



Standard Specification for Air Performance Measurement Plenum Chamber for Vacuum Cleaners¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the acceptable details and tolerances for the plenum chamber used in specified air performance measurement tests for vacuum cleaners.

1.2 The plenum chamber is designed for vacuum measurements only. (**Warning**—The plenum chamber has been shown to accurately determine maximum air power values at various test points for vacuum cleaners. There is a possibility that the airflow values measured with orifices larger than 2 in. at high flow rates may be erroneous due to the proximity of the top and bottom surfaces to the orifice plate inlet.)

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

F558 Test Method for Measuring Air Performance Characteristics of Vacuum Cleaners

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

F820 Test Method for Measuring Air Performance Characteristics of Central Vacuum Cleaning Systems

F2105 Test Method for Measuring Air Performance Characteristics of Vacuum Cleaner Motor/Fan Systems

2.2 ASTM Adjunct:

Orifice Plate Holder Details (F431)³

2.3 ISO Standard:⁴

ISO 5167-2:2003 Measurement of fluid flow by means of pressure differential devices inserted in circular cross-section conduits running full — Part 2: Orifice plates

3. Details

3.1 Plenum chambers conforming to this specification shall be fabricated in accordance with the dimensions, tolerances, and notes shown in the following figures:

3.1.1 Plenum chamber assembly, see Fig. 1.

3.1.2 Orifice plate detail, see Fig. 2.

3.1.3 Orifice plate holder and assembly, see Fig. 3.

3.2 Manometer connection detail, see Fig. 1(f), Note 17.

4. Orifice Plates

4.1 Orifice plates conforming to this specification shall be fabricated in accordance to the dimensions, tolerances, and notes shown in the following figure:

4.1.1 Orifice plate dimensional detail, see Fig. 2(a).

4.1.2 Acceptable machined edges for orifice plates, see Fig. 2(b).

5. Keywords

5.1 air performance; orifice plate; plenum chamber; vacuum cleaner

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⁴ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.



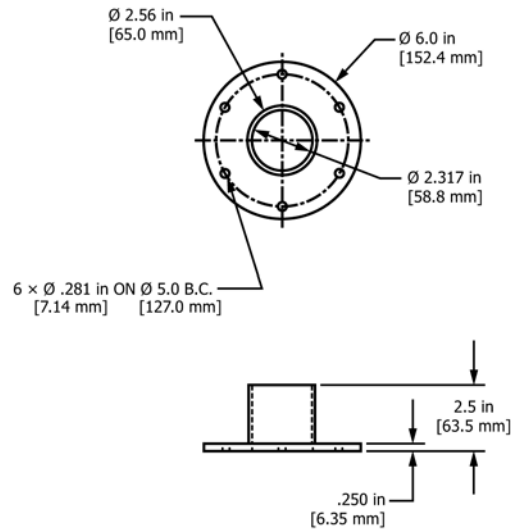


FIG. 1 (c) Hose Connector (Material: Aluminum or Steel—see Note 16) (continued)

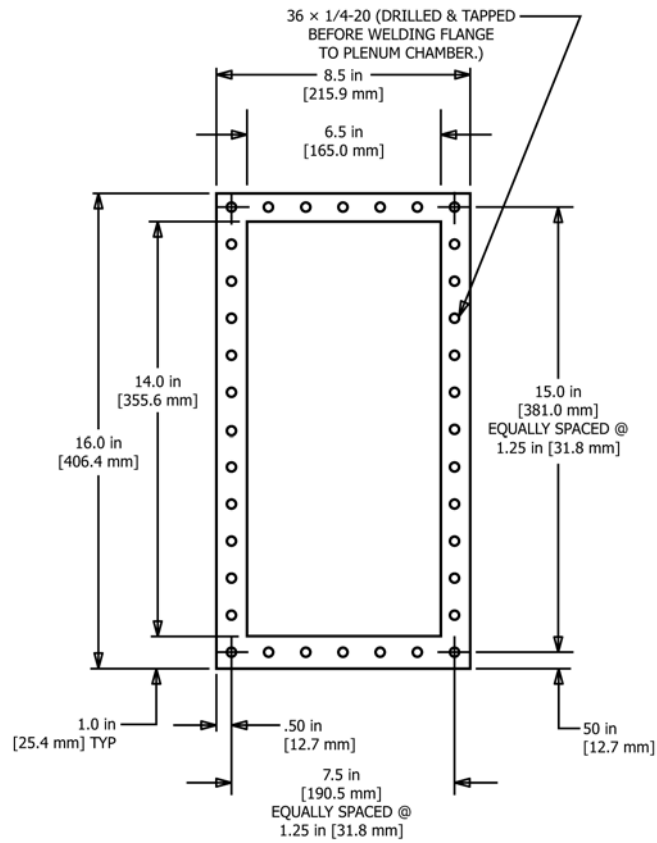


FIG. 1 (d) Flange Plate (Material: 0.250-in. (6.35-mm) Steel) (continued)

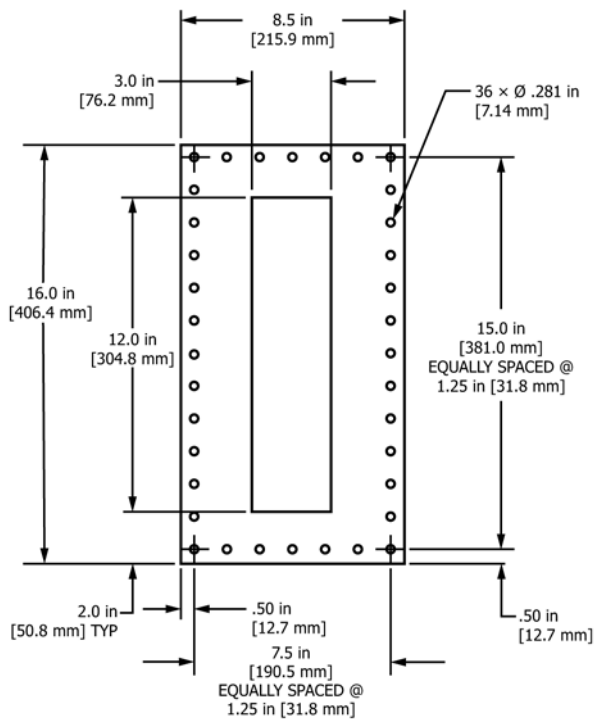


FIG. 1 (e) Cleaner Plate (Material: 0.250-in. (6.35-mm) Steel) (continued)