



# **CiFLABSOLUTIONS**

## **CIF ColorSplash**

### **Wood Casework Specifications**

#### **SECTION 12 35 53: WOOD CASEWORK**

##### **PART 1 - GENERAL**

Summary: The following specification is written to provide the level of design expectation of the owner and architect in regards to the quality/functionality of the product and installation for the wood casework.

##### **1.1 - SECTION INCLUDES**

- 1) Furniture: Provide and install all wood casework, furniture and benches; which may include, but is not limited to: wood casework, countertops, reagent shelves, tables, standards, filler panels, scribes, knee space panels, accessories, utility space framing, utility space closure panels between base cabinets and at exposed ends of utility spaces, laboratory sink cutouts and sinks, cup sinks, cup drains, strainers, overflows, sink outlets, miscellaneous wall shelving, overhead service carrier or tiles and miscellaneous items of equipment as listed in the specifications or as shown on drawings. Work includes all laboratory furniture depicted on drawings or listed in these specifications unless otherwise noted as “Not in Contract” (NIC) within the drawings, equipment schedule or said specifications.
- 2) Plumbing Fixtures: Furnish, deliver and install the fixtures at service outlets that are either listed in these specifications, depicted in drawings or identified in the equipment schedule as being affixed to laboratory casework. Installation is to be “hand tight” only, final connection is by others.
- 3) Electrical Service Fixtures: Furnish, deliver and install the electrical service fixtures that are either listed in these specifications, depicted in drawings or identified in the equipment schedule as being affixed to laboratory casework. Installation is to be “hand tight” only, final connection is by others.
- 4) Sink Bowls and Cup-sinks Integral with Countertops: Furnish, deliver and install all sinks bowls, cup-sinks and tail pieces (if shown or specified) at locations that are listed in these

specifications, depicted in drawings, or identified in the equipment schedule. Sinks and cup-sinks are to be installed within the countertop with final connection to the drain piping system by others

## 1.2 - RELATED SECTIONS

- 1) Division \_\_ LEED Requirements
- 2) Division 06 Section: "Rough Carpentry" for blocking within walls to adequately support casework
- 3) Division 06 Section: "Finish Carpentry"/Millwork.
- 4) Division 11 Section 53 00, "Laboratory Equipment"
- 5) Division 12 Section 36 00, "Countertops"
- 6) Division 22 Section 40 00, "Plumbing Fixtures"
- 7) Related Work to be Performed by Others:
  1. Final connection to service lines of all plumbing and electrical fixtures attached to laboratory casework or furniture

## 1.3 - REFERENCES

- 1) ANSI/Hardwood Plywood Veneer Association Manual
- 2) ANSI-A135: for all hardboard.
- 3) ANSI-A161.2-1998: performance for fabricated high-pressure decorative laminate countertops.
- 4) ANSI-A208.1-2009: for Mat-Formed Wood Particleboard
- 5) ANSI-A112.18.1m-1989: for fixtures and water service.
- 6) ANSI Z359.1-1998: for safety eyewashes and equipment.
- 7) ASSE Standard 1001: for vacuum breakers
- 8) ASTM B88 and ANSI/NSF 61: for plumbing.
- 9) AWI Standards Edition 1, 2009: for woodwork standards.
- 10) BHMA A156.9: for Grade-1 hinge requirements.
- 11) CAN/CSA b.125.M89 Canadian Standards: for fixtures and water service.
- 12) National Electrical Code, Article 352-B: for surface nonmetallic raceway.
- 13) NEMA 3 LD – 2005: for performance requirements of high-pressure laminates.
- 14) SEFA 8 Recommended practices for cabinet construction.
- 15) UL-5A: for raceway listed for electrical wiring.
- 16) UL 94 V-0: for raceway systems

