



SECTION 06600

FIBERGLASS REINFORCED PLASTIC (FRP)

Balusters Systems

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- .1 Provide special fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) shapes in accordance with the requirements of the contract documents.
- .2 The installing contractor shall be responsible for verifying that all required blocking is provided and installed in the correct locations for FRP component s proper installation.

1.2 WORK INCLUDED

- .1 Supply of FRP units.
- .2 Erections / installation.
- .3 Joint treatments.
- .4 Supply and installation of backup supports, shimming, labor and materials.

1.3 RELATED SECTIONS

- .1 Masonry work.
- .2 Structural steel: Support framing for fiberglass components.
- .3 Rough carpentry.
- .4 Joint sealants.
- .5 Finishing: Paint manufacturer shall recommend paint suitable for FRP surfaces.

1.4 INSPECTION

- .1 The Architect or his representative shall have access to the manufacturing facilities, prior to contact awarded.

1.5 SUBMITTALS - Balusters and Top Rail

- .1 A mock – up of no less than one section of the required materials is required for on – site evaluation of the manufactured quality, appearance and colour. An on – site evaluation of the solution to anchoring the balusters to the existing cement base is to be completed as part of the mock – up.
- .2 Should the mock – up pieces be used in the actual final construction the mock – up cost will be incorporated into the overall cost of the project.

1.6 SUBSTITUTIONS

- .1 Manufacturers desiring to submit proposals other than National Form shall, at least 10 days prior to the bid date, submit to the architect all descriptive information of the system. These manufacturers must have a minimum of five years experience with the system and provide photographs and shop drawings of at least three projects similar in detail and scope with names, addresses and phone contacts of the respective architects and installation contractors. Independent test data showing compliance with the specified system and three samples of similar details must also be submitted.

1.7 TOLERANCES - ERECTED UNITS

- .1 Face width of joint (3.2 mm.) (1/8")
- .2 Variations from plumb (in any dist. of 20' max.) (3.2 mm.) (1/8")
- .3 Variations from level (in any dist. of 20' max.) (3.2 mm.) (1/8")
- .4 Max. Differential between adjacent units in erected position (non-cumulative) (3.2 mm) (1/8")

1.8 PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Flexural Strength	ASTM C – 947	(1.68 Mpa)(244x10 ³ p.s.i.)
Ultimate Tensile Strength	ASTM D – 638	(73 Mpa) (10,600 p.s.i.)
Flexural Modulus	ASTM D – 790	(7.10 Mpa) (1,030x10 ³ p.s.i.)
Flame Spread Index	ASTM E – 84	Class 1 (<25 FSR)
Smoke Developed Index	ASTM E _ 84	Class 1 (<375 FSR)
Shell Thickness		(3.2mm) (1/8") min.
Glass Content		25% by weight
Specific Gravity		1.7
Barcol Hardness		35-60
Impact Strength		(854 J/m) (16 ft. lb./sq. in.)

1.9 DESCRIPTION OF WORK

- .1 This specification is intended to outline the general requirements of the National Form Inc. (FRP) units as they pertain to the overall design of the project. The manufacturers Recommendations shall not govern the work in this section.
- .2 The installing contractor shall perform all work in this section, including installation, caulking (filling) and patching and will assume responsibility for coordinating installation with the work and associated trades.

1.10 DESIGN CRITERIA

- .1 Unless otherwise stated on National Form's drawings, fabrication tolerances are as follow:
 - .1 Dimensional - all directions (0-3m) (0-10') (3.2mm) (1/8")
 - .2 Dimensional - all directions (3m-6m) (10' - 20') (4.8mm) (3/16")
 - .3 Straightness along an edge or surface (5.28mm/m) (1/16"/linear ft.)
 - .4 All reveals, grooves, setbacks or returns 3° (draft (min.)
 - .5 All outside corners (1.6mm-3.2mm) (1/16" - 1/8") radius

1.11 SAMPLES

- .1 Submit duplicate min. (7.6mmx7.6mm) (3" x 3") National Form FRP flat samples to finishing contractor for paint selection. Use only high – grade breathable exterior primer and paint
- .2 Submit shop drawings for approval showing plans, sections, details, joint treatment, reinforcing, fastening devices and the relation to the National Form FRP components to surrounding construction.

1.12 SHOP DRAWINGS

- .1 Submit for approval, shop drawings of units which show sections, details, joint treatment and the relation of the FRP units to adjoining components.

