

# BASE SPECIFICATION GUIDE SIGNATURE SERIES SPECTRUM HORIZONTAL 1" MINI BLINDS

## PART I- GENERAL

### 1.01 REQUIREMENTS

- A. Provide and install **Signature Series Blinds** manufactured by **CACO, Inc.** in agreement with all specifications, drawings and contract correspondence.
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### 1.02 SUBMITTALS

- A. Provide manufacture's product data and installation information per type of blind specified.
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## PART II - PRODUCTS

### 2.01 HORIZONTAL BLINDS

- A. **CACO, Inc.** custom **Signature Series Summit** Horizontal Mini Blinds.

B. Materials

1. **Signature Series Summit head rail** is a "U" shaped configuration, dimensions are 1" high by 1 ½" deep with rolled edges at the top. Head rail is convexly contoured and shall have 3 decorative grooves located in the front. In addition the back has 1 groove to position installation bracket that allows for a secure fit. An integrated lip located at the lowermost part of the back section is designed to prevent light seepage at top slat, which eliminates the need for an attached valance. Fabricated steel is 0.024-inch thick (before paint) and iron phosphate treated. Head rail is acrylic primed with a finish coat of baked on polyester enamel to color coordinate with bottom rail.
  - a. **Head rail** shall incorporate color coordinated or milky white molded end caps for reinforcement.
2. **Operating hardware** is of a snap in design and positioned to allow precise alignment.
3. **Tape roll supports:** Component is made of low friction thermoplastic, which is self-lubricating and maintenance free for smooth operation. Ease of raising and lowering is facilitated by the use of an integrated nickel-plated roller that the lift cords ride on. The tape roll support also provides the tape roll with a smooth bearing point and centers it over the ladder guide hole.
4. **Tape rolls:** This component shall be made from heat-treated zinc-plated steel for utmost resistance to corrosive elements. Component is cylindrical in shape and allows for a clinched metal ladder tip to be inserted and secured into body.
5. **Crash-proof cord lock:** This component is a steel bodied unit and shall be of a snap-in design. The lift cord smoothly passes over a Delrin plastic roller and has a floating geared roller which provides the cord lock with a "crash-proof" safety feature, which locks the blind automatically whenever the cord is released. The ends of the cords are knotted allowing for either color coordinated or milky white cord tassels. The cord lock is designed with a built-in cord separator that prevents multiple cords from twisting as they enter through the cord lock.
  - a. An optional lift cord ring pull is available in lieu of cord tassels and shall be supplied with a standard 4-inch control length.
6. **Tilter:** Precise clutch tilter holds slats at any angle without movement. Worm and gear system and fully enclosed housing are constructed of clear .080-inch thick thermoplastic. This highly accurate tilter operates smoothly, preventing potential damage to the blind due to accidental over tilt.
  - a. Optional tilt ring shall be attached to the tilter shaft in lieu of a wand, allowing for the field provision of a pole hook to operate.
7. **Tilt wand:** A length of clear solid plastic rod facilitates direct engagement of tilter. Wand shall be multi sided, with a cross-section measuring 3/8-inch across the points. Wand length is determined by appropriate schedule of blind drop, unless otherwise noted. Wand shall be attached or detached to tilter shaft via metal clip, which shall be secured by pressure.
8. **Tilt rod:** This component, hexagonal in shape, is composed of solid steel and provides an instant tilting response.
9. **Aluminum slats:** Slats are composed of aluminum alloy with a recycled material content of 41.53% (a letter of compliance is on file for LEED qualifying projects) which provides maximum strength, flexibility and resistance to varying corrosive elements. Slats shall be nominally 1-inch in width. Before painting, slats shall have a pre-coated treatment to adhere and bond baked on polyester enamel finish. On selected colors, paint shall incorporate an anti-static dust inhibitor additive to minimize dust accumulation.
  - a. Before painting, .006 slat thicknesses is .00575 (± .0003). After painting standard colors, .0070 (± .0003).
  - b. Before painting, .008 slat thicknesses is .0073 (± .0003). After painting standard colors, .0080 (± .0003).
10. **Braided ladder (ladder tape):** Color coordinated braided ladders shall be constructed of polyester yarn with a double crossed inter-braided cable thread design, for maximum slat support and minimum stretch. Slats shall be supported by ladder tape without any visible distortion. Ladder rung distances shall not exceed 18mm (16.9 slats per vertical foot). Distances between ladders shall not exceed 23-inches, nor shall distance from end of ladder to end of slat not exceed 6-inches. Slat routes are punched in rear, which minimizes light seepage when slats are tilted closed.
11. **Lift cords:** Color coordinated lift cord shall be constructed of a braided polyester jacket with a rayon center core or approved equal. Cords shall be of sufficient length to properly facilitate the raising and lowering of the blind. Diameter of cord shall be 1.4mm (+ - 0.1 mm).
  - a. Cords shall be equipped with a standard color coordinated tassels or an optional ring.
12. **Enclosed bottom rail:** Signature Series/Summit bottom rail shall be made of roll formed steel sculptured in design, which enables a color coordinated slat to be inserted into an integrated groove providing a fully enclosed dust cover. Fabricated steel is .024-inch thick (before paint) and iron phosphate treated. Bottom rail is acrylic primed, then finished with a coat of polyester baked on enamel to color coordinate with head rail.
  - a. Color coordinated or milky white thermoplastic end caps and tape retainers are designed to prevent marring of window sill or mullion.

