# PART 1 - GENERAL

## 1.1 SUMMARY

- A. Section includes specific requirements, products, and methods of execution relating to conduit, conduit fittings, surface raceways, multi-outlet assemblies, wireways, outlet boxes, pull boxes and junction boxes approved for use on this project. Type, size and installation methods shall be as shown on Drawings, required by Code and/or specified in this Section.
- B. Related Sections
  - 1. 260519 Low Voltage Electrical Power Conductors and Cables
  - 2. 260526 Grounding and Bonding for Electrical Systems
  - 3. 260529 Hangers and Supports for Electrical Systems

#### 1.2 REFERENCES

- A. American National Standards Institute/Underwriters Laboratory
  - 1. ANSI C80.1 Electrical Rigid Steel Conduit
  - 2. ANSI C80.3 Steel Electrical Metallic Tubing
  - 3. ANSI C80.5 Electrical Rigid Aluminum Conduit
  - 4. ANSI C80.6 Electrical Intermediate Metal Conduit
  - 5. ANSI/UL 1 Flexible Metal Conduit
  - 6. ANSI/UL 6 Electrical Rigid Metal Conduit Steel
  - 7. UL 6A Standard for Electrical Rigid Metal Conduit Aluminum and Stainless Steel
  - 8. UL 360 Standard for Liquid Tight Flexible Steel Conduit
  - 9. UL 514A Metallic Outlet Boxes
  - 10. UL 514B Conduit, Tubing and Cable Fittings
  - 11. UL 651 Standard for Schedule 40 and 80 Rigid PVC Conduit and Fittings
  - 12. UL 651A Type EB and A Rigid PVC Conduit and HDPE Conduit
  - 13. ANSI/UL 651B Standard for Continuous Length HDPE Conduit
  - 14. ANSI/UL 797 Electrical Metallic Tubing Steel
  - 15. ANSI/UL 1242 Electrical Metal Intermediate Conduit Steel
- B. National Electrical Manufacturers Association
  - 1. NEMA 250 Enclosures for Electrical Equipment (1000 Volts Maximum)
  - 2. NEMA FB 1 Fittings, Cast Metal Boxes, and Conduit Bodies for Conduit, Electrical Metallic Tubing and Cable
  - 3. NEMA OS 1 Sheet Steel Outlet Boxes, Device Boxes, Covers and Box Supports
  - 4. NEMA RN 1 Externally Coated Galvanized Rigid Steel Conduit and Intermediate Metal Conduit
  - 5. NEMA TC 2 Electrical Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Conduit
  - 6. NEMA TC 3 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Fittings for Use with Rigid PVC Conduit and Tubing

- 7. NEMA WD 6 Wiring Device Configurations.
- C. NECA (National Electrical Contractors Association) Standard of Installation.

## 1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Provide submittals for products in accordance with Section 260000 Electrical General Requirements and Division 1.
- B. Product Data: Provide dimensions, knockout sizes and locations, materials, fabrication details, surface raceway finishes (custom factory pre-painting, color as selected by architect), and accessories.
- C. Manufacturer's Instructions: Indicate application conditions and limitations of use stipulated by Product testing agency specified under Regulatory Requirements. Include instructions for storage, handling, protection, examination, preparation, and installation of Product.

#### 1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Raceways and boxes shall be standard types and sizes as manufactured by a nationally recognized manufacturer of this type of materials and be in conformity with applicable standards and UL listings.
- B. Surface raceways shall be of the latest approved design as manufactured by a nationally recognized manufacturer and shall be listed by the Underwriters' Laboratory and bear the UL label.
- C. Pull and junction boxes 50 cubic inches and smaller shall conform to specifications for outlet boxes.
- D. Pull and junction boxes larger than 50 cubic inches shall conform to U.L. Standard 50, Cabinets and Boxes.
- E. Perform Work in accordance with NECA Standard of Installation.
- F. Furnish products listed and classified by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. as suitable for purpose specified and shown.

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

# 2.1 CONDUIT

- A. Conduit types specifically approved for use on this project shall be of the following types only:
  - 1. Galvanized rigid metal conduit GRC or RMC.
  - 2. Intermediate metal conduit IMC.

