





# SHADE STRUCTURE MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

# **1.01 FABRIC SPECIFICATIONS**

- A. UV shade fabric is made of UV stabilized cloth manufactured by ALNET, or approved equal.
- B. The high density polyethylene material shall be manufactured with tensioned fabric structures in mind.
- C. The fabric knit is to be made using monofilament and tape filler which has a weight of 9.38 to 10.32 oz. sq. yd. Material to be Rachel-knitted to ensure material will not unravel if cut.
- D. Burst strength of 828 lbf (ASTM 3786).
- E. Cloth meets fire resistance tests as follows: Alnet Extra Block: Others:
  California State Fire Marshall Reg. #F-93501 NFPA 701-99 (Test Method 2) ASTM E-84

STRETCH	STENTORED
Tear Tests (lbs/ft)	WARP 44.8
	WEFT 44
Burst Tests (lbs ft)	828
Fabric Weight (oz/sqFT) avg	1.02 to 1.07
Fabric Width	9'-10"
Roll Length	150'
Roll Size	63" x 16.5"
Weight	120 lbs.
Life Expectancy	10 years
Fading	Minimum fading after 6 years.
Note	3 years for Red and Yellow.
Temperature	- 77 degrees
Maximum Temperature	+167 degrees

F. Fabric Properties:

#### 1.02 THREAD

- A. Shall be 100% expanded PTFE fiber which carries a 10 year warranty that is high strength and low shrinkage.
- B. Shall have a wide temperature and humidity range.
- C. Abrasion resistant and UV radiation immunity.
- D. Shall be unaffected by non-hydrocarbon based cleaning agents, acid rain, mildew, rot, chlorine, saltwater, and pollution.
- E. Lockstitch thread 1200 Denier or equal.
- F. Chain stitch thread 2400 Denier or equal.

# 1.03 STEEL TUBING

- A. All fabricated steel must be in accordance with approved shop drawings and calculations.
- B. All steel is cleaned, degreased or etched to ensure proper adhesion of powder-coat in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.
- C. All Steel used on this project needs to be new and accompanied by the mill certificates if requested. Structural steel tubing up to 5"-7 Gage shall be galvanized per Allied Steel FLO-COAT specifications. Schedule 40 black pipe fabrications shall be sandblasted and primed as described below.
- D. All non-hollow structural shapes comply with ASTM A-36, unless otherwise noted.
- E. All hollow structural steel shapes shall be cold formed HSS ASTM A-53 grade C, unless otherwise noted.
- F. Plate products shall comply with ASTM A-36.

### 1.04 POWDER COATING & PRIMING

- A. All non-galvanized steel shall be sandblasted and primed prior to powder coating using brown fused aluminum oxide grit and the following primer.
- B. All non-galvanized steel must be coated with rust inhibiting primer prior to applying the powder coat. Primer shall be Marine Grade Cardinal Industrial Finishes Corp. E396 – GR1372 epoxy powder coating semi-gloss smooth <u>zinc rich</u> <u>primer.</u>

- C. Welds shall be primed with rust inhibiting primer prior to applying the powder coat. Primer shall be Marine Grade Cardinal Industrial Finishes Corp E396-GR1372 epoxy powder coating semi-gloss smooth <u>zinc rich primer</u>.
- D. All steel parts shall be coated for rust protection and finished with a minimum 3.5 mil thick UV-inhibited weather resistant powder coating.
- E. Characteristics: Powder used in the powder-coat process shall have the following characteristics:

N.3.1	Specific gravity	1.68+/-0.05
N.3.2	Theoretical coverage	114+/- 4 ft 2/lb/mil
N.3.3	Mass loss during cure	< 1%
N.3.4	Maximum storage temperature	75 degrees F

F. Powder-coating shall meet the following tests:

ASTM	Gloss at 60 degree	85-95
HOI TM 10.219	PCI Powder smoothness	7
ASTM D2454-91	Over-bake resistance time	200%
ASTM D3363-92A	Pencil hardness	H-2H
ASTM D2794-93	Dir/Rev Impact, Gardner	140/140 in/lbs
ASTM D3359-95B	Adhesion, cross hatch	5B Pass
ASTM D522-93A	Flexibility Mandrel	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " dia. No fracture
ASTM B117-95	Salt Spray	1,000 hours
UL DtOV2	Organic coating steel enclosures, elect eq.	Recognized

