wall panel systems against structural failure

Include the following paragraph for tile spa finishes.

* + 1. Furnish tile setting material manufacturer’s [one] [ ] year warranty against loss of tile adhesion.

1. **PRODUCTS**
   1. MANUFACTURERS
      1. Contract Documents are based on products by Bradford Products LLC. [(www.bradfordproducts.com](http://www.bradfordproducts.com))

Edit the following to indicate whether or not substitutions will be permitted for the products in this section.

* + 1. Substitutions: [Under provisions of Division 01.] [Not permitted.]
  1. MATERIALS

In the following paragraph, select 304L for fully-tiled and PVC-lined spas and 316L for partially-tiled and all stainless steel spas.

* + 1. Stainless Steel: ASTM A240/A240M, Type [304L,] [316L,] buffed non-directional finish where exposed.
    2. Steel: ASTM A36/A36M, hot-rolled.
  1. EQUIPMENT
     1. Equipment Skid:
        1. Equipment [, excluding gas heaters,] organized, mounted, wired, and plumbed to stub-outs on stainless steel skid.
        2. Finished skid assembly approved by UL.
     2. Filtration and Sanitation System:
        1. Provide complete filtration system with all components.
        2. Include pumps, filters, flow meters, gages, valves, and controls as required.
     3. Pumps and Motors:
        1. Type and capacity as dictated by spa design to meet required flow rate.
        2. Filtration pumps: Sized to spa capacity.
        3. Motors:
           1. Totally enclosed, fan-cooled (TEFC) or open drip-proof (ODP), with hygroscopic insulation, service factor 1.15, insulation Class F, sized to operate at full load and speed, designed for continuous operation.
           2. Motor starter with current interrupter overload.
           3. Combination motor starters: Hand-off auto switch and positive overload heater coil; as specified by aquatic designer.
           4. Electrical enclosures: NEMA 250, Type 12, suitable for surface mounting.
     4. Heater: [Electric] [Gas] [Heat exchanger] type, sized to suit spa capacity.
     5. Valves and Piping:
        1. Piping: Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) composition; ASTM D1784 or ASTM D1785, Schedule 40 or 80.
        2. Cement: ASTM D2564.
        3. Provide check and ball valves as required; by same manufacturer when practical.
        4. Valve connections: Suitable for connection of adjoining pipe; of pipe size values. Provide lever or ball valves up to 4 inch diameter.
        5. Hangers and supports: Sized to project conditions.
     6. Spa Fittings:
        1. Compatible with spa system components.
        2. Sized to code requirements; ensure proper hydraulic balance.

Include the following if applicable.

* + - 1. Stainless steel skimmer: NSF approved.
  1. ACCESSORIES
     1. Fasteners: Stainless steel.

Include the following two paragraphs for tile spa finishes. Insert desired tile type, size, and color.

* + 1. Tile:
       1. Type: [Frostproof ceramic.] [Frostproof porcelain.] [Glass.] [\_\_\_\_.]
       2. Source: [\_\_\_\_] by [\_\_\_\_].
       3. Size: [\_\_ x \_\_] inches by [\_\_] inch thick.
       4. Color: [\_\_\_\_].
    2. Tile Setting Materials: ANSI A118.3, epoxy type, as manufactured by Laticrete International, Inc.
  1. FABRICATION
     1. Fabricate interior of spa using manufacturer’s standard processes and ISO 9001:2015 quality control.
     2. Perform welding using AWS certified welders in accordance with AWS D1.1/D1.1M and D1.6/D1.6M.
     3. Utilize Type 316L stainless steel filler metal at welded joints to produce uniform raised weld. Do not grind raised welds.
     4. Wall Panels:
        1. Precision fabricated for welded installation.
        2. Cut perforations for skimmers, lights, and fittings using CNC laser technology.
        3. Support panel-to-panel joints using prefabricated support brace manufactured from 12 gage stainless steel.
        4. UL approved stainless steel light niche.
        5. Prevent dissimilar metals from direct contact with stainless steel.
        6. Support panels on stainless steel base support.

Edit the following paragraph to suit project requirements.

* + 1. Floor Panels: [12 gauge] [3/16 inch stainless steel plate] [7 gauge].
    2. Tie stainless steel wall stiffeners every 16” OC to floor structure for maximum structural rigidity.
    3. Fabricate structural pool frame every 16” OC to accommodate spa floor.

1. **EXECUTION**
   1. EXAMINATION
      1. Prior to beginning installation verify that spa slab:
         1. Has minimum 3-1/2 inches of leveled concrete over waterproofing layer.
         2. Is level within 1/8 inch from high to low point across entire floor.
   2. INSTALLATION

Spa system must be installed on a sound, engineered concrete footer, slab, pillar system, or structural I-beams as recommended by spa manufacturer and required by applicable codes.

* + 1. Install equipment and system in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions and approved Shop Drawings.
    2. Perform welding using AWS certified welders in accordance with AWS D1.1/D1.1M and D1.6/D1.6M.
    3. Set equipment on secure foundations.
    4. Make piping joints in accordance with ASTM D2855.
    5. Support overhead piping and at connections to valves, pumps, and equipment.
    6. Install electrical components in accordance with NFPA 70.
    7. Install tile in accordance with ANSI A108.6, thin set with epoxy adhesive.
  1. FIELD QUALITY CONTROL
     1. Piping Testing:
        1. After installation and before covering piping, test to minimum 20 PSI pressure for 12 hours.
        2. If necessary, repair leaks and retest. Do not cover piping until proven watertight.
        3. Furnish test results prior to covering piping.
     2. Flushing: Flush completed piping with clean water prior to making final connections.
     3. Water Treatment:
        1. Submit chemical analysis of source water supply showing:
           1. Total alkalinity in PPM.
           2. Calcium hardness in PPM.
           3. Chlorine in PPM.
           4. pH.
        2. Treat and balance spa water just prior to Substantial Completion.
           1. Establish total alkalinity of 80 to 150 PPM and calcium hardness of 175 to 250 PPM.
           2. Balance spa water to local health code requirements.
  2. ADJUSTING
     1. Adjust spa system for proper operation through all cycles.
  3. CLEANING
     1. Clean spa, equipment, and related surfaces.
  4. DEMONSTRATION
     1. Demonstrate proper operation and maintenance of spa system to Owner.

END OF SECTION