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# Contents

# Preface

This document is a progress report on the development of the National Construction Thesaurus and its parent project, the DRAWSPEC LINK system. DRAWSPEC LINK, including the National Construction Thesaurus, is being developed by the Navy in an effort to improve the construction process. The Tri-Service CADD/GIS Technology Center, located at the Information Technology Laboratory (ITL), U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES), Vicksburg, MS, supports the completion of this project.

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# 1 Overview

The National Construction Thesaurus is a relational database software package under development by Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) through its Western Division (WestDiv) to standardize construction terminology. The goal is to develop standard data definitions and a keynoting system for construction materials and processes. The National Construction Thesaurus will eradicate some of the communications barriers between design professionals and contractors. It will also remove some of the communications barriers that result from different usages of construction terms. Removal of these barriers will make the construction process more efficient, thereby, saving the Government money.

# 2 Benefits

The National Construction Thesaurus will list the names for most construction products and processes along with their definitions. For example, the words gypsum board, Sheetrock, and drywall are all used to represent the same product. The names waferboard and chipboard are also used interchangeably. These synonyms will be listed in relational databases that can be accessed by personnel involved in construction projects to ensure that all personnel have a clear understanding of the product or process discussed.

The synonyms listed in the National Construction Thesaurus will point toward a "preferred term," which is the term that is most commonly used for the construction item or process. In the work already completed, the definitions for the items and processes are given in the database files with the preferred terms (see Appendix A).

The National Construction Thesaurus will be contained in a keynoting system, called DRAWSPEC LINK, to be used in construction plans and specifications. This keynoting system will link items in the drawings to specifications and to database files containing important information about the items and processes, including references to the nationally recognized standards used for the items and processes (see Appendix B). Every piece of equipment and type of material used in a drawing will have a keynote number associated with it. This keynote number will associate the item with its corresponding specification. In the future, this keynote number may also be used in the following ways:

*a.* To associate project items with maintenance procedures and schedules. These maintenance procedures and schedules may be included in operations and maintenance manuals.

*b.* To link project items to cost-estimating programs that keep track of project costs.

*c.* To use with as-built drawings, kept current during construction, to monitor the project's stage of completion and funds expenditure.

*d.* To keep track of spare parts inventories and ordering information.

At present, the keynote numbers vary between the Army and the Navy documents (see Appendixes C and D). Hopefully in the future, the keynote number for an item will not vary between projects, but will be a permanent number to be associated with that item on every Government project in every Government organization. The Tri-Service CADD/GIS Technology Center along with NAVFAC envisions this system extending into the private sector, developing keynote numbers for construction items into industry standards as well as Government standards.

Another benefit of the development of the National Construction Thesaurus is the systematic checking of the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) Guide Specifications, the Army Civil Works Guide Specifications, and NAVFAC Guide Specifications. Discrepancies have been found within the guide specifications during the initial development of the National Construction Thesaurus. Duplications of information within various sections of the same guide specification have also been identified. Appendix E is an excerpt from the presently completed portion of the National Construction Thesaurus. This excerpt shows how the construction items and processes are listed in the guide specifications and how some are not called by their most common names. It is important that the guide specifications be complete, clear, concise, and current. If they are anything less, disputes and project modifications will result. The development of the National Construction Thesaurus has become an important instrument in the evaluation and improvement of the guide specifications.

# 3 Progress

The work done so far in the development of the National Construction Thesaurus has involved architectural and structural engineering definitions. Divisions 5 and 6 of the Army COE, Army Civil Works, and NAVFAC guide specifications have been reviewed to form the existing documentation and software. Seventeen specification sections have been reviewed, and six hundred and twenty sections remain. The National Construction Thesaurus now contains 548 listings with their abbreviations, definitions, and keynote numbers. Many of these listings contain special notes giving additional and useful information about the items or materials. The examples contained in the appendixes of this report are from the completed portion of the DRAWSPEC LINK project, which contains the National Construction Thesaurus.