G. Application Criteria:

N.5.1	Electrostatic spray cold	Substrate:0.032 in. CRS
N.5.2	Cure Schedule	10 minutes at 400 degrees F
N.5.3	Pretreatment	Bonderite 1000
N.5.4	Film Thickness	3.5 Mils

### 1.05 WELDING

- A. All shop welds shall be executed in accordance with the latest edition of the American Welding Society Specifications.
- B. Welding procedures shall comply in accordance with the AWS D1.1-AWS Structural Welding Code-Steel.

- C. All welds to be performed by a certified welder. All welds shall be continuous where length is not given, unless otherwise shown or noted on drawings.
- D. All welds shall develop the full strength of the weaker member. All welds shall be made using E70xx.035 wire.
- E. Shop connections shall be welded unless noted otherwise. Field connections shall be indicated on the drawings. Field –welded connections are not acceptable.
- F. All fillet welds shall be a minimum of <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" unless otherwise noted.
- G. All steel shall be welded shut at terminations to prevent internal leakage.
- H. Internal weld sleeving is not acceptable.
- I. On-site welding of any component is not acceptable.

#### 1.06 SEWING

- A. On-site sewing of a fabric will not be accepted.
- B. All corners shall be reinforced with extra non-tear cloth and strap to distribute the load.
- C. The perimeters that contain the cables shall be double lock stitched.

### 1.07 INSTALLATION HARDWARE

- A. Bolt and fastening hardware shall be determined based on calculated engineering loads.
- B. All bolts shall comply with SAE-J429 (Grade 8) or ASTM A325 (Grade BD). All nuts shall comply with ASTM F-594, alloy Group 1 or 2.
- C. Upon request, Stainless Steel hardware shall comply with ASTM A-304.
- D. 1/4" galvanized wire rope shall be 7x19 strand with a breaking strength of 7,000 lbs. for shades generally under 575 sq. ft. unless requested larger by the customer. For shades over 575 sq. ft., cable shall be 5/16" with a breaking strength of 9,800 lbs. Upon request, 1/4" Stainless Steel wire rope shall be 7x19 strand with a breaking strength of 6,400 lbs. 5/16" Stainless Steel wire rope shall be 7/19 strand with a breaking strength of 9,000 lbs.
- E. All fittings required for proper securing of the cable are hot dipped galvanized.

### **1.08 CONCRETE**

- A. Concrete work shall be executed in accordance with the latest edition of American Concrete Building Code ACI 318 unless specified by the governing municipality.
- B. Concrete specifications shall comply in accordance with, and detailed as per plans as follows:
  - 1. 28 Days Strength F'c = 2500 psi
  - 2. Aggregate: HR
  - 3. Slump: 3-5
  - 4. Portland Cement shall conform to C-150
  - 5. Aggregate shall conform to ASTM C-33
- C. All reinforcement shall conform to ASTM A-615 grade 60.
- D. Reinforcing steel shall be detailed, fabricated and placed in accordance with the latest ACI Detailing Manual and manual of Standard Practice
- E. Whenever daily ambient temperatures are below 80 degrees Fahrenheit, the contractor may have mix accelerators and hot water added at the batch plant (See Table 1).
- F. The contractor shall not pour any concrete when daily ambient temperature is below 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

Temperature Range	% Accelerator	Type Accelerator
75-80 degrees	1%	High Early (non calcium)
70-75 degrees	2%	High Early (non calcium)
Below 70 degrees	3%	High Early (non calcium)

# 1.09 FOOTINGS

- A. All anchor bolts set in new concrete shall be ASTM A-307, or ASTM F-1554 if specified by engineer.
- B. All anchor bolts shall be zinc plated unless specified otherwise.
- C. Footing shall be placed in accordance with and conform to engineered specifications and drawings.