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- 3. Rigid copper-free aluminum conduit.
- 4. Electrical metallic tubing EMT.
- 5. Polyvinyl chloride conduit PVC: May be Schedule 40 or Schedule 80, except where Schedule 80 is specifically noted or specified.
- 6. Flexible metal (steel) conduit FMC or flex: In short lengths as specifically permitted.
- 7. Liquid-tight flexible steel conduit LFMC: In short lengths as specifically permitted.
- 8. Extreme temperature liquid-tight flexible steel conduit AT: Shall have temperature rating of -67 ° F to +220 ° F, Liquatite "ATLA", or as approved.
- 9. MC Cable, as specifically allowed in Section 260519 Low Voltage Electrical Power Conductors and Cables
- 10. Types specifically identified on the Drawings or in the Specifications
- 11. Other products not specifically approved such as ENT, MC Cable, etc., are not allowed.
- 12. Manufactured wiring systems are not approved.

## 2.2 FIRE ALARM CONDUIT

A. EMT conduit utilized for fire alarm system wiring shall be factory pre-painted with a bright red topcoat, Allied Fire Alarm Red or as approved. Other conduit types utilized for fire alarm system wiring shall be identified with red paint or red tape wrapped a minimum of 4 times around the conduit every 10 feet and at each fire alarm system junction box.

#### 2.3 CONDUIT FITTINGS

- A. Fittings utilized with rigid steel, IMC, and aluminum shall be galvanized steel or iron or copperfree aluminum and shall be threaded. Conduit bushings shall be provided and shall be of the insulated types. Where grounding bushings are required, provide insulated grounding bushings with integral pressure type ground lugs, Thomas & Betts "Blackjack", or as approved.
- B. Couplings and connectors for EMT shall be made of steel or malleable iron. Die-cast products shall not be used. Connectors shall have insulated throats. Connectors and couplings shall be setscrew or compression type.
- C. Fittings for flexible metal conduit shall be steel or malleable iron only. Throats shall be insulated.
- D. Fittings for liquid-tight flexible conduit shall be steel or malleable iron, of a type incorporating a threaded grounding cone, nylon or plastic compression ring, and a tightening gland, providing a low resistance ground connection. Throats shall be insulated.

## 2.4 SURFACE METAL RACEWAY

- A. The Basis of Design is equipment from Wiremold, Hubbell or Mono-Systems, to set a standard for quality and style.
- B. Large multi-circuit raceways shall be aluminum channel 5 inches wide by 2 inches deep, with separation for low voltage channel, and fitted cover, suitable for use as surface metal raceway, Wiremold Series 5200 or as approved.

- C. Small surface metal raceway for individual circuit runs shall be one piece surface metal raceway of the appropriate dimensions for the conductors, Wiremold Series 500/700, or as approved.
- D. Finish: Large raceways shall be aluminum. Small raceways shall be furnished with factory ivory color finish and field painted to match adjacent surfaces, unless otherwise noted on the Drawings.
- E. Large raceways shall have factory pre-punched base channel mounting fastener holes. Provide suitable backing for mounting attachment, hollow wall anchors shall not be used.
- F. Provide manufacturer's standard Fittings, Boxes, and Extension Rings:
  - 1. Wall box connectors shall be concealed entry type.
- G. Uses Permitted
  - 1. Surface metal raceway shall only be used where specifically shown on the Drawings.

#### 2.5 CAST BOXES

- A. Cast boxes with threaded hubs, external mounting brackets or holes, and gasketed covers shall be used in the following locations:
  - 1. Exterior locations.
  - 2. Wet or damp locations.
  - 3. Mechanical rooms, pump stations, etc., where exposed to mechanical damage.
  - 4. Exposed interior locations below 48 inch above floor where subject to damage.
  - 5. Where shown on Drawings.

## 2.6 STEEL BOXES

- A. Galvanized pressed steel boxes may be used wherever they are permitted by code, except in areas indicated in the preceding paragraph.
- B. Flush mounted, pressed steel boxes shall be equipped with external mounting brackets for attachment to framing members with screws or nails.
- C. Ceiling boxes and wall boxes for bracket lights shall be not less than 4 inch in diameter by 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch deep and shall have 3/8 inch malleable iron fixture studs if required.
- D. Grounding Screw: All stamped steel boxes shall have a drilled and tapped hole in the back of the box for a grounding screw.
- E. Accessories: Box covers, extension rings, bases, hanger bars, etc., for use in connection with the installation, shall be approved for use in the various applications.

