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Platinum Flow[®] Duct System





LEED Smart Platinum Flow[®] Duct System



Platinum Flow[®] System Design

The Platinum Flow[®] System is a **LEED (Leadership in Energy Efficient Design) inspired Duct System** designed to save time and money for building owners, engineers, installers and end users alike. The cornerstone design feature of the system is the double fail safe EPDM sealing gasket which is mechanically locked with a continuous 360° hem. This unique design allows for quick site assembly and a tight seal without the use of field applied sealants. During installation as contact is made, the double seals fold over the mating duct producing an exceptionally tight seal.



Today's modern building envelope demands increased efficiencies throughout all construction elements. Platinum Flow[®] delivers with both an energy efficient design and factory controlled construction.

Technical Data

Duct Options and Materials

Platinum Flow[®] is available in single wall and double wall configurations. Double wall pipe can be supplied with solid cores for thermal applications or perforated cores for acoustic applications.

Construction

Unless otherwise noted, all Platinum Flow[®] pipe and fittings shall be constructed in accordance with the latest SMACNA Duct Construction Standard to +10" water column working pressure.

Material Options

Galvanized and Satin Coat steel conforming to ASTM A653 and A924. Stainless steel 304 and 316L conforming to ASTM A240.

Air Leakage Performance

Platinum Flow[®] System is guaranteed to meet SMACNA's Leakage Class 3 and complies with ASHRAE 90.1-2004 section 6.4.4.2.2.

Fire Rating

EPDM air seal gasket; flame spread 0, smoke developed 5 in accordance with ASTM standard E84-91a.

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Sleek Design, Optimal Performance

- Full body conical tees, full radius elbows and long transitions provide ideal air flow and appeal
- To reduce static pressure loss, wherever possible hard tool formed fittings are used, allowing constant air flow throughout the system
- All longitudinal joints are continuously resistance welded to prevent system pressure loss. All other seams are internally sealed
- To optimize best system performance and appearance, field installed saddle taps are not recommended

Key Design Feature

Factory controlled, close tolerance, calibrated, product construction standards which ensure consistency in manufacturing of the Platinum Flow® System. EPDM factory installed gaskets are ozone and UV resistant and withstand normal operating temperatures from -40°F to 250°F (-40°C to +120°C)

Quality Assurance

Our quality system includes in-coming raw material inspection, in process inspection and continuous improvement initiatives. To ensure consistent product quality, Platinum Flow® System pipe and fittings are calibrated to our engineered shop standards.



Significant Advantages of the Platinum Flow System

- Innovative energy efficient design
- Quick assembly
- Fittings can be rotated during assembly
- Suitable for all climates -40°F to 250°F (-40°C to +120°C)
- Pressure tested to 12" w.c. (3000 Pa) positive and negative pressure
- No field applied sealants required

SMACNA Leakage Class 3 Certified

The Platinum Flow® System has been tested by an independent NEBB (National Environmental Balancing Bureau) Certified Test Lab to SMACNA's HVAC air duct leakage test standards.

Test results show that the Platinum Flow® System well exceeds the stringent requirements of SMACNA Leakage Class 3.



Flexmaster Platinum Flow® Single Wall Round Specification

All round supply, return and exhaust duct work shall be Flexmaster Platinum Flow® as manufactured by Flexmaster Canada Limited (905-731-9411). The duct system shall consist of fittings and dampers that are factory fitted with a sealing gasket and spiral duct which, when installed according to the manufacturer's instructions, will seal the duct joints without the use of duct sealer. Saddle taps are not permitted. Any branch ducts must be factory built and installed as full body tees.



Flexmaster Platinum Flow® Double Wall Round Specification

All round supply, return and exhaust duct work shown on the plans or indicated in the project specification to be insulated shall be Flexmaster Platinum Flow® Double Wall as manufactured by Flexmaster Canada Limited (905-731-9411). The duct system shall consist of fittings & dampers that are factory fitted with a sealing gasket and spiral duct which, when installed according to the manufacturer's instructions, will seal the duct joints without the use of duct sealer. Saddle taps are not permitted. Any branch ducts must be factory built and installed as full body tees.