# 4 Conclusions

Continued development of the National Construction Thesaurus will be a significant step for the Government in developing partnerships with private industry. Many of the problems associated with the construction process will be diminished or eliminated. This document must be completed and distributed to every Government installation, both military and civilian, as well as to firms in the private sector to be used on construction sites and in design centers for its full benefit to be realized. The Tri-Service CADD/GIS Technology Center recommends that the completion of this document be strongly pursued. The cost of development is minuscule when compared with the benefits that may be realized from development and implementation of the National Construction Thesaurus.

# 5 Future Developments

The Tri-Service CADD/GIS Technology Center working in coordination with NAVFAC can expect to expend about $350,000 plus administration costs to complete the National Construction Thesaurus. It will be best for the Tri-Service CADD/GIS Technology Center and NAVFAC to engage an experienced and well-qualified architectural/engineering firm to complete this effort.

# Appendix A
# Preferred Terms Example

NAVFAC DRAWSPEC LINK
Contract No. N62474-91-M-9623

DRAWSPEC LINK DATABASE TABLE 2
PARADOX® 3.5 TABLE

TABLE 2 - TERMDEF - CONSTRUCTION THESAURUS TABLE

| PREFERRED TERM (A80) | ABBREVIATION (A40) | DEFINITION (A255) | COMMENT (A255) | MASTERFORMAT (A5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ⊢ KEY ⊣ | | | | |

TABLE 2, the TERMDEF table, along with Tables 3 and 4 forms the basis for a Construction Thesaurus. Keynote terms used for all specification sections are collected in this table. Therefore, there is only one table which serves for both ARMY and NAVY specification sections. Table 3 - TERMREF provides the reference specifications for each applicable term, and Table 4 - TERMMAP provides the alternate terms which correspond to each defined term.

The PREFERRED TERM field contains the same text as the PREFERRED TERM field in the other tables, and is used to link the tables together for several of the reports.

The ABBREVIATION field contains recommended abbreviations for each term in the table. Where available, the abbreviations are industry standards or recommendations. If not available, recommended abbreviations or common usage were used. Where a single abbreviation may apply to more than one term, only unique abbreviations for each term were used to avoid confusion.

The DEFINITION field contains a brief definition for each of the terms. This will provide enough information to allow a designer or specifier to choose an appropriate and specific term.

The COMMENT field is used to provide commentary for each term. Items in this field are not appropriate for other fields in the table.

The MASTERFORMAT field contains the MASTERFORMAT recommended section number for each term in the table. The inclusion of the recommended number will provide guidance for specification writers in placing materials in the proper section. In some cases, MASTERFORMAT does not have a section number for some materials. Then the section number given in these cases is the recommended MASTERFORMAT filing number. In the special case of fasteners, one number could be used if all fasteners were to be specified in a single section. However, following common practice, these items are left in the section to which they apply.

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ARCOM Architectural Computer Services, Inc. Salt Lake City, Utah

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Table 2 - Construction Thesaurus Table (Filename: TERMDEF, 548 records)
Preferred Term, Abbreviation, Definition, Comment, and Masterformat Section
Print date 08/14/92