# 2.7 TELECOMMUNICATION OUTLET BOXES

- A. Boxes for telecommunication outlets shall be a minimum of 4 inches square by 2 1/8 inches deep.
- B. Device rings for telecommunication outlets shall be single-gang, minimum 5/8 inches deep, to provide a minimum internal finished depth of 2 3/4 inches.

#### 2.8 INDOOR PULL AND JUNCTION BOXES

- A. Indoor pull and junction boxes shall conform to Article 314 of the NEC and the following requirements:
  - 1. Sheet metal boxes are approved for use in all dry, interior, nonhazardous locations.
  - 2. Boxes installed in wet locations shall be NEMA 3R, unless otherwise noted.
  - 3. Furnish such boxes, whether shown or not, in order to conform to requirements for maximum pulling length and maximum number of bends allowed.
  - 4. Special boxes, as noted on the Drawings, shall be installed in areas of specific service and/or hazards.
- B. Junction box extension rings will not be accepted on new boxes. Appropriate size boxes shall be used for each application.

# 2.9 TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM PULL BOXES

- A. Telecommunication system Pull Boxes shall also conform to ANSI/EIA/TIA 569-A and the BICSI Telecommunications Distribution Methods (TDM) Manual.
- B. Dimensions:
  - 1. Pull boxes for straight through pulls shall have minimum interior dimensions in accordance with the following Table:

	Size of Box			
Maximum Trade Size Conduit	Width (inches)	Length (inches)	Depth (inches)	For Each Additional Conduit Increase Width
1 Inch	4	16	3	2 inches
1 1/4 Inch	6	20	3	3 inches
1 1/2 Inch	8	27	4	4 inches
2 Inch	8	36	4	5 inches
2 1/2 Inch	10	42	5	6 inches
3 Inch	12	48	5	6 inches
3 1/2 Inch	12	54	6	6 inches
4 Inch	15	60	8	8 inches

# 2.10 TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM SPLICE BOXES

- A. Unless otherwise specified or noted on the Drawings, splice boxes shall not be used in interior horizontal pathway conduits or interior backbone pathway conduits.
- B. Where required in a building service entrance or campus backbone pathway system, splice boxes shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of ANSI/EIA/TIA-569-A Commercial Building Standard for Telecommunications Pathways and Spaces and the Building Industry Consulting Service International (BICSI) Telecommunications Distribution Methods Manual.

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 CONDUIT USES PERMITTED

- A. Conduits shall be of the sizes shown on the Drawings or as required by the NEC, whichever is larger. Base sizes on using type XHHW for wire sizes #6 and smaller and type THHN/THWN wire for wire sizes #4 and larger. Unless otherwise noted, conduits installed in the following locations shall be of the types specifically identified only:
  - 1. Outdoors aboveground or damp locations RMC, IMC or extreme temperature liquid-tight flexible steel conduit (where required).
  - 2. Dry indoor locations, concealed or exposed RMC, rigid aluminum, EMT (where not susceptible to physical damage), flexible conduit where necessary, or IMC.
  - 3. Indoor locations, exposed, where susceptible to physical damage RMC or IMC.
  - 4. Motor and equipment flexible connections LFMC or FMC (when installed in plenum spaces).

## 3.2 RACEWAY INSTALLATION METHODS - GENERAL

- A. Concealed raceways: In occupied areas, conduit and raceways shall be concealed unless specifically noted otherwise. In service spaces (mechanical equipment rooms, electrical rooms, storage closets, etc.), approved raceways may be surface-mounted for connection to equipment in exposed surface mounted locations and in exterior locations as noted on the Drawings.
- B. Concealed raceways shall be routed as directly as possible with a minimum of bends. Concealed raceways above lay-in ceilings shall be installed a minimum of 12 inches above the ceiling grid.
- C. Exposed Raceways: Where allowed by this Specification or specifically noted on the Drawings, raceways may be mounted on the surface of walls, ceilings and other surfaces. Exposed raceways shall comply with the following:
  - 1. Exposed raceways shall be run parallel or perpendicular to building lines and bent symmetrically or made up with standard elbows or fittings.
  - 2. Surface-mounted conduit, junction boxes, pull boxes, outlet boxes, etc. installed in finished areas shall be painted to match the surrounding surfaces.
  - 3. Connectors and fittings for raceways and conduits installed on the surface in exterior locations shall be suitable for and Listed for use in a wet location.

