

Suspended ceilings —

Part 3: Code of practice for installation and maintenance

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Foreword

This Part of BS 8290, prepared under the direction of the Elements and Components (of Diverse Materials) for Buildings Standards Policy Committee, deals with the installation and maintenance of suspended ceilings of dry construction with suspension systems of lightweight corrosion-resistant steel or aluminium alloy sections.

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- *Part 1: Code of practice for design;*
- *Part 2: Specification for performance of components and assemblies.*

A suspended ceiling is a membrane suspended below a structural floor or roof to provide a finished soffit. Suspended ceilings have a variety of functions in forming the internal environment of buildings. They can provide concealment of services, protection of structure against fire, decorative finishes, thermal insulation and illumination. They can also provide heating and ventilation, and contribute to acoustic absorption, sound insulation and the reduction of condensation.

Suspended ceilings are constructed from pre-fabricated components which together form an integrated system. For this reason they are usually installed by specialist ceiling contractors.

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