# PROPER CARE, MAINTENANCE AND SAFE REMOVAL OF THE SHADE CANOPY

# THINGS TO AVOID

**SNOW, ICE and HIGH WINDS:** Remove the canopy in winter conditions, <u>ice and snow load</u> are not covered by the warranty. The same goes for winds in excess of hurricane force 1. **SHARP OBJECTS:** Always avoid dragging the fabric across surfaces, etc. Roll or fold the fabric and carry it. Avoid sharp objects, bolts, snags, and other protrusions including mounting hardware.

**OBSTRUCTIONS:** Keep foliage, such as tree limbs, shrubbery, bushes, etc. trimmed back and away from fabric at least three to four feet.

**SOURCES OF HEAT:** Also avoid contact with heat sources such as hot lights, torches, and avoid using grilles, etc. under the fabric.

### **CLEANING THE FABRIC**

The fabric itself is generally maintenance free with the exception of necessary removal due to weather or seasonal requirements. The fabric does not harbor mildew or mold, but residues may. Residues such as tree sap, leaves, bird droppings, dust & dirt, etc. may need to be removed. To clean the fabric, use water and mild soap. A soft mop or soft broom may also be used. Cleaners that do not contain hydrocarbons, solvents, bleach or ammonia may be used. Use of solvents, hydrocarbons, bleach, and ammonia type cleaners will void the fabric warranty. A pressure washer may be used if necessary using a <u>wide-spray nozzle</u>.

# CABLES AND HARDWARE

It is recommended that the cables be replaced if corrosion is visible, or every 3 to 4 years whichever comes first. The cable ends must be wrapped with tape to secure any wires thus preventing the wires from tearing the fabric. Taping must be done when removing old cable as well as when installing new cable. Clamps should be replaced when the cable is replaced.

If the cable appears slack on a still day (no wind), immediately have the cable and clamps retightened by a qualified person. The cable should not be slack.

### **GLIDE ELBOWS**

Lubricate glide elbows annually, and before operating. A waterproof grease is recommended such as a lithium based grease or anti-seize thread lubricant.

### STORAGE

Fabric must be stored in clean dry place free from snags, sharp edges, etc. The storage area must be rodent-free. Wrap all hardware fittings with rags, etc. as they can damage the fabric.

# UNINSTALLING THE SHADE CANOPY

### NECESSARY CARE

It is important to take **necessary care** when handling the fabric during removal and installation to <u>prevent damage to the fabric</u> as well as **SAFE** <u>control of the fabric in a breeze or wind</u>. The fabric is tough and engineered for use as a shade, but it can tear or cut when or if pulled over a snag or sharp item; it can puncture from bolts or other protruding objects; and it can melt from things like cigarettes, matches, hot torch tips, sparks and the like. In addition, care must be exercised to avoid the fabric hooks after the fabric is unhooked from the elbow corners and sides of the structure where there are intermediate supports. It is best to wrap any connected mounting hardware to prevent it from harming the fabric.

# **PROPER AND SAFE**

Based on the size of the canopy, several persons may be needed to **properly and safely handle** the fabric during the uninstalling process. You will need several commercial ladders or other means to work safely at heights such as scissor lifts, etc. It is advised that you pad the post side of the ladder and tie the ladder to the post. The pad is to protect the post finish. Also keep in mind that every 100 square feet of fabric (10' X 10') weighs approximately five pounds; a large canopy can get heavy fast. For proper control of the fabric, read below. It is best to remove the fabric on a still day. **Do not attempt to remove the canopy in strong or gusty winds.** 

# **INSTALLATION IN REVERSE**

Refer to the **Installation Instructions**. In general, <u>uninstalling</u> the canopy means <u>following these</u> <u>steps in reverse</u>. **Do not attempt to remove the canopy in strong or gusty winds**.

