

## SECTION 23 34 00 HVAC Fans

### PART 1 GENERAL

#### 1.1 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes
  - 1. The ceiling-mounted, circulation fan is the model scheduled with the capacities indicated. The fan shall be furnished with standard mounting hardware and variable speed control to provide cooling and destratification.
- B. Summary of Work
  - 1. Installation of the fan, miscellaneous or structural metal work (if required), field electrical wiring, cable, conduit, fuses and disconnect switches, other than those addressed in the installation scope of work, shall be provided by others. Factory installation services are available through Big Ass Fans. Consult the appropriate installation scope of work for information on the available factory installation options, overview of customer and installer responsibilities, and details on installation site requirements.

#### 1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. 21 00 00 Fire Suppression
- B. 23 00 00 Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- C. 26 00 00 Electrical

#### 1.3 REFERENCES

- A. National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA)
- B. Underwriters Laboratory (UL)
- C. Restriction of Hazardous Substances (ROHS)
- D. International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- E. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)

#### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Shop Drawings: Drawings detailing product dimensions, weight, and attachment methods.
- B. Product Data: Specification sheets on the ceiling-mounted fan, specifying electrical and installation requirements, features and benefits, and controller information.
- C. Revit Files: File provided for architectural design
- D. Installation Guide: The manufacturer shall furnish a copy of all operating and maintenance instructions for the fan. All data is subject to change without notice.
- E. Schedule

#### 1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Certifications
  - 1. The fan assembly, as a system, shall be Intertek/ETL-certified and built pursuant to the guidelines set forth by UL standard 507 and CSA standard 22.2 No. 113.
  - 2. The fan shall be compliant with NFPA 13—Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, NFPA 72—National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, and NFPA 70-2011—National Electric Code (NEC).
  - 3. Controllers shall comply with National Electrical Code (NEC) and Underwriters Laboratory (UL) standards and shall be labeled where required by code.
- B. Manufacturer Qualifications
  - 1. The fan and any accessories shall be supplied by Big Ass Fans, which has a minimum of ten (10) years of product experience.
  - 2. ISO 9001-certified

3. The manufacturer shall not be listed on the Air Movement and Control Association International Inc. (AMCA) Certified Ratings Program (CRP) Non-Licensed Products report in the previous 36 months.

### 1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver product in original, undamaged packaging with identification labels intact. The fan shall be new, free from defects, and factory tested.
- B. The fan and its components must be stored in a safe, dry location until installation.

### 1.7 WARRANTY

- A. The manufacturer shall replace any products or components defective in material or workmanship for the customer free of charge (including transportation charges within the USA, FOB Lexington, KY), pursuant to the complete terms and conditions of the Big Ass Fans Non-Prorated Warranty in accordance to the following schedule:

Item	Period of Coverage
Hub and airfoils	Lifetime (Parts) <sup>†</sup>
Motor, gearbox, & controller	5 years (Parts); Prorated 6–12 years <sup>†</sup>
All other fan components	5 years (Parts); Prorated 6–12 years <sup>†</sup>
Labor	1 year

<sup>†</sup> “Lifetime” means a period ending seven (7) years after Big Ass Fans discontinues manufacturing the product, as such period is defined by Big Ass Fans, but in no event shall this period be less than 12 years from the date that the Warranty Period commences, as defined above.

<sup>††</sup> The 5-year Warranty Period and 1-year Labor apply to non-residential installations only, and require purchased installation by a Big Ass Fans factory-certified installer and the submission of installation documentation by such installer. A warranty period of three years applies to proper installations by a non-Big Ass Fans factory-certified installer that is state-qualified or licensed electrical contractor. Warranty information provided here applies to new units only and does not pertain to refurbished units. The Warranty is void in its entirety if the product is installed by personnel other than a state-qualified or licensed contractor.

## PART 2 PRODUCT

### 2.1 MANUFACTURER

- A. Delta T Corporation, dba Big Ass Fans, PO Box 11307, Lexington, Kentucky 40575.  
Phone (877) 244-3267. Fax (859) 233-0139. Website: [www.bigassfans.com](http://www.bigassfans.com)

### 2.2 HIGH VOLUME, LOW SPEED FANS – BIG ASS FANS POWERFOIL®8 PLUS

- A. Complete Unit
  1. Regulatory Requirements: The entire fan assembly shall be Intertek/ETL-certified and built pursuant to the construction guidelines set forth by UL standard 507 and CSA standard 22.2.
  2. Sustainability Characteristics: The fan shall be designed to move an effective amount of air for cooling and destratification in industrial applications over an extended life. The fan components shall be designed specifically for high volume, low speed fans to ensure lower operational noise. Sound levels from the fan operating at maximum speed measured in a laboratory setting shall not exceed 55 dBA. Actual results of sound measurements in the field may vary due to sound reflective surfaces and environmental conditions.
  3. Good workmanship shall be evident in all aspects of construction. Field balancing of the airfoils shall not be necessary.
- B. Airfoil System
  1. The fan shall be equipped with eight (8) Powerfoil airfoils of precision extruded aluminum alloy. The airfoils shall be connected by means of two (2) high strength locking bolts per airfoil. The airfoils shall be connected to the hub and interlocked with zinc plated steel retainers.
  2. The fan shall be equipped with eight (8) PowerfoilPlus winglets on the ends of the airfoils and eight (8) AirFences™ positioned on the airfoils at the optimum location for performance. Both the winglets and AirFences shall be molded of a polypropylene blend. The standard color of the winglet and AirFence shall be “Safety Yellow.”
- C. Motor
  1. The fan motor shall be an AC induction type inverter rated at 1725 RPM, 200–250/400–480 VAC, 50/60 Hz, three-phase.