- 4. Conduits installed in exterior locations shall be painted to match the exterior finish of the building surface to which they are attached. This shall include conduits attached via racks and stand-off brackets, or attached directly to the surface.
- D. There shall not be more than the equivalent of four quarter bends (360 degrees total) between pull points. Pull boxes added to conduit runs as a result of this requirement shall be in accordance with this Section.
- E. Conduit and tubing shall be cut square and reamed smooth at the ends and all joints made tight. Conduit threads shall be lubricated with an approved thread lubricant.
- F. Raceway for power wiring shall not be installed in the floor slab beneath telecommunication rooms.
- G. Each conduit shall enter and be securely connected to a cabinet, junction box, pull box or outlet box by means of a locknut on the outside and a locknut/bushing on the inside, or by means of a liquid-tight, threaded, self-locking, cold-weld type wedge adapter. Connections shall be made wrench tight. Locknuts shall be the bonding type with sharp edges and shall be installed in a manner that will assure a locking installation. Locknuts and bushings or self-locking adapters will not be required where conduits are screwed into threaded connections. Conduit runs shall be protected from the entrance of foreign material prior to the installation of conductors.
- H. Conduit or tubing deformed or crushed in any way shall not be installed. Conduit shall be bent only with approved bender (hydraulic or hickey). Bending machines shall be used to make field bends in conduit of 1-1/4 inch size and larger. Torches shall not be used in making conduit bends.
- I. Raceways shall be spaced at least 6 inches from parallel runs of heating system pipes, flues, other high temperature piping systems, and other heat sources. This basic spacing shall be increased if necessary to ensure that raceways experience no significant temperature rise from external sources. Raceways shall not be embedded in any spray applied insulation, fireproofing, or other materials that would restrict heat dissipation.
- J. Raceways for Audio/Video systems shall be spaced a minimum of 24 inches from parallel runs of conduits and wiring of power, lighting, and Class 1 signaling. Maintain at least 48 inches of separation from dimmed lighting circuits. Where runs are run parallel for less than 50 feet the required spacing may be halved (12 inches, or 24 inches from dimmed lighting circuits). Where runs are adjacent for less than 6 feet, or where conduits cross at right angles, separations of 2 inches may be used.
- K. Pull wires shall be provided in spare and unused conduits. (Nylon "jet-line" or as approved.)
- L. Conduits stubbed up out of floor and terminating inside of an enclosure shall have insulating grounding bushings installed.
- M. Raceways penetrating vapor barriers or traversing from warm to cold areas shall be sealed on the inside with a non-hardening duct sealing compound to prevent the accumulation of moisture, and shall be taped airtight to the vapor barrier on the outside. Refer to Section 260000 for additional requirements and limitations regarding penetration of vapor barriers.

- N. Raceways (particularly PVC) shall be provided with expansion joints where necessary to allow for thermal expansion and contraction. Set initial opening of expansion joints per manufacturer's instructions, to suit the ambient temperature at the time of installation.
- O. Provide flexible conduit connection at seismic joints to allow for displacement of conduit in all three axes. Provide appropriate lengths of flexible conduits at seismic joints and appropriate amounts of slack in conduit to allow movement of conduit/cabling in accordance with the design of the seismic joint. Slack shall be maintained in conduit after cabling is installed. Minimum lengths of flexible conduit and minimum amount of slack for various size conduits shall be as follows:
  - 1. 2 inch and greater: 4 foot length, 4-6 inches slack.
  - 2. 1-1/2 inch and smaller: 2 foot length, 3 inches slack.
- P. Flexible metal conduit with supplemental ground jumper shall be used for connection to vibrating equipment, or where installation conditions warrant its use with express permission. Flexible conduit shall not penetrate walls. Liquid-tight flexible conduit with supplemental ground jumper shall be used for motor and transformer connections (except utilize flexible metal conduit in plenum spaces). The ground jumper in flexible conduits shall be routed within the conduit.
- Q. Length of flexible conduit shall not exceed 36 inches, except for lighting fixture whips and where specifically noted. Fixture whips shall not exceed 72 inches. Flexible conduit shall not penetrate walls or vapor barrier retarder/barrier.
- R. Electrical raceways may penetrate roofing membranes only where absolutely necessary. Submit intended locations to Contracting Agency for approval prior to installation. Such penetrations shall be flashed and sealed as required for mechanical piping penetrations of roof. Where practical, conduits stubbed up to roof mounted equipment shall be routed within the equipment curb supporting the equipment.