Ductwork System

- Platinum Flow Single Wall Round
- Platinum Flow Double Wall Round

Construction

Unless otherwise noted, the gauge for all ductwork will be constructed in accordance with the latest SMACNA HVAC Duct Construction Standard to +10 inch wg.

Air Leakage Performance

Flexmaster guarantees to meet SMACNA's Leakage Class 3 and complies with ASHRAE 90.1-2004 section 6.4.4.2.2 Round Duct without the application of external sealants or the use of flanges.

Spiral Pipe

All round spiral pipe is certified to Flexmaster's shop standards
 Spiral pipe seam slippage is prevented by means of a flat seam (SMACNA type RL1) and mechanically formed indentation evenly spaced along the spiral seam.

Fittings

Manufactured using one or more of the following construction methods:

- Overlapped edges are stitched or spot welded along the entire length of the fitting*
- Standing seam gore locked and internally sealed*
- Button punched and internally sealed*
- Elbows 5 inch through 12 inch diameter will be die stamped and continuously stitched welded.*

Material - Ductwork will be fabricated from:

- Standard galvanized steel meeting ASTM A653 and A924
- Optional 304L stainless steel conforming to ASTM A240 2B finish
- Optional 316L stainless steel conforming to ASTM A240 2B finish

End Connection

- Round Duct "self-sealing" (single wall and double wall round only):
- All spiral pipe and fitting ends, up to and including 50 inch diameter, is certified to Flexmaster's shop standards
- All fitting ends from 5 inch to 50 inch diameter have rolled edges for added strength and rigidity
- All fitting ends have a factory installed double Fail Safe™ gasket
- Gasket is mechanically attached to the fitting using 180° hemmed edge
- Flame Spread = 0 and Smoke Developed = 5 in accordance with ASTM std. E84-91 a EPDM gasket rated -40°F to 250°F (-40°C to +120°C)



Platinum Flow Submittal and Specifications

Single Wall Round Assembly Instructions

Preparations for Assembly

- Check that all ductwork to be used in the system is Flexmaster Round Duct and is undamaged. All Flexmaster Round Duct fittings must be used with approved spiral pipe certified by Flexmaster Canada Limited.
- Do not use any ductwork that has been damaged in such a way that it may jeopardize the air tightness or structural strength of the system.
- Store all ductwork in a well organized and weather proof storage area to minimize the risk of damage.
- Cut all spiral pipe at right angles and carefully remove any burrs from the cut edges. Installation is easier and the risk of damaging the gasket is reduced if there are no burrs.

Assembly

1. Start by inserting the gasketed end of the fitting into the spiral pipe (*figure 1*).
2. Check that the gasket is in full contact with the inside of the spiral pipe all the way around so that the lip is not twisted in one direction or the other. (*figure 2*).
3. Fully insert gasketed end of fitting into the spiral pipe until it meets bead of the fitting. Turning the fitting will aid both insertion and removal (*figure 3*).
4. Secure the fitting in the spiral pipe using self-tapping screws or airtight pop rivets. Recommended quantities and sizes to be used are shown in the table below.

Spiral Pipe Dia (in)	Screw Size	Quantity
5-10	$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$	3
12-24	$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$	4
26-50	$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$	6

Do not use more fasteners than specified.

5. Fasteners should be positioned $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the bead to prevent damage to the gasket (*figure 3*).
6. Placement of the fastening screws should be opposite from one another evenly spaced around the circumference, much like the procedure for tightening lug nuts on a tire. (*figure 4*)

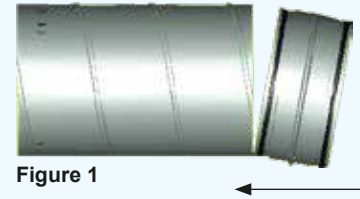


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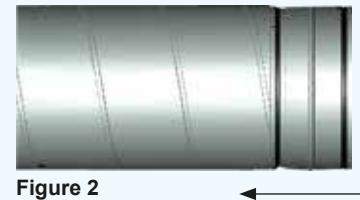


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Figure 3

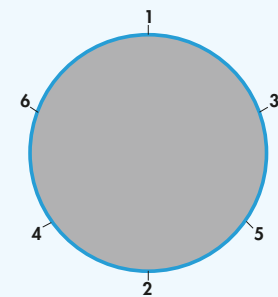


Figure 4



Flexmaster Platinum Flow® Double Wall Round

Inner and outer spiral pipe will be of spiral lock seam construction and furnished with a recessed inner liner and insulation stop. The inner liner will be flushed with the outer shell and will utilize an insulation stop for thermal integrity and to simplify installation. All ductwork size dimensions refer to the air side. In addition, the ductwork pressure seal is always on the outer shell. The outer shell connection will be a Round Duct connection meeting all of the same leakage criteria as single wall round ductwork system.