2. The motor shall be totally enclosed, fan cooled (TEFC) with an IP56. A B5 standard frame shall be provided for ease of service. The motor shall be manufactured with a double baked Class F insulation and be capable of continuous operation in 5° F to 104° F (-15° C to 40° C) ambient conditions.
- D. Gearbox
1. The gearbox shall be a helical gear reducer, precision finished from hardened steel for low noise and long service life with double lip seals to retain oil and prevent contamination. The gearbox shall be lubricated for life. The gear reducer shall have a standard backlash of less than 25 arc minutes and be equipped with a 17-4 stainless steel shaft of 1-1/4" (3.2 cm) diameter.
- E. Motor Frame
1. The motor frame and mount shall be constructed of steel and powder coated for corrosion resistance and appearance. Non-visible, steel, threaded rods in each structural member of the motor frame shall provide a redundant safety feature in the event of a catastrophic event.
- F. Mounting System
1. The fan mounting system shall be designed for quick and secure installation on a variety of structural supports. The mounting yoke shall be of ASTM A-36 steel, welded construction, at least 3/16" thick, and powder coated for appearance and corrosion resistance. No mounting hardware or parts substitutions, including cast aluminum, are acceptable.
  2. All mounting bolts shall be SAE Grade 8 or equivalent.
- G. Hub
1. The fan hub shall be made of laser cut aluminum for high strength and light weight. The hub shall consist of two aluminum plates, eight (8) aluminum spars and one (1) spacer fastened with a pin and collar rivet system.
  2. The hub shall be secured to the output shaft of the gearbox by means of a steel coupling interface. The hub shall incorporate four (4) safety retaining clips made of 1/4" (0.6 cm) thick steel that shall restrain the hub/airfoil assembly.
- H. Safety Cable
1. The fan shall be equipped with a safety cable that provides an additional means of securing the fan assembly to the building structure. The safety cable shall be at least 1/4" (0.6 cm) in diameter and fabricated out of 7 x 19 galvanized steel cable. The end loops shall be secured with swaged Nicopress® sleeves, pre-loaded and tested to 3,200 lbf (13,345 N).
  2. Field construction of safety cables is not permitted.
- I. Variable Frequency Drive
1. The fan controller shall be a NEMA 4X variable frequency drive (VFD) that is factory programmed to minimize starting and braking torques. The VFD shall have touchpad controls and an LED display for controlling the fan's direction, operation, speed, and programming. The VFD may be equipped with an EMI/RFI filter to limit interference with other electronic equipment and a rotary switch disconnect for lock-out/tag-out requirements.
  2. Onboard Variable Frequency Drive: The VFD may be mounted on the fan motor frame. A wall-mounted remote keypad equipped with touchpad controls and an LED display shall be provided for such installations, allowing access to all VFD functions.
  3. Wall-Mounted Variable Frequency Drive: The VFD may be wall-mounted for ease of access.
- J. Fire Control Panel Integration
1. Includes a 10–30 VDC pilot relay for seamless fire control panel integration. The pilot relay can be wired Normally Open or Normally Closed in the field.
- K. Guy wires
1. Included for installations with extension tubes 4 ft (1.2 m) or longer to limit the potential for lateral movement.

## **PART 3 EXECUTION**

### **3.1 PREPARATION**

- A. Fan location shall have a typical bar joist or existing I-beam structure from which to mount the fan. Additional mounting options may be available.
- B. Mounting structure shall be able to support weight and operational torque of fan. Consult structural engineer if necessary.
- C. Fan location shall be free from obstacles such as lights, cables, or other building components.
- D. Check fan location for proper electrical requirements. Consult installation guide for appropriate circuit requirements.
- E. Each fan requires dedicated branch circuit protection.

### **3.2 INSTALLATION**

- A. The fan shall be installed by a factory-certified installer according to the manufacturer's Installation Guide, which includes acceptable structural dimensions and proper sizing and placement of angle iron for bar joist applications. Big Ass Fans recommends consulting a structural engineer for installation methods outside the manufacturer's recommendation and a certification, in the form of a stamped print or letter, submitted prior to installation.
- B. Minimum Distances
  - 1. Airfoils must be at least 10 ft (3 m) above the floor.
  - 2. Installation area must be free of obstructions such as lights, cables, sprinklers or other building structures with the airfoils at least 2 ft (0.61 m) clear of all obstructions.
  - 3. The structure the fan is attached to shall be capable of supporting a torque load of up to 300 ft·lb (407 N·m) of torque
- C. The fan shall not be located where it will be continuously subjected to wind gusts or in close proximity to the outputs of HVAC systems or radiant heaters. Additional details are in the Big Ass Fans 3.2 Installation Manual.
- D. In buildings equipped with sprinklers, including ESFR sprinklers, fan installation shall comply with all of the following:
  - 1. The maximum fan diameter shall be 24 ft (7.3 m).
  - 2. The HVLS fan shall be centered approximately between four adjacent sprinklers.
  - 3. The vertical clearance from the HVLS fan to the sprinkler deflector shall be a minimum of 3 ft (0.9 m).
  - 4. All HVLS fans shall be interlocked to shut down immediately upon receiving a waterflow signal from the alarm system in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 72—National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code.

END OF SECTION