## 1.4 - DEFINITIONS

- 1) "Barrel Hinge" is a hinge composed of two plates attached that are attached to abutting surface.
- 2) "Concealed hinge" is any hinge that has no components visible from the outside of the cabinet.
- 3) "Concealed Portions of Casework" surfaces that are not visible after installation; Bottoms of cabinets are less than 24 inches above finished floor; Tops of cabinets are 80 inches or more above finished floor (and are not visible from an upper level); Stretchers, blocking and/or components that are concealed by drawers; Corners that are created by tall, wall, or base cabinets and shall be considered concealed.
- 4) "Eased" is a process of providing a slight radius on door and drawer fronts of a cabinet.
- 5) "Exposed surfaces" are surfaces that are visible when: Drawer fronts and doors are closed; Cabinets and shelving are open or behind clear glass doors; Bottoms of cabinets are seen 42 inches or more above the finished floor; Tops of cabinets are seen below 80 inches above finished floor, or are visible from an upper floor or raised area after installation. **OPTIONAL**  
(Please see Modular Casework note under C. above)
- 6) "False Fronts" are nonfunctional fronts attached to particular units that mimic drawer box fronts to create an uninterrupted visual image of an elevation.
- 7) "FSC" is the term used for Forest Stewardship Council, required to achieve the LEED credit for certified wood.
- 8) "Full Flush Overlay" is casework design that requires the AWI reveal of 1/8" between all individual door and drawer components within a cabinet. There is a 1/16" reveal at the edge of door and drawer components to the edge of the cabinet to maintain a 1/8 reveal on adjacent cabinets. **STANDARD**
- 9) "Laboratory Casework Contractor/Manufacturer" is defined as the manufacturer and/or manufacturer's representative that is to provide and install the laboratory casework, equipment, and accessories listed under the specifications, laboratory equipment schedule and/or illustrated on drawings.
- 10) "NAUF" is the term used for "no added urea formaldehyde". This is required when no part of the wood product or any product on the entire can contain added urea formaldehyde in the production of the products. This is critical to LEED point criteria and if specified must be followed explicitly or complete building failure will occur.
- 11) "Square edge" is a 90-degree angle with an eased edge on the door and drawer front. Square edge requires the adjusting of the drawer head to align the individual cabinets in an elevation (during installation).
- 12) "Reveal" is the measurement between individual door and drawer components on the face of a cabinet.

- 13) "Semi-exposed" surfaces that are visible when: Opaque doors are open or drawers are extended on door/drawer combination cabinets; Bottoms of cabinets more than 24 inches and less than 42 inches above finished floor.
- 14) "Service Fixtures" are laboratory gas, air, and vacuum cocks; hot, cold and reagent water faucets; remote control valves, electrical receptacles (with necessary flush mounting hardware), fluorescent and/or incandescent light fixtures, light switches and/or motor switches for fume hoods and other items which serve as an operational part of the equipment.
- 15) "Service Lines" are the necessary piping and drain lines for laboratory gas, air and vacuum as well as hot, cold and reagent grade water that conveys the respective services from building roughing through floors or walls through equipment to the previously defined service fixtures. Also includes conduits, junction boxes, conduit fittings, wire disconnect switches and fuse or circuit breakers necessary to conduct electrical services from building roughing in floors or walls through equipment to service fixtures.

## 1.5- SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

- 1) Cabinet and Casework Area Design: LEED REQUIREMENTS- ***All veneer-core plywood is to be manufactured without the use of urea formaldehyde and shall be FSC certified, regardless of Project LEED Requirements. All other composite-core materials are to be Ultra-Low Emitting (ULEF) and shall be FSC certified.*** Further, components included in this section may be subject to specific LEED and or owner/architect/consultant requirements for environmental and or health goals. The owner requires that all manufacturers follow the criteria required for LEED without deviation or clarification. Please refer to Division \_\_\_\_\_ for LEED requirements that may include any or all of the following: (OPTIONAL)
  1. Credit MR 4.1 and 4.2 Recycled Content
  2. Credit MR 7. Certification of wood products (i.e. FSC).
  3. Credit IEQ 4.4. Urea Formaldehyde shall not be added to any product or raw material.
  4. Credit IEQ 4.1. The use of sealants and adhesives within the finished product.
- 2) Full Flush overlay with 1/8" reveal between intra-cabinet doors and drawers and 1/16" reveal at cabinet edge for offset of the hinge around the door and 1/8" reveal on adjacent cabinets. All door and drawer fronts will be adjusted to maintain these tolerances. **STANDARD**
- 3) Doors and drawer fronts are to be slightly eased at all edges.
- 4) No exposed fasteners are allowed without prior approval of the architect or lab planner.
- 5) Cabinet elevations will be built in symmetrical sizes as required to fill the area.
- 6) Maximum filler size is 4" and must be balanced and on each end of wall to wall elevation.
- 7) All banded edges (cabinet faces, frames, end panels, tops, bottoms and shelving) to be 3mm rolled type of same species as veneers.

- 8) **OPTIONAL:** Note that for the purpose of maintaining modular casework all cabinet ends will be considered exposed.

