



PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Interior Window Coverings:
 - 1. Fauxwood blinds. (A Better Blind 2" Horizontal Fauxwood Blinds)

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 06 10 00 - Rough Carpentry.
- B. Section 09 21 16.23 - Gypsum Board Shaft Wall Assemblies.
- C. Section 09 51 23 - Acoustical Tile Ceilings.
- D. Section 09 90 00 - Painting and Coating.
- E. Division 16 - Electrical.

1.3 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM International (ASTM):
 - 1. ASTM E 21 - Standard Test Method for Elevated Temperature Tension Tests of Metallic Materials.
 - 2. ASTM E 22 - Recommended Practice for Conducting Long Time High Temperature Tension Test of Metallic Materials.
 - 3. ASTM G 21 - Standard Practice for Determining Resistance of Synthetic Polymeric Materials to Fungi.
 - 4. ASTM G 22 - Standard Practice for Determining Resistance of Plastics to Bacteria.
- B. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
 - 1. NFPA 70 - National Electrical Code.
 - 2. NFPA 701 - Fire Tests for Flame-Resistant Textiles and Films.
- C. Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL).

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit under provisions of Section 01 30 00 - Administrative Requirements.
- B. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's product data sheets, including installation details, styles, material descriptions, profiles, features, finishes and operating instructions.
 - 1. Preparation instructions and recommendations.
 - 2. Storage and handling requirements and recommendations.
 - 3. Mounting details and Installation methods.
 - 4. Typical wiring diagrams if applicable.
- C. Shop Drawings: Submit manufacturer's shop drawings, including plans, elevations, sections, product details and finishes, installation details, operational clearances, wiring diagrams if applicable, and relationship to adjacent work.

- D. Window Treatment Schedule: Submit a schedule with same room designations indicated on the Drawings; including but not limited to opening sizes and key to typical mounting details.
- E. Maintenance Data: Submit instructions and precautions for cleaning and maintenance, operating hardware and controls as applicable.
- F. Selection Samples:
 - 1. Frame and Component Finishes: Submit 2 sample blinds.
 - 2. Slats: Submit 2 sets of color samples, representing manufacturer's standard range of finishes for the slats, unless a specific color was specified (See G.2. for requirements)
- G. Verification Samples:
 - 1. Frame and Component Finishes: Submit 2 sample blinds.
 - 2. Slats: Submit 2 sets of samples, representing actual finishes specified for slats.

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer's Qualifications: Engaged in manufacturing of products of similar type to that specified, with a minimum of 10 years successful experience.
- B. Installer Qualifications: Minimum 2 years successful experience installing similar products.
- C. Single Source Requirements: To the greatest extent possible, provide products specified in this section from a single manufacturer.

1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Delivery: Deliver materials to site protected from damage.
- B. Storage: Store materials in clean, dry area indoors in manufacturer's unopened packaging until ready for installation and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Store in a clean, dry area, laid flat to prevent sagging and twisting of packaging.
- C. Handling: Protect materials and finish from damage during handling and installation.

1.7 PROJECT CONDITIONS, COORDINATION AND SEQUENCING

- A. Maintain environmental conditions (temperature, humidity, and ventilation) within limits recommended by manufacturer for optimum results. Do not install products under environmental conditions outside manufacturer's recommended limits.
 - 1. Building shall be enclosed; windows, frames and sills shall be installed and glazed.
 - 2. Wet work shall be complete and dry.
 - 3. Ceilings, window pockets, electrical and mechanical work above window covering shall be complete.
- B. Conference: Convene a pre-installation conference to establish procedures to maintain optimum working conditions and to coordinate this work with related and adjacent work.

1.8 TYPE OF WARRANTY

- A. Manufacturer's Warranty:
 - 1. Provide 1 year warranty on all A Better Blind products sold by A Better Blind or by an authorized dealer.

1.9 EXTRA MATERIALS

- A. Attic Stock: Provide two extra blinds of primary size used for Owner's replacement stock.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Acceptable Manufacturer: A Better Blind, which is located at: 5350 NW 165th St, Hialeah, FL 33014; Tel: [\(305\) 623-4855](tel:3056234855); Email: info@abetterblind.com Web: www.abetterblind.com

2.2 FAUXWOOD BLINDS

- A. Window Coverings:
1. Blinds: A Better Blind 2" Horizontal Fauxwood Blinds
 - a. Surface Appearance:
 1. Provide embossed slats that mimic the look of real wood or
 2. Provide smooth slats that are a solid color or
 3. Provide embossed slats mimicking the look of real wood or smooth slats of a solid color until final specification is made.
 2. Slats: Straight cut edges.
 - a. Slat Width: 2 inches (50+/-0.3 mm)
 - b. Materials: Fauxwood PVC
 - c. Thickness: 2.8+/-0.2mm
 - d. Available Slat Color Name:
 1. Birch Embossed
 2. Cedar Embossed
 3. Cherry Embossed
 4. Mahogany Embossed
 5. Maple Embossed
 6. Natural Embossed
 7. Oyster White Embossed
 8. Oyster White Smooth
 9. Pearl White Embossed
 10. Pearl White Smooth
 11. Redwood Embossed
 12. Rosewood Embossed
 13. Snow White Embossed
 14. Walnut Embossed
 15. Submit manufacturer's standard range of colors for specified product
 3. Components:
 - a. Headrail:
 - 1) Size: 2 inch high (51.8mm) x 2-1/4 inch (57 mm) wide x .0187 inch (0.476 mm) thick.
 - 2) Description: U-shaped steel with rolled edges at top.
 - 3) Finishing: Steel sheet with baked coating.
 - b. Cord Locks: Metal, snap-in design incorporating a floating, shaft-type locking pin. Cord lock shall incorporate a crash proof safety feature that will lock blind automatically upon release of cord. End of lift cords will be treated with tassels.
 - c. Ladders: Vertical component shall be not less than 0.045 inch diameter nor greater than 0.066 inch diameter, and shall provide maximum strength and flexibility with minimum stretch. Horizontal component, or rungs, shall be not

less than four threads and shall be approximately 31.0mm long.