| Preferred Term | Abbreviation | Definition | Comment | Recommended Section from Masterformat |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACCESS PANEL | AP | Removable or swinging panel, usually of same material and flush with adjoining surface to provide access to concealed equipment or system components for inspections and maintenance purposes. | Access panels are normally specified with the material that are made of plaster, gypsum board, etc. | 08305 |
| ADHESIVE | ADH | Substance that when dries or cures, binds two surfaces together. | | 06050 |
| ADJUSTABLE SHELF HARDWARE | ADJ SHV HDW | Metal items to provide for the support of shelves in multiple positions, usually in the form of strips attached to vertical surfaces with either clips or brackets. | | 06200 |
| ADJUSTABLE SHELF STANDARD | ADJ SHV STD | Metal items to provide for the support of shelves in multiple positions, usually in the form of strips attached to vertical surfaces with either clips or brackets. | With shelf clips | 06200 |
| AGGREGATE COATED PANEL | AGGR CTD PNL | Sheet material, usually plywood, with decorative face of aggregate bonded with epoxy applied to one face. | Aggregate coated panel is APA suggested term. | 06200 |
| ALUMINUM CASTING | | Aluminum sections formed by casting in a mold. | | 05500 |
| ALUMINUM CEILING EXPANSION-JOINT COVER | AL CLG EXP JT COV | Expansion joint cover located on wall surface. | | 05800 |
| ALUMINUM CEILING EXPANSION-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED | AL CLG EXP JT COV | Aluminum expansion joint cover located on wall surface, fire rated. | | 05800 |
| ALUMINUM CONTROL-JOINT COVER | AL CLJ COV | | | 05810 |
| ALUMINUM CONTROL-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED | AL CLJ COV FR | Exposed aluminum device to cover and conceal control-joint, fire-rated. | | 05810 |
| ALUMINUM EXPANSION-JOINT COVER | AL EXP JT COV | Exposed aluminum device to cover and conceal expansion joint, fire rated. | | 05800 |
| ALUMINUM EXPANSION-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED | AL EXP JT COV | Exposed aluminum device to cover and conceal expansion joint, fire rated. | | 05800 |
| ALUMINUM EXTERIOR EXPANSION-JOINT COVER | AL EXT EXP JT COV | Exposed aluminum device to cover and conceal expansion joint. | | 05800 |
| ALUMINUM EXTERIOR EXPANSION-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED | AL EXT EXP JT COV | Exterior aluminum device to cover and conceal expansion joint. | | 05800 |
| ALUMINUM EXTRUSION | AL EXTRUS | Aluminum sections formed by extrusion. | | 05500 |
| ALUMINUM FLOOR EXPANSION-JOINT COVER | AL FLR EXP JT COV | Aluminum expansion joint cover located on floor surface. | | 05800 |
| ALUMINUM FLOOR EXPANSION-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED | AL FLR EXP JT COV | Aluminum expansion joint cover located on floor surface, fire rated. | | 05800 |
| ALUMINUM FLOOR GRATING | AL FLR GRTG | Open grid of aluminum bars structurally formed. | | 05530 |
| ALUMINUM FLOOR MAT FRAME | AL FLR MAT FRM | Aluminum frame used to contain floor mat and provide mens to anchor to floor construction. | CSI MASTERFORMAT locates floor mats in 12690. | 12690 |

# Appendix B
# Reference Standards Example

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DRAWSPEC LINK DATABASE TABLE 3
PARADOX® 3.5 TABLE

TABLE 3 - TERMREF - TERM REFERENCE STANDARDS TABLE

| PREFERRED TERM (A80) | STANDARDS (A80) |
|---|---|
| KEY | |

The TERMREF Table contains the terms used in the keynotes with the reference standards used nationally for the material or action specified. This Table is combined with Table 3 - TERMDEF to produce the report table for the Construction Thesaurus.

The PREFERRED TERM field contains the same text as the PREFERRED TERM field in the other tables. The PREFERRED TERM field is used to link the tables together for several of the report tables. There may be several records in the table with the same preferred term, however, each will have a different referenced specification in the STANDARDS field.

The STANDARDS field contains the source and number or designation of a reference specification for the material or action. Examples of the reference specifications include: ANSI, ASTM, AWI, Federal Specifications (FS), Military Standards (MIL-STD), NAAMM, NBS, NFPA, SDEI, SDI, and SJI.