## 1.6 - SUBMITTALS

- 1) Shop Drawings:
  - i) Comply with Division 1
  - ii) Submit 3 sets of laser quality, 11x17 shop drawings consisting of:
    1. Finish, hardware, construction options selection sheet
    2. Small scale floor plan showing casework in relation to the building.
    3. Large scale elevations and plan views.
    4. Cross-sections; service runs; locations of blocking within walls (blocking is done by others); rough-in requirements and, sink centerlines.
  - iii) Drawings should include data and details for construction of the laboratory casework as well as information regarding the name, quantity, type and construction of materials (such as hardware, gauges, etc.), that will be used to complete the project.
  - iv) The manufacture or purchaser of any equipment prior to approval by the owner's representative will be undertaken at the manufacturer's risk.
  - v) Field Measurements: In instances in which casework is indicated to fit to other construction, dimensions are to be verified by field measurements before fabrication and reflected on shop drawings.
- 2) Samples:
  - a) Sample cabinets upon request: 1 base and/or 1 wall cabinet as selected by owner/architect
  - b) Stain and Finish Samples
    - i) A minimum of five (5) standard manufacturer's samples, constructed of the same material from which the casework will be constructed, stained and clearly identified, should be submitted to the architect for color selection.
    - ii) Stain and finish samples will be retained by the owner's representative.

## 1.7 – QUALITY ASSURANCE

- 1) Design Data/Test Reports: Manufacturer shall submit test data and design criteria which follow the project specifications. Testing of safety devices and performance criteria shall be performed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party validator.
- 2) Certificates: All certifications required in the specifications should be submitted with the original submittal package under separate cover. Certificates must be provided with the signature of a qualified individual of the supplier.
- 3) Qualification of Bidder/Manufacturer: The following list of information should be provided to the Architect at least ten (10) days prior to the bid opening:
  - a) List of manufacturing facilities
  - b) A list of five (5) installations of comparable stature completed within the past 3 years
- 4) Regulatory Requirements
  - a) Reference Standard: The ensuing specifications are based on the design *CiF Lab Solutions E-Line Series* wood casework with ColorSplash options as defined by this specification.
  - b) Source Limitations: All casework, including countertops, sinks, service fittings and accessories, should be obtained from a single source to ensure consistency in project delivery.

- 5) Mock-Ups
  - a) Area mockups shall be as indicated on the shop drawings. Mockup areas must be priced for disassembly and reassembly and used within the project.

## **1.8 - DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING**

- 1) Packaging, Shipping, Handling and Unloading Packaging: Products should have packaging adequate enough to protect finished surfaces from soiling or damage during shipping, delivery and installation.
- 2) Delivery: Casework delivery should only take place after painting, utility rough-ins and related activities are completed that could otherwise damage, soil or deteriorate casework in installation areas.
- 3) Handling: Care, such as the use of proper moving equipment, experienced movers, etc., should be used at all times to avoid damaging the casework. Until installation takes place, any wrapping, insulation or other method of protection applied to products from the factory should be left in place to avoid accidental damage.
- 4) Acceptance at Site: Casework will not be delivered or installed until the conditions specified under *Part 3, Installation* section of this document have been met.
- 5) Storage: Casework should be stored in the area of installation. If, prior to installation, it is necessary for casework to be temporarily stored in an area other than the installation area, the environmental conditions shall meet the environmental requirements specified under the *Project Site Conditions* article of this section.
- 6) Waste Management and Disposal: The supplier of the laboratory casework is responsible for removing any waste or refuse resulting from the installation of, or work pertaining to laboratory casework; thereby leaving the project site clean and free of debris. Trash container/s to be provided by others.

## **1.9 PROJECT SITE CONDITIONS**

- 1) Building must be enclosed (windows and doors sealed and weather-tight);
- 2) An operational HVAC system that maintains temperature and humidity at occupancy levels must be in place; Relative humidity must be regulated and stable between 25% and 55% per AWI standards before products are brought on site, throughout project completion and with the site moving forward while the building is in use by the owner.
- 3) Ceiling, overhead ductwork and lighting must be installed; prior to the delivery and installation of the casework.
- 4) Site must be free of any further construction such as "wet work."
- 5) Required backing and reinforcements must be installed accurately and the project must be ready for casework installation.