1.13 SCHEDULING

- .1 Special scheduling for site coordination must be specified at time of bidding.

1.14 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- .1 Units shall be handled and transported per manufacturer s recommendation, in a manner so as not to create damage or excessive stresses.
- .2 FRP units shall be stored level on a clean dry surface in an area protected from weather, moisture and damage. The units shall not be stacked or leaned unless instructed otherwise by the manufacturer.
- .3 The installer is responsible for chipping, cracking, or other damage to fiberglass components, after delivery to the job-site and until installation is completed and inspected approved by the Owner s representative.

1.15 WARRANTY

- .1 The manufacturer warrants that the delivered material supplied will conform to sample and to specifications and will be free from defects in workmanship or material under normal use and conditions for a period of one year from date of shipment. Should defects, attributable to the manufacturer, appear within one year of the date of shipment, the manufacturer has the option of replacing or repairing the defective material.
- .2 Limitations: The aforementioned general warranty is exclusive. All other warranties whether expressed or implied or arising by operation of law, usage of trade, course of dealings or otherwise, are excluded. The only warranties are those expressed above. The manufacturer shall not be liable for any penalty or for any loss or damages associated with the removal or installation of its product or claims of third parties against the Purchaser.

2.0 PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURER

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2.2 MATERIALS

- .1 Show face shall be colored, ISO/NPG, ultra violet stabilized polyester gel coat with a minimum thickness 15-20 mil. Color shall be matt white, ready for field painting.
- .2 Balusters and Top units shall replicate existing wood units to provide the appearance of authentic antique wood to the finished pieces.
- .3 Balusters shall be manufactured as one price FRP units to ensure rigidity and strength and be supplied complete with non corrosive Fiberglass Center posts for anchoring to the existing cement structure.
- .4 Anchors and fasteners: Type 304 stainless steel screws to be used to anchor the top rail to the lower structural base.
- .5 Caulk joints where required with one-compound elastomeric sealant (i.e. Sonolastic Ultra) or equivalent low modulus urethane product. **DO NOT USE ACRYLIC BASED PRODUCTS.**

3.0 EXECUTION

3.1 PRE-INSTALLATION RESPONSIBILITY

- .1 Field Measurements: Prior to manufacturing, the installer will be responsible for obtaining all field dimensions for inclusion on the manufacturers shop drawings.
- .2 Co-ordinations: The installer will be responsible for the co-ordination of the installation with related sections, within the tolerances specified in the respective articles.
- .3 Discrepancies: Prior to installation, the installer shall check job site dimensions and conditions. Any discrepancies between design and field dimensions shall be brought to the attention of the General Contractor and the Architect.

3.2 DELIVERY, STORAGE, HANDLING AND PROTECTION

- .1 Transports and handle units in a manner that avoids excessive stresses or damage.
- .2 Components displaying obvious damage must be rejected at site at time of delivery.
- .3 Stores the components in a controlled environment, weather protected, on level surfaces, with temporary supports as required. Do not stack or lean.

3.3 PREPARATION

- .1 Examine the contract drawings and specifications in order to ensure the Completeness of the work required under this section.
- .2 Verify measurements and dimensions at the job-site and cooperate in the Coordination and scheduling of the work of this section with the work of related Trades, so as not to delay job progress.

3.4 INSTALLATION

- .1 Install work as indicated on drawings, as specified herein and in accordance with Approved shop drawings and manufacturer s recommendations.
- .2 Provide all support framing/reinforcing/support brackets required for work of this Section and to ensure solid and secure installation.
- .3 Provide temporary supports to maintain position as units are being installed.
- .4 FRP units shall be handled with care and lifted with appropriate equipment.
- .5 Caulk or fill and sand joints as required. Control joints shall be provided where required as specified by Architect.
- .6 Expansion joints shall be installed as per Architect s recommendation.
- .7 FRP components shall be lifted / handled with suitable devices.
- .8 Handle units with clean gloves.
- .9 FRP components shall be installed plum and true. Shim where necessary.

3.5 PATCHING AND CLEANING

- .1 Repair any defects found after the work of all trades has been completed, Regardless of how, or by whom, the damage was caused. Patching shall match the Original work.
- .2 Patch all countersunk fasteners and damages to match unit s texture, finished flush with face of unit.

3.6 FINISHING

- 3.7 .1 References shall be made to the painting/texturing section of the specifications.

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