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ARCON Architectural Computer Services, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah

NAVFAC DRAWSPEC LINK - Contract No. N62474-91-M-9623

Table 3 - Term Reference Standards Table (Filename: TERMREF, 448 records)
Preferred Term, Reference Standards
Print date 08/14/92 

| Preferred Term | Reference Standards |
|---|---|
| ADHESIVE | APA AFG 01 |
| ADJUSTABLE SHELF HARDWARE | ANSI A156.9 |
| ADJUSTABLE SHELF STANDARD | ANSI A156.9 |
| ALUMINUM CASTING | ASTM B26 |
| ALUMINUM EXTRUSION | ASTM B221 |
| ALUMINUM FLOOR GRATING | FS RR-G-1602 |
| ALUMINUM FLOOR GRATING | MAMA 01 |
| ALUMINUM FLOOR GRATING | MAMA 86 |
| ALUMINUM FLOOR MAT FRAME | MAMA 86 |
| ALUMINUM LADDER | ANSI A14.3 |
| ALUMINUM PLATE | ASTM B209 |
| ALUMINUM SHIPS LADDER | ANSI A14.3 |
| ALUMINUM-ZINC COATED | ASTM A792 |
| APPLIED PRESERVATIVE TREATED | NLMA 1.8.4 |
| APPLIED PRESERVATIVE TREATED | WWPA WN6 |
| BASE CABINET | AWI |
| BASE SHOE MOLDING | PS-20 |
| BLANKET INSULATION | FS HH-I-521 |
| BOLLARD | ASTM A53 |
| BUILDING PAPER | FS UU-B-790 |
| BUILT-UP STEEL LINTEL | ASTM A36 |
| BUTT WELD, ULTRASONIC EXAMINED | ASNT 04 |
| CABINET | AWI |
| CABINET FINISH | AWI |
| CABINET HARDWARE | ANSI A156.9 |
| CABINET TRANSPARENT FINISH | AWI |
| CAST IRON FLOOR GRATING | FS RR-G-1602 |
| CAST IRON WHEEL GUARD | ASTM A48 |
| CHIMNEY | NFPA 211 |
| CLEANOUT DOOR, CAST IRON | ASTM A48 |
| CORNER WELD, ULTRASONIC EXAMINED | ASNT 04 |
| DISSIMILAR METAL COATING | FS TT-P-664 |
| DISSIMILAR METAL COATING | MIL-STD-889 |
| EXPANDED METAL | MIL M-17194 |
| EXPANSION SHIELD | FS FF-S-325 |
| EXTERIOR FIRE-RETARDANT TREATED | MIL L-19140 |
| EXTERIOR WOOD DOOR CASING | PS-20 |
| EXTERIOR WOOD DOOR TRIM | PS-20 |
| EXTERIOR WOOD TRIM | PS-20 |
| EXTERIOR WOOD WINDOW CASING | PS-20 |
| EXTERIOR WOOD WINDOW TRIM | PS-20 |

# Appendix C
# Army Keynote Symbols Example

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DRAWSPEC LINK DATABASE TABLE 1
PARADOX® 3.5 TABLES

TABLE 1A - ARMKNOTE - ARMY KEYNOTE TABLE
TABLE 1B - NAVKNOTE - NAVY KEYNOTE TABLE

| KSYMBOL (A9) | PREFERRED TERM (A80) | TYPE (A1) |
|---|---|---|

KEY

Each specification considered has a separate keynote table. The keynote symbol for use on drawings is contained in the KSYMBOL field. Each keynote symbol is made up of the 5 digit section number followed by a period, and a three character suffix. The section numbers are based on current specifications even though not all section numbers follow recommendations the MASTERFORMAT® recommendations of CSI exactly. The suffix on each keynote symbol uses an alphabetic character followed by two numeric characters. The alphabetic character is used to separate classes of materials within a specification section. The two numeric characters are used to designate a specific material or action.

The PREFERRED TERM field contains the text equivalent of the keynote. The field is named PREFERRED TERM to designate that it contains the preferred term for the material or action. The preferred term is the accepted industry standard designation or recommended text for the material or action. The PREFERRED TERM field is contained in other tables and is the field used to link the table together for several of the report tables.

The TYPE field is used to distinguish between keynotes that specify materials and those that specify an action. Since most notes are used for materials the field is left blank except for action notes which are marked with an "A" in the Type field.