## 1.10 WARRANTY

- 1) Furnish a written warranty that Work performed under this Section shall remain free from defects as to materials and workmanship for a period of three (3) years from date of acceptance. Defects in materials and workmanship that may develop within this time are to be replaced without cost or expense to the Owner. Defects include, but are not limited to:
  - a) Ruptured, cracked, or peeling veneer
  - b) Discoloration or lack of finish integrity
  - c) De-lamination of components or edge banding
  - d) Slippage, shift, or failure of attachment to wall, floor, or ceiling
  - e) Warping or unloaded deflection of components
  - f) Failure of hardware
- 2) The warranty specifically does not cover any product or hardware, which has been incorrectly installed, including poor climate conditions, exposed to excessive loads or abuse.
- 3) The warranty is in effect while the product is being used as it was intended and owned by the original purchaser of the products and services covered.
- 4) All non-casework items supplied, but not manufactured at CiF Lab Solutions shall be covered under the original manufacturer's warranty.

## PART 2- PRODUCTS

### 2.1 - MANUFACTURERS

- 1) Basis-of-Design Product: CiF Lab Solutions 53 Courtland Avenue, Vaughan, ON, Canada L4K3T2. One of the following Project types to be selected (Refer to ColorSplash Color Chart):
  - i) CS 1 – All Reconstituted Veneer in a single color
  - ii) CS 2 – All Reconstituted Veneer with 2-tone cabinets (one color on bodies and a different color on fronts)
  - iii) CS 3 - All Reconstituted Veneer with multiple colors (refer to ColorSplash Possibilities Guide), such as:
    1. By room
    2. By elevation
    3. Accent colors throughout the project
    4. Within one cabinet, entire case body and shelves to be of one color, back may be of a different color, and fronts of another color
  - iv) CS 4 – Both Natural Veneers with traditional stains and ColorSplash (Reconstituted Veneer with ColorSplash stains) within the project (refer to ColorSplash Possibilities Guide)
    1. ColorSplash accents such as:
      - (a) Pipe chases
      - (b) Wall Shelves (shelves not in a cabinet)
      - (c) Pairs of doors, etc.
      - (d) Within one cabinet, the entire case body and shelves to be of one color, back may be of a different color, and fronts of another color. All fronts must be same veneer

type (e.g., tall split height doors; must all be reconstituted veneer if using the ColorSplash stains)

- (e) Project includes entire cabinets with natural veneers with traditional stains as well as cabinets with some or all components with reconstituted veneers with the ColorSplash stains

## 2) Substitution Limitations:

- i) Substitutions will be considered only when other manufacturers submit substitution requests in accordance with procurement substitution and/or substitution procedures, or provide a comparable product with the following support information detailed below:
  - (a) Written documentation stating specification compliance regarding construction, materials, and standard of quality and manufacturing techniques.
  - (b) Note all deviations to the drawings and/or specifications in writing.
  - (c) Provide the Architect with a full-scale base cabinet not less than ten days prior to bid date. The sample shall represent typical construction and materials for the product the casework manufacturer proposes, meeting the quality standards set forth by this specification. The sample may be impounded by the owner and retained until completion of the casework installation.
  - (d) The owner, or its designated representative, reserves the right to reject any proposal that in his opinion fails to meet the criteria established by this specification. Such a decision shall be final.

NOTE: Manufacturer's that are listed as basis of design or approved, are still obligated to hold ALL specification requirements as called out in this document. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS in materials or fabrication permitted that have not been requested in writing and responded to with approval, during an RFI period prior to bid.

## 2.2 MATERIALS

### 1) Wood Casework:

#### a) Solid Lumber Used (Optional wood table frames):

- i) All hardwoods shall be carefully and thoroughly air-dried, and then kiln dried to a moisture content of 6-9 percent before use.
- ii) Hardwood to be plain-sliced red oak or white maple to complement reconstituted veneers.

#### b) Edge Banding:

- i) All banded edges (cabinet faces, frames, end panels, tops, bottoms and shelves) to be 3mm rolled edge banding, species to match veneers.

#### c) Veneer:

- i) All exposed veneer shall be specifically hand selected by area (within reasonable visual range) prior to fabrication of the cabinet faces and exposed components for uniformity of color and grain. The resulting selection shall provide a pleasing uniform color with



natural characteristics selected to not interfere with the overall aesthetic appearance of the casework.