## 3.3 RACEWAY INSTALLATION METHODS – TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

- A. Installation methods for telecommunication system conduits shall comply with Installation Methods General, above, unless superseded by more stringent requirements of this section.
- B. Telecommunications conduits shall comply with the requirements of TIA/EIA-569-A and the Building Industry Consulting Service International (BICSI) Telecommunications Distribution Methods Manual. Note that some of these requirements are more stringent than the requirements of the National Electrical Code.
- C. There shall be no more than two 90-degree bends between pull points in telecommunications conduit. Pull boxes added to conduit runs as a result of this requirement shall be in accordance with this Section. If it is not practical to install a pull box in the run due to field conditions, the conduit size shall be increased to the next trade size for each additional 90-degree bend. Offsets shall be considered as equivalent to a 90-degree bend.
- D. Inside radius of conduit bends shall be at least 6 times the internal diameter of the conduit for sizes up to 2 inch trade size; 10 times the internal diameter of the conduit for sizes larger than 2

inch trade size. Where bending machine shoes are not available with the required bending radius for a one-shot field bend, factory bent, large radius 90-degree elbows shall be provided.

- E. Conduits stubbed to cable trays shall be terminated within a maximum horizontal distance of 4 inches from the tray and in a vertical zone between 1 to 6 inches above tray. Conduits shall be supported from structure within a maximum horizontal distance of 12 inches from the tray. Conduits shall be provided with a grounding bushing and shall be bonded to the cable tray with a minimum 12 AWG copper conductor.
- F. Use of flexible conduit for telecommunications shall be kept to a minimum and shall be at the discretion of the Contracting Agency. Obtain prior written approval for the use of flexible conduit. Where required due to physical considerations, flexible metal conduit may be allowed in lengths not exceeding 4 feet. If used, flexible metal conduit shall be increased by one trade size for the application used (see Conduit Sizes).
- G. Conduits entering the telecommunications room or equipment room through the floor shall be terminated 4 inches above finished floor. Conduits entering the telecommunications room or equipment room from above shall be terminated 4 inches below the finished ceiling, but in no case shall the conduits terminate more than 12 inches above the cable pathway support or distribution frame.
- H. Conduit sleeves connecting vertically "stacked" telecommunications rooms shall be terminated 4 inches above finished floor. Conduits and cutout openings between floors shall be sealed with firestopping material that is reusable, to accommodate additions and deletions, moves and changes in the cabling system.
- I. Layout of conduits shall give consideration to nearby sources of electromagnetic energy such as electrical power wiring, large electric motors and generators, induction heaters, arc welders, variable frequency drives, etc. Maintain the greatest separation practicable between telecommunication raceways and sources of electromagnetic interference (EMI). A minimum of 5 inches of separation shall be maintained between telecommunication raceways and fluorescent lighting ballasts.
- J. Pull wires shall be provided in spare and unused conduits. (Nylon "jet-line" or as approved.)
- K. Maintain minimum separation from  $\leq$  480V power wiring in accordance with the following table:

Condition	Minimum Separation Distance			
	< 2  kVA	2-5 kVA	> 5  kVA	
Unshielded power lines or electrical equipment in proximity to open non- metal telecommunications pathways	5 inches	12 inches	24 inches	
Unshielded power lines or electrical equipment in proximity to a grounded metal telecommunications conduit pathway	2.5 inches	6 inches	12 inches	
Power lines enclosed in a grounded metal conduit (or equivalent shielding) in proximity to a grounded metal telecommunications conduit pathway		3 inches	6 inches	

#### 3.4 CONDUIT SIZES – GENERAL

- A. Minimum sizes for rigid steel, IMC, FRE, rigid aluminum and PVC-40 conduits shall be <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch.
- B. Minimum size for EMT shall be  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.
- C. Minimum size for flexible conduits shall be  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch , except fixture whips may be  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch as allowed by the NEC.

#### 3.5 CONDUIT SIZES – TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

- A. Minimum size for conduit runs to outlets is 1 inch.
- B. Unless indicated otherwise, individual conduit homeruns shall serve no more than one telecommunications outlet.

#### 3.6 STRUCTURAL COORDINATION

- A. Layout conduits in slabs to avoid compromising structural integrity. Obtain approval from Structural Engineer for maximum conduit sizes, quantities, arrangement, and placement in structural slabs.
- B. Structural members shall not be cut, drilled, or notched for raceways or other electrical features unless specifically accepted by the Contracting Agency.
- C. X-ray concrete prior to core drilling. Do not cut rebar without specific authorization from the Contracting Agency. Protect existing equipment and building finishes prior to performing core drills. Replace or repair equipment and/or building finishes damaged during core drilling operations as directed by the Contracting Agency.