The KSYMBOL field is designated as the key since it contains only unique entries. The PREFERRED TERM field could contain duplicate entries since there may be a material specified in more than one section in a given specification.

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ARCON Architectural Computer Services, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah

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Table 1A - Army Keynote Table (Filename: ARMKNOTE, 302 records)
Type, Army Keynote Symbol, and Preferred Term
Print date 08/14/92 

| Type | Army Keynote Symbol | Preferred Term |
|---|---|---|
| | 05055.A01 | WELD |
| A | 05055.B01 | WELD, DESTRUCTIVE TEST |
| A | 05055.C01 | WELD, NONDESTRUCTIVE EXAMINED |
| A | 05055.D01 | WELD, RADIOGRAPHIC EXAMINED |
| A | 05055.E01 | WELD, ULTRASONIC EXAMINED |
| A | 05055.F01 | WELD, MAGNETIC PARTICLE EXAMINED |
| A | 05055.G01 | WELD, LIQUID PENETRANT EXAMINED |
| A | 05061.A01 | WELD, ULTRASONIC EXAMINED |
| A | 05061.B01 | BUTT WELD, ULTRASONIC EXAMINED |
| A | 05061.C01 | CORNER WELD, ULTRASONIC EXAMINED |
| A | 05061.D01 | TEE WELD, ULTRASONIC EXAMINED |
| A | 05062.A01 | PLATE, ULTRASONIC EXAMINED |
| | 05120.A01 | STRUCTURAL STEEL |
| | 05120.A02 | STRUCTURAL STEEL, CARBON GRADE |
| | 05120.A03 | STRUCTURAL STEEL, HIGH-STRENGTH, LOW-ALLOY |
| | 05120.A04 | STRUCTURAL STEEL, CORROSION RESISTANT, HIGH-STRENGTH, LOW-ALLOY |
| | 05120.A05 | STRUCTURAL STEEL, QUENCHED AND TEMPERED ALLOY |
| | 05120.B01 | STRUCTURAL STEEL TUBING, COLD-FORMED |
| | 05120.B02 | STRUCTURAL STEEL TUBING, HIGH-STRENGTH, LOW-ALLOY |
| | 05120.C01 | STEEL PIPE |
| | 05120.D01 | STEEL BASE PLATE |
| | 05120.D02 | STEEL BEARING PLATE |
| | 05120.E01 | STEEL RIVET |
| | 05120.F01 | STEEL BOLT, HIGH-STRENGTH |
| | 05120.F02 | STEEL BOLT, COMMON GRADE |
| | 05120.G01 | STEEL NUT |
| | 05120.G02 | STEEL NUT, SELF-LOCKING |
| | 05120.H01 | STEEL WASHER |
| | 05120.H02 | STEEL WASHER, HIGH-STRENGTH |
| A | 05120.J01 | SHOP PAINTED |
| | 05210.A01 | STEEL JOIST |
| | 05210.B01 | STEEL JOIST, K-SERIES |
| | 05210.C01 | STEEL JOIST, LH-SERIES |
| | 05210.D01 | STEEL JOIST, DLH-SERIES |
| | 05210.E01 | STEEL JOIST GIRDER |
| | 05210.F01 | STEEL JOIST BRIDGING |
| | 05210.F02 | END SUPPORT |
| | 05210.G01 | STEEL BEARING PLATE |
| | 05210.H01 | WELD |
| A | 05210.J01 | SHOP PAINTED |
| | 05300.A01 | STEEL ROOF DECK |
| | 05300.A02 | STEEL ROOF DECK, FIRE-RATED |

# Appendix D
# Navy Keynote Symbols Example

ARCON Architectural Computer Services, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah

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Table 18 - Navy Keynote Table (Filename: NAVKNOTE, 384 records)
Type, Navy Keynote Symbol, and Preferred Term
Print date 08/14/92 

| Type | Navy Keynote | Preferred Term |
|---|---|---|
| | 05120.A01 | STRUCTURAL STEEL |
| | 05120.A02 | STRUCTURAL STEEL, HIGH-STRENGTH, LOW-ALLOY |
| | 05120.A03 | STRUCTURAL STEEL, HIGH-STRENGTH, HEAT-TREATED, LOW-ALLOY |
| | 05120.A04 | STRUCTURAL STEEL, CORROSION RESISTANT, HIGH-STRENGTH, LOW-ALLOY |
| | 05120.B01 | STRUCTURAL STEEL TUBING |
| | 05120.C01 | STEEL PIPE |
| | 05120.C02 | STEEL PIPE, WELDED |
| | 05120.C03 | STEEL PIPE, SEAMLESS |
| | 05120.D01 | STEEL BASE PLATE |
| | 05120.D02 | STEEL BEARING PLATE |
| | 05120.E01 | STEEL CRANE RAIL, OVERHEAD, TOP RUNNING |
| | 05120.F01 | STEEL BOLT |
| | 05120.F02 | STEEL BOLT, COMMON GRADE |
| | 05120.F03 | STEEL BOLT, HIGH-STRENGTH |
| | 05120.F04 | STEEL BOLT, WEATHERING |
| | 05120.F05 | STEEL ANCHOR BOLT |
| | 05120.F06 | STEEL ANCHOR BOLT, HIGH-STRENGTH |
| | 05120.F07 | STEEL BOLT, LOAD INDICATOR |
| | 05120.F08 | STEEL BOLT, INTERFERENCE BODY |
| | 05120.G01 | STEEL NUT |
| | 05120.G02 | STEEL NUT, HIGH-STRENGTH |
| | 05120.G03 | STEEL NUT, WEATHERING |
| | 05120.G04 | STEEL NUT, SELF-LOCKING |
| | 05120.H01 | STEEL WASHER |
| | 05120.H02 | STEEL WASHER, HIGH-STRENGTH |
| | 05120.H03 | STEEL WASHER, WEATHERING |
| | 05120.H04 | STEEL WASHER, LOAD INDICATOR |
| | 05120.K01 | SHEAR CONNECTOR, STUD |
| | 05120.L01 | STEEL PIN AND ROLLER |
| | 05120.M01 | WELD |
| A | 05120.M02 | WELD, RADIOGRAPHIC EXAMINED |
| A | 05120.M03 | WELD, ULTRASONIC EXAMINED |
| | 05120.N01 | NONSHRINK GROUT |
| | 05120.N02 | NONSHRINK GROUT, NONMETALLIC |
| | 05120.P01 | GALVANIZED |
| A | 05120.P02 | GALVANIZING REPAIR |
| A | 05120.Q01 | THERMAL SPRAYED ZINC-COATED |
| A | 05120.R01 | SHOP PAINTED |
| | 05210.A01 | STEEL JOIST |
| | 05210.B01 | STEEL JOIST, K-SERIES |
| | 05210.C01 | STEEL JOIST, LH-SERIES |
| | 05210.D01 | STEEL JOIST, DLH-SERIES |

# Appendix E
# Present National Construction Thesaurus Example

NAVFAC DRAWSPEC LINK
Contract No. N62474-91-M-9623

DRAWSPEC LINK DATABASE TABLE 4
PARADOX® 3.5 TABLE

TABLE 4 - TERMMAP - TERM USED AND PREFERRED TERM TABLE

| TERM USED (A80) | PREFERRED TERM (A80) |
|---|---|

KEY

This table provides a comparative listing of the material and action terms used in the specifications with the preferred terms. Many materials that are the same are specified by using several different names. A term may be looked up in this table to determine if it is an industry standard or recommended term. The table should provide the means to standardize the material and action terminology used on drawings and in specifications for construction.

The TERM USED field in Table 4 contains materials or actions found in the specifications. The PREFERRED TERM field contains the corresponding preferred term used in the other tables.