- ii) Veneer used for exterior surfaces exposed to view after installation:
  - (a) For ColorSplash CS 1, CS 2 and CS 3: Exposed ends and the exposed interior ends, shelves, tops and bottoms of open cases shall be constructed of reconstituted straight grain light color veneer. All exposed veneer to be from one manufacturer of the same pattern and color to ensure consistency of color and grain.
  - (b) For ColorSplash CS 4:
    - (i) For components selected for ColorSplash finish, exposed ends and the exposed interior ends, shelves, tops and bottom of open cases shall be constructed of reconstituted premium straight grain light color veneer. Each veneer type to be from a single manufacturer of the same pattern and color to ensure consistency of color and grain.
    - (ii) For components with natural veneer, exposed ends and the exposed interior ends, shelves, tops and bottoms of open cases shall be constructed of Grade A veneer, Red Oak (Plain Sliced or Rift Cut or Quartered) / White Maple (Plain Sliced or Quartered).
  
- iii) Veneer used for semi-exposed surfaces:
  - (a) For ColorSplash CS 1, CS 2 and CS 3: Semi-exposed interior ends, shelves, tops and bottoms shall be constructed of reconstituted premium straight grain light color veneer. All veneer to be from one manufacturer of the same pattern and color to ensure consistency of color and grain.
  - (b) For ColorSplash CS 4:
    - (i) For components selected for ColorSplash finish, exposed ends and the exposed interior ends, shelves, tops and bottoms of open cases shall be constructed of reconstituted premium straight grain light color veneer. All veneer to be from one manufacturer of the same pattern and color to ensure consistency of color and grain.
    - (ii) For components with natural veneer, exposed ends and the exposed interior ends, shelves, tops and bottoms of open cases shall be constructed of Grade A veneer, Red Oak (Plain Sliced or Rift Cut) / White Maple (Plain Sliced or Quartered).
  - (iii)
  
- iv) **OPTIONAL...As Modular Casework is the intent of the installation; All cabinet ends shall be considered exposed with matching finishes even if installed against a wall or another cabinet. All cabinets must be finished 3 sides.**
  
- v) All Doors and Drawer Fronts will be vertically matched within the same cabinet. All fronts for any one cabinet to be of one veneer, regardless of finish
  
- vi) Unexposed Veneer:
  - (a) Veneer of any species

- d) Plywood Core Construction for Casework Body, Interior shelving and Doors/Drawer Heads:
- i) **All veneer-core plywood is to be manufactured without the use of urea formaldehyde and shall be FSC certified, regardless of Project LEED Requirements. All other composite-core materials are to be Ultra-Low Emitting (ULEF) and shall be FSC certified.**
  - ii) All ¾" panels used for cabinet construction shall be constructed as 7 ply FSC/NAUF veneer core plywood. Panels must be produced from North American sources, import panels are not allowed.
  - iii) All 1" panels used for cabinet construction shall be constructed as 9 ply FSC/NAUF veneer core plywood. Panels must be produced from North American sources, import panels are not allowed.
  - iv) Door/Drawer heads to be manufactured using ¾" 3 ply FSC/ULEF particle core plywood. Panels must be produced from North American sources, import panels are not allowed.
- e) Hardware:
- i. Pulls shall be nominal 4" wire type. Finish shall be brushed chrome STANDARD/ stainless steel OPTIONAL. Mount drawer pulls horizontally. Mount door pulls vertically STANDARD / horizontally OPTIONAL
  - ii. Hinges shall be institutional type 2 ½", 5-knuckle steel hinge, wrap around design (STANDARD). Finish to be brushed chrome STANDARD / stainless steel OPTIONAL. Two hinges on doors up to 36" in height, three hinges on doors over 36" in height STANDARD
  - iii. Hinges shall be an institutional grade, three knuckle type with a 230° opening, zinc finished and complete with cover cap. OPTIONAL
  - iv. Hinges shall be full overlay, 170° opening, concealed type, incorporating a self-closing feature. Mounting plate shall provide three-way adjustment in door alignment. OPTIONAL
  - v. Door catches: Adjustable type, spring activated nylon roller catches. Note: Door catches not required with the 3 Knuckle and concealed self-closing hinges.
  - vi. Elbow catches shall be spring actuated and come complete with strike plate. Provided where locks occur in hinged double door units.
  - vii. Drawer slides shall be full extension, ball bearing type equal to Accuride model #3832, full extension series. File drawer slides shall be equal to the Accuride model #4034, 150lb, full extension – STANDARD.