- d. Ladder Spacing: 44mm/~1.73in.
- e. Bottomrails: Trapezoidal shaped, Fauxwood PVC material attached to the end of the cord ladders. All bottomrail colors compliment A Better Blind 2" slats.
- f. Cord Lock and Tilter Operation Locations: Provide the following cord lock and tilter location options when viewed from within the room. On blinds less than 18 inches wide, only the first two options apply. Blinds less than 12 inches in width, but more than 7 inches in width shall have a tilter only, which will be centered.
 - 1. Tilt mechanism on left, lift/cord lock on right (standard)
 - 2. Lift/cord lock on left, Tilt mechanism on right (reverse)
 - 3. Tilt mechanism and lift/cord lock on left (both left)
 - 4. Tilt mechanism and lift/cord lock on right (both right)
- g. Cord Tilter: The cord tilter shall be a wheel made of acetal thermoplastic. Pulling the cord will tilt the blind in a smooth, low friction operation. The gear and housing shall be made of steel.
- h. Shaft Type Wand Tilter: The tilter shall be of a worm and gear arrangement in a totally enclosed gear case (housing). The worm (tilter shaft) shall be heavy-duty clear polycarbonate for increased strength eliminating breakage; the gear of nylon and the gear housing of acetal thermoplastic. The tilter shall be designed for smooth, low friction operation and shall have a safety clutch feature that prevents over-rotation. The tilt wand shall be a color matched polycarbonate rod measuring approximately 0.394 inch in diameter. The wand shall hang vertically by its own weight and shall be of sufficient length for easy access and operation. Wand shall be attached to the tilter shaft by means of a spring clip and shall be easily detached and reattached in the field
- i. Valance: 3 inch tall Fauxwood valance in a crown profile matching the A Better Blind 2" slat color included. Clear valance clips slide into the back of the valance and are hidden from view.

Project Returns Policy:

- Returns in all rooms
- Returns in rooms specified below:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- No returns

- j. Cloth Tapes: Supply cloth tapes in 2" width.
 - 1. White
 - 2. Duck Spun
 - 3. Beige
 - 4. Black
 - 5. Baltic
 - 6. Cocoa
 - 7. Mulberry
 - 8. Wine
 - 9. Chocolate
 - 10. Fawn

- k. Installation Brackets: Brackets shall be of adequate size to facilitate installation. The brackets shall facilitate easy installation and removal of headrail channel. End support box brackets shall be made of steel and will match color of headrail. Face of bracket shall be hinged to lock headrail in place or allow installation and removal.

- l. Center Support Brackets shall be furnished for blinds over 52 inches wide. Maximum spacing for center support brackets shall be 48 inches.

- m. Extension Brackets required to support Fauxwood blinds away from the window frame (if required):
Provide Extension brackets (quantity of brackets): _____

- n. Hold Down Brackets required to lock Fauxwood blinds in place (if required):
Provide hold down brackets (quantity of brackets): _____

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Inspect mounting surfaces, blocking for shade brackets or pocket assemblies, suspended acoustical or gypsum ceiling for recessed shades and verify field measurements. Prepare substrates using the methods recommended by the manufacturer for achieving the best result for the substrate under the project conditions.

- B. Do not proceed with installation until substrates have been prepared using the methods recommended by the manufacturer and deviations from manufacturer's recommended tolerances are corrected. Commencement of installation constitutes acceptance of conditions.

- C. If preparation is the responsibility of another installer, notify Architect in writing of deviations from manufacturer's recommended installation tolerances and conditions.

3.2 MEASURE AND INSTALLATION

- A. Prior to fabrication, verify actual opening dimensions by on site measurement. Calculate blind dimensions to fit within specified tolerances.

- B. Fabricate blinds to fill openings from head to sill and jamb-to-jamb. The minimum clearance blind to blind shall be 1/4 inch. Locate blind divisions at mullions.

- C. Install window treatments in accordance with manufacturer's instructions including the following.
 - 1. Install with adequate clearance to permit smooth operation of the shades throughout entire operational range.
 - 2. Adjust and balance window coverings to operate smoothly, easily, safely, and free from binding or malfunction throughout entire operational range.

3.3 CLEANING AND PROTECTION

- A. Clean soiled Fauxwood blind surfaces with a mild soap solution. Do not use cleaning methods involving steam, hot water, heat, bleach, abrasives, or solvents.
- B. To ensure proper drying, provide adequate ventilation for blinds.
- C. Protect installed products until completion of project. Repair damaged or improperly installed before Substantial Completion.

END OF SECTION