# 3.7 SURFACE RACEWAY INSTALLATION

- A. Install Products in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Use flat-head screws, clips, and straps to fasten raceway channel to surfaces. Mount plumb and level.
- C. Provide outlets in locations shown or according to spacing specified on the Drawings. Where spacing is specified, the maximum distance from each end of the raceway to the first outlet shall not exceed one-half of the specified spacing distance. Mounting elevations shall be as noted on the Drawings or as shown on the Architectural Elevations. If a conflict exists, the elevation shown on the Architectural Elevations shall take precedence.
- D. Provide field paint touch-up with factory furnished paint to match factory pre-painted finish, for all chips, scraps, scratches, fittings and unpainted sections of the surface raceways and multi-outlet assemblies, after installation of all devices and covers are complete.
- E. Provide appropriate separate device finish plates for outlets and telecommunication jacks as specified in other Sections.
- F. Use suitable insulating bushings and inserts at connections to outlets and corner fittings.
- G. Close ends of wireway and unused conduit openings.
- H. Ground and bond raceways, multi-outlet assemblies and wireways under provisions of Section 260526 Grounding and Bonding for Electrical Systems.

# 3.8 OUTLET BOX INSTALLATION

- A. Outlet boxes shall be securely fastened in position and supported independently of the conduit system.
- B. Outlet boxes located in suspended ceiling system shall be fastened to ceiling "t-bar" system with bar-hanger rods manufactured for the purpose, or from hanger rods with solid supports from structure above. "T-bar" hanger rods shall be clipped to cross-members supported by the main ceiling support members. Outlet boxes supported from the suspended ceiling system shall be provided with one safety wire attached to the box or box support clip, or two safety wires attached to the bar hanger.
- C. Boxes shall be installed true to the building lines and at equal heights in conformity with mounting heights specified in other sections of the specification.
- D. Provide the best suitable box for each outlet requirement. Extension rings shall not be used on new construction except where needed to bring an outlet box out to 1/8 inch of the finished wall or ceiling line.
- E. Boxes shall have only the holes necessary to accommodate the conduits at point of installation. All boxes shall have lugs or ears to secure covers.

- F. Boxes shall be rigidly secured in position. Recessed boxes shall be so set that the front edge of the box shall be flush with the finished wall or ceiling line, or not more than 1/8 inch back of same. This requirement is more stringent than NEC requirements.
- G. Boxes shall be accessible.
- H. Provide boxes for each application that will not violate the fire rating of the wall, floor or ceiling assembly in which the box is installed.
- I. Do not place order for floor boxes without ensuring that the Contracting Agency has positively approved submittals for the specific cover types/styles colors necessary for all applications and locations.
- J. Recessed boxes shall not be placed back-to-back in adjacent rooms. They shall be offset at least 12 inches, or greater as required by codes and standards applicable to the specific construction.
- K. Boxes (electrical boxes, outlet boxes and telecommunication boxes, etc) penetrating fire rated walls, walls with vapor retarder/barriers, wall types that extend to structure or wall types that contain batts shall be sealed airtight with approved Firestop Putty Pads to reduce sound transmission, reduce air transmission and increase fire resistance. Mold putty pads around electrical junction boxes and conduits to form an airtight seal in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions.

#### 3.9 JUNCTION BOX AND PULL BOX INSTALLATION

- A. Junction and pull boxes shall be installed so that covers are readily accessible and adequate working clearance is maintained after completion of the installation.
- B. Select boxes properly sized per NEC for power and lighting applications.

#### 3.10 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM PULL BOXES

- A. Where a pull box is required in a 1 inch conduit run, outlet boxes as specified in this Section may be used. Where a pull box is required in a conduit run 1 1/4 inch or larger, or where required for multiple raceways, the box shall be sized in accordance with the Table in this Section.
- B. Pull boxes shall be located in straight-through sections of horizontal cabling pathways (conduits). Pull boxes shall not be used for angle pulls or to accomplish changes in direction of the pathway.
- C. Multiple raceways connecting to telecommunications system pull boxes shall penetrate box walls such that they are distributed evenly along the Box wall.

## 3.11 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM JUNCTION BOXES

A. Telecommunications system interior pathways shall not contain junction boxes.

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