- viii. Drawer slides shall be 100 lb. rated, epoxy coated, self-closing slides with captive roller and positive in-stop. File drawer slides shall be full extension. **OPTIONAL**
- ix. Locks: 5-disc tumbler cam locks with offset cam and removable core. Exposed face chrome plated. Keying: [Select - keyed alike or in groups per room with master key or keyed differently with security panels.] **STANDARD**
- x. Locks: 5 pin tumbler cam locks with offset cam and non-removeable core. Exposed face chrome plated. Keying: (Select – keyed alike or in groups per room with master key or keyed differently with security panels.) **OPTIONAL**
- xi. Framed Glass Doors: Locks shall be plunger type sliding showcase locks. Tempered Glass **STANDARD** / Laminated Safety Glass **OPTIONAL**.
- xii. Sliding Framed Glass Doors: Locks shall be ratchet type sliding showcase locks. Tempered Glass **STANDARD** / Laminated Safety Glass **OPTIONAL**.
- xiii. Sliding Unframed Glass Doors: Locks shall be ratchet type sliding showcase locks. Tempered Glass **STANDARD** / Laminated Safety Glass **OPTIONAL**.
- xiv. Tracks for solid sliding doors to be K&V #1093AL for upper track and K&V #469 lower track with #429 STL steel sheaves.
- xv. Adjustable seismic shelf supports shall be double pin, plastic locking type, able to accommodate both  $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 1" thick shelves. **STANDARD**
- xvi. Adjustable steel shelf supports shall be bright zinc plated angle type,  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Pin shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $\frac{3}{8}$ " long pin. **OPTIONAL**
- xvii. Levelers shall be Hafele #637.30.941 with protective cap #637.02.090. (NOTE: This option requires holes in the bottom of the cabinet for access to adjust height and include a black rubber plug insert) - **OPTIONAL**
- xviii. Label holders shall be formed steel (1" x 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ ") with satin chrome finish. - **OPTIONAL**
- xix. Number plates: Aluminum with anodized finish, black numerals. Number plates will be shipped loose for on-site installation. – **OPTIONAL**

## 2) Countertops

- a) Epoxy Resin Countertops: Countertops are to be flat, black, 1" thick with beveled, rounded top, front edge and all corners, with 1" thick, 4" high applied backsplash/curbs (unless otherwise noted), constructed of the same material and located at the rear of tops and on end returns. Ends of countertop to be square. Backsplash/curbs shall be bonded to top surface to form a square joint. Joints are to be sealed water-tight with corrosion resistant could. Front overhangs should be equal to 1" at cabinet fronts and side overhangs at exposed units shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$ ", with a drip groove on the underside  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge. Tops

should be manufactured of one piece and cut to the maximum lengths possible. Fabricate with factory cutouts for sinks and with butt joints assembled with silicone.

- b) Phenolic Resin Countertops: Countertops are to be 1" inch thick with 3/4" thick, 4" high curbs (unless otherwise noted), constructed of the same material and located at the rear of tops and on end returns. Overhangs should be equal to 1" at cabinet fronts and exposed ends with a drip groove on the underside 1/2" from the edge. Tops should be manufactured of one piece and cut to the maximum lengths possible. Installation should take place without any field cutting or drilling. Holes and cutouts should be provided as necessary for equipment, service fittings and fixtures. Size of openings should be verified prior to making openings.
- c) Plastic Laminate Countertops and Curbs: Particleboard core material for plastic laminate surfaced countertops is to be 1-inch thick industrial grade, 45-pound density particleboard for dry areas and 1" thick moisture resistant (MR) particle board for wet areas. Fabrication shall be with horizontal grade laminate surface with a backer sheet. Edges shall be edged with 3mm PVC edge banding.
- d) Stainless Steel Countertops: Where countertops and/or curbs are noted on drawings as being "Stainless Steel," construction shall consist of 16-gauge type 302/304 or type 316 stainless steel. Exposed surfaces shall have #4 satin finish

### 3) Sinks

- a) Molded Epoxy Resin Drop-In Sinks: Sinks shall be of epoxy resin modified and compounded with selected materials and designed to provide the same performance requirements as specified for the epoxy resin countertops. Sinks shall be non-glaring black color.
- b) Stainless Steel Sinks: As an option to epoxy resin sinks, provide stainless steel sinks constructed of 16-gauge type 304 stainless steel of equivalent or comparable sizes. Exposed surfaces shall have #4 finish. To be used with plastic laminate tops.
- c) Sink Sizes: Sizes and model numbers shall be as designated on the drawings.