**1. For shade structures with** <u>Standard Elbows</u>, loosen the turnbuckle several turns in order to put enough slack in the cable to allow the fabric and cables to unhook from all the elbow hooks. Attach 3/8" or larger ropes to <u>each corner</u> of the fabric <u>and</u> cable <u>before unhooking</u> to secure and properly control the fabric from ground level. If uninstalling in breezy conditions, choose the <u>windy side</u> of the fabric and tie these corners to the posts with the ropes with enough slack to allow for unhooking the fabric from the structure. These ropes are to prevent the shade from flying away in the breeze and to help prevent injury to ground personnel. Once the corners have been secured to the posts, unhook the fabric and cables from each corner.

On the side <u>away from the wind</u>, release the corners of the fabric and cable and have a person hold on to each rope. It may help to wrap the rope around a column to help hold it from getting caught in the wind. Fold the fabric back away from the hooks.

Now it will be necessary to <u>remove the cable clamps</u> to allow the cable to be free from the structure and the turnbuckle. If the cable ends are frayed, wrap them with tape. <u>NOTE: It is</u> <u>usually not necessary nor is it recommended that the cable be removed from the canopy.</u>

With a person on each rope, starting at the <u>windy side</u>, gently pull the canopy down in between the framework of the structure. The side away from the wind can be guided with the ropes toward the persons pulling the canopy down.

IMPORTANT HINT: It is important when reinstalling the canopy, that it is put back in its original orientation to the structure. Starting at the turnbuckle corner, the fabric and cable corners should be returned to their original positions.

**2. For shade structures with** <u>Glide Elbows</u>, remove the protective covers from the ends of the glide elbows. Then, using the proper wrench, turn the hex nuts on the end of the Glide Elbow to run the glide hooks to their top most position. <u>Do not loosen the cable clamps</u>, leave the cable intact. **Attach 3/8" ropes** to <u>each corner</u> of the fabric <u>and</u> cable <u>before unhooking</u> to secure and properly control the fabric from ground level. If uninstalling in breezy conditions, choose the <u>windy side</u> of the fabric and tie these corners to the posts with the ropes with enough slack to allow for unhooking the fabric from the structure. These ropes are to prevent the shade from flying away in the wind and to help prevent injury to ground personnel. Once the corners have been secured to the posts, unhook the fabric and cables.

On the side <u>away from the wind</u>, release the corners of the fabric and cable and have a person hold on to each rope. Fold the fabric back away from the hooks.

It is a good idea to put the Glide Elbow protective covers back in place. <u>NOTE: With Glide</u> <u>Elbow installations it is not necessary to loosen or remove the cable clamps nor to remove the</u> <u>cable from the canopy</u>. If the cable ends are frayed, wrap them with tape.

IMPORTANT HINT: When uninstalling the canopy, <u>mark or identify the corner of origin</u> in such a way that when reinstalling the canopy, it is put back in its original orientation to the structure. The fabric and cable corners should be returned to their original positions when reinstalling the canopy. The cable and fabric should tighten properly when the glide elbows are adjusted down into their tension positions.

**3.** For shade sails equipped with <u>fans</u>, loosen the adjustable threaded rod several turns in order to put enough slack in the cable to allow the shackle pin to be removed (do not remove the pins until the fabric corners have been secured with ropes). Attach 3/8" or larger ropes to <u>each corner</u> of the fabric <u>and</u> fan <u>before unhooking</u> to secure and properly control the fabric from ground level. If uninstalling in breezy conditions, choose the <u>windy side</u> of the fabric and tie these corners to the posts with the ropes with enough slack to allow for unhooking the shackle from the structure. These ropes are to prevent the shade from flying away in the breeze and to help prevent injury to ground personnel. Once the corners have been secured to the posts, unhook the shackles and lower the fabric and cables to the ground.

# **REINSTALLING HINTS**

**Using the same rope technique**, install from the windy side (if it is breezy) <u>making sure to</u> <u>secure these ropes to the posts</u>. Then, throw the remaining corner ropes over the structure and gently pull the canopy into position. The cables and fabric corners can now be hooked on the hooks (and cable guides if so equipped). Next reinstall the clamps if applicable and tightened the cable with the turnbuckle or the Glide Elbows. **Do not attempt to install the canopy in strong or gusty winds**.