Double Wall System

Standard thermal double wall ductwork system consists of a solid inner liner on the spiral pipe, a solid inner liner on the fittings, a layer of glass fiber insulation, and a solid outer pressure shell. Optional perforated inner liner is available for acoustical applications. For standard 1 inch insulation, the outer pressure shell diameter will be 2 inches larger than the inner liner. For the optional 2 inch insulation, the outer pressure shell diameter will be 4 inches larger than the inner liner.

Materials

- Solid inner liner is used for spiral pipe and fittings
- Perforated inner liner has $\frac{3}{32}$ inch perforations on $\frac{3}{16}$ inch staggered centers corresponding to an overall open area of 23%
- Standard 1 inch glass fiber insulation has a maximum conductivity factor (k) of 0.29 BTU-in/hr x ft² x °F at 75°F mean ambient temperature (R = 4.2)
- Retaining fabric is 8 mil, 1.27 O.S.Y. weight, spun bond polyester with an air permeability rate of 591 cfm/ft²/per min.
- Insulation stop is a closed-cell elastomeric foam with a maximum conductivity factor (k) of 0.23 BTU-in/hr x ft² x 5°F and an operating temperature of -90°F to +180°F. (Available in 1 inch and 2 inch Double Wall Round).



Platinum Flow® Double Wall Options

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| Insulation: | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 inch standard (R = 4.2) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 inch (R = 8) |
| Inner Liner: | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Spiral Pipe | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Fitting |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Perforated Spiral Pipe | <input type="checkbox"/> Perforated Fittings |

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- Store all ductwork in a well organized and weather proof storage area to minimize the risk of damage.
- Cut all spiral pipe at right angles and carefully remove any burrs from the cut edges. Installation is easier and the risk of damaging the gasket is reduced if there are no burrs.
- For preparing field cut double wall duct for connection with a fitting, use a field cut adapter. (PFDA)

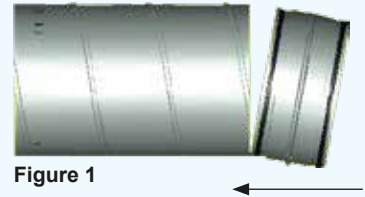


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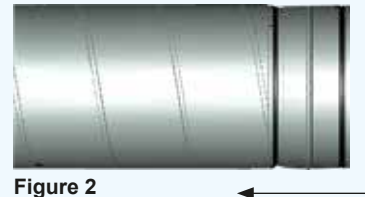


Figure 2



Figure 3

Assembly

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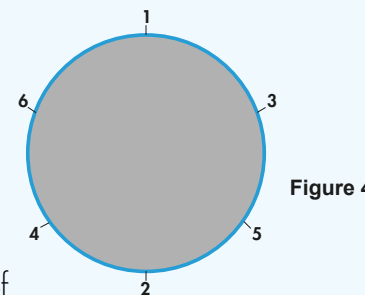


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HVAC Solutions Specialist



While earning a solid reputation for providing both innovative and high quality products, Flexmaster Canada Limited (part of the Novaflex Group of companies) has proudly supplied superior HVAC products to the construction industry for over 40 years. Combining a variety of patented processes and numerous unique characteristics, an extensive range of superior products are manufactured, with the specified products offering numerous value-added features & benefits.



Flexmaster offers quality products with distinct advantages and excellent value intended to improve system performance as well as enhance overall aesthetics.



Flexmaster Canada Limited is a privately held company committed to continuous advancement in hose and connector solutions. The company has one of the broadest product ranges available in the HVAC marketplace, as well as the Industrial Venting and Hose industries and in Commercial Exhaust Venting Systems. Products are sold in industries across North America and around the world.



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