- 13. Installation brackets:** Steel top mounted installation brackets are designed to snap in place. The bracket is a two piece design with z spring steel mounting plate and plastic support tensioned by two cylindrical springs which provides pressure when secured into the head rail.
- 14. Side channels:** Optional side and bottom channels are available in any corresponding solid color slat.
- 15. Packaging:** Corrugated 44 ECT cardboard packaging consists of 100% recycled material that is also 100% recyclable (a letter of compliance is on file for LEED qualifying projects).
- 16. General:** Signature Series/Catalina Blinds shall be manufactured exempt of any sharp edges, burrs or other defects. CACO, Inc. will extend a limited life-time warranty: Every horizontal blind properly installed is guaranteed to be free from defective components and workmanship for as long as the blind remains in the same window as originally installed. This obligation is limited to repair and replacement of components found to be defective. This guarantee does not include any conditions resulting from damages caused by accidents, alterations, misuse, abuse, or failure to follow instructions with respect to cleaning or maintenance.
- 17. Size limitations:**
- Maximum width: 155 3/4-inches
  - Maximum length: 240-inches

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## 2.02 FABRICATION

- Prior to fabrication, verify actual opening sizes by measuring on site. Calculate blind dimensions to fit within specified tolerances.
- Fabricate blinds to fill opening from top of window to sill and jamb to jamb. The minimum clearance blind to blind shall be 1/4-inch. Locate blind divisions at mullions.

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## PART III - EXECUTION

### 3.01 INSPECTION

- Work area in which blinds will be installed should be free of conditions that interfere with blind installations and operations. Begin blind installation only when unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

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### 3.02 INSTALLATION

- Install blinds in accordance with manufacture's installation procedures except as otherwise specified.
- Install intermediate support brackets and extension brackets as needed to prevent deflection in head rail.
- Install blinds with adequate clearance to permit smooth operation of blinds and any sash operations. Hold blinds 1/4-inch clear from each side of window openings on inside mount unless other clearance is indicated.

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### 3.03 CLEANING

- Clean soiled blind surfaces with a mild soap solution. Do not use steam, hot water, bleach or any abrasive or solvent based cleaners. Do not wash metallics.
- To ensure proper drying, provide adequate ventilation for blinds. Remove bottom rail end caps and tip head rail and bottom rail to drain water.

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### 3.04 HORIZONTAL MINI BLIND SCHEDULE

- Provide blinds at the following locations: Listing blind locations, different options, types, accessories and colors.



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