A preferred term may appear in several records since there may be several alternative or non-recommended terms for a given term. If a term used in the specification is the same as the preferred term, then both fields will have the same text. This permits the TERM USED field of Table 5 to be mapped to a preferred term, regardless of it being considered as a preferred or alternate non-recommended term.

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ARCON Architectural Computer Services, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah

NAVFAC DRAWSPEC LINK - Contract No. N62474-91-M-9623

Table 4 - Term Used and Alternate Term Table (Filename: TERMMAP, 670 records)
Term Used in Specification, Preferred Term
Print date 08/14/92 

| Term Used in Specification | Preferred Term |
|---|---|
| ACCESS DOOR | STEEL ACCESS DOOR |
| ACOUSTIC INSULATION | SOUND ABSORBING MATERIAL |
| ADHESIVE | ADHESIVE |
| ADJUSTABLE SHELF HARDWARE | ADJUSTABLE SHELF HARDWARE |
| ADJUSTABLE SHELF STANDARD | ADJUSTABLE SHELF STANDARD |
| AGGREGATE COATED PANEL | AGGREGATE COATED PANEL |
| ALUMINUM CASTING | ALUMINUM CASTING |
| ALUMINUM CEILING EXPANSION-JOINT COVER | ALUMINUM CEILING EXPANSION-JOINT COVER |
| ALUMINUM CEILING EXPANSION-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED | ALUMINUM CEILING EXPANSION-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED |
| ALUMINUM CONTROL-JOINT COVER | ALUMINUM CONTROL-JOINT COVER |
| ALUMINUM EXPANSION-JOINT COVER | ALUMINUM EXPANSION-JOINT COVER |
| ALUMINUM EXPANSION-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED | ALUMINUM EXPANSION-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED |
| ALUMINUM EXTERIOR EXPANSION-JOINT COVER | ALUMINUM EXTERIOR EXPANSION-JOINT COVER |
| ALUMINUM EXTRUSION | ALUMINUM EXTRUSION |
| ALUMINUM FLOOR EXPANSION-JOINT COVER | ALUMINUM FLOOR EXPANSION-JOINT COVER |
| ALUMINUM FLOOR EXPANSION-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED | ALUMINUM FLOOR EXPANSION-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED |
| ALUMINUM FLOOR GRATING | ALUMINUM FLOOR GRATING |
| ALUMINUM FLOOR MAT FRAME | ALUMINUM FLOOR MAT FRAME |
| ALUMINUM GRID WALKWAY | ALUMINUM GRID WALKWAY |
| ALUMINUM HANDRAIL | RAILING, ALUMINUM |
| ALUMINUM LADDER | ALUMINUM LADDER |
| ALUMINUM PIPE HANDRAIL | HANDRAIL, ALUMINUM PIPE |
| ALUMINUM RAILING | HANDRAIL, ALUMINUM |
| ALUMINUM ROOF SCUTTLE | ROOF HATCH, ALUMINUM |
| ALUMINUM ROOF VENT | ROOF HATCH, ALUMINUM |
| ALUMINUM SHEET PLATE | ALUMINUM SHEET PLATE |
| ALUMINUM SHIPS LADDER | ALUMINUM SHIPS LADDER |
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| ALUMINUM WALL EXPANSION-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED | ALUMINUM WALL EXPANSION-JOINT COVER, FIRE-RATED |
| ALUMINUM-ZINC COATED | ALUMINUM-ZINC COATED |
| ANCHOR BOLT | STEEL ANCHOR BOLT |
| ANTI-SLIP METALLIC TREAD | STAIR TREAD, NON-SLIP METALLIC |
| APPLIED PRESERVATIVE TREATED | APPLIED PRESERVATIVE TREATED |
| BASE CABINET | BASE CABINET |
| BASE CASEWORK | BASE CABINET |
| BASE SHOE MOLDING | BASE SHOE MOLDING |
| BATT INSULATION | BLANKET INSULATION |
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