## 2.3 FABRICATION

### 1) Base Units:

- a) Cabinet ends shall be banded on all exposed surfaces.
- b) Cabinet top construction to be full stretcher frame consisting of the following (*STANDARD*):
  - i) Front top horizontal rails shall be 3/4" x 2 3/4" veneer core plywood with edge banding and fastened to cabinet ends with fluted dowels.
  - ii) Rear top vertical support rail to be 3/4" x 10 1/2" on cabinets with a drawer and 3/4" x 3 3/4" on cupboard door cabinets. Rear bottom vertical support rail to be 3/4" x 3 3/4" on all cabinets. All rear support rails to be fastened to cabinet ends with fluted dowels.
- c) Full sub-top, 3/4" plywood with edge banding to match exposed veneer (*OPTIONAL*)
- d) Intermediate rails (always supplied for locking cabinets) shall match front rail materials and construction. – OTHERWISE *OPTIONAL*

- e) Toe space rail shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 4" and fastened to cabinet ends with fluted dowels to form a 4" high x 2" deep toe space.
- f) Cabinet bottoms shall be banded on the front exposed edge. It shall be set flush and fastened to cabinet ends with fluted dowels.
- g) Semi-exposed cabinet backs:
  - i) ColorSplash CS-1, CS 2 and CS 3:
    - 1. Cabinet backs in semi-exposed cabinets shall be fabricated of one-piece  $\frac{1}{4}$ " white hardboard -STANDARD.
    - 2. Cabinet backs in semi-exposed cabinets shall be veneer to match the finish of the cabinet body. Core shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " MDF - OPTIONAL
  - ii) ColorSplash CS-4:
    - 1. ColorSplash CS 4: veneer to be choice of natural veneer or premium straight grain reconstituted veneer. Substrate shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " MDF.
- h) Cabinet backs on open cabinets:
  - i) ColorSplash CS 1, CS 2 and CS 3:
    - 1. veneer to match the species, grade of the cabinet body. Substrate shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " MDF.
  - ii) ColorSplash CS 4:
    - 1. ColorSplash CS 4: veneer to be choice of natural veneer or premium straight grain reconstituted veneer. Substrate shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " MDF.
- i) All base cabinet backs shall be removable without the need to remove the top drawer.
- j) Vertical dividers (full height and half height) shall be a minimum  $\frac{3}{4}$ " material of matching species and grade as cabinet body. Dividers shall be secured to bottom, front top rail and rear top rail with screws. Exposed edges shall be edge banded matching cabinet body species.
- k) Adjustable shelves shall be set on double pin, plastic seismic locking shelf supports at  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " spacing. Front edges of shelves shall be edge banded. Shelves shall be full depth in standard cupboards and in open units. Adjustable shelves on base cabinets 36" and smaller shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick. Adjustable shelves on cabinets over 36" wide shall be 1" thick. All shelving in open cabinets shall be 1" thick (regardless of cabinet size)– STANDARD
- l) Adjustable shelves shall be set on steel pin type shelf supports at  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " spacing. Front edges of shelves shall be edge banded. Shelves shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$ " depth in standard cupboards and full depth in open units. Adjustable shelves on base cabinets 36" and smaller shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick. Adjustable shelves on cabinets over 36" wide shall be 1" thick. All shelving in open cabinets shall be 1" thick (regardless of cabinet size)-OPTIONAL
- m) Drawer Construction: Drawer box back, front and sides to be of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Baltic Birch, 9 ply hardwood plywood and shall be finished with the same laboratory grade finish as applied to the cabinet. Use dovetail joinery on all four joints. Drawer bottom shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " white thermo-fused melamine faced hardboard and shall be grooved into all four sides of the drawer box and glued into position. Drawer body will be affixed to drawer front by screws. - STANDARD
- n) Drawer Construction: Drawer box back, front and sides to be of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Baltic Birch, 9 ply hardwood plywood and shall be finished with the same laboratory grade finish as applied to the cabinet. Use dovetail joinery on all four joints. Drawer bottom shall be  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Baltic Birch, 9 ply hardwood plywood and shall be grooved into all four sides of the drawer box and glued into position. Drawer bottoms shall be finished using the same laboratory grade finish as applied to the cabinet. Drawer body will be affixed to drawer front by screws. - OPTIONAL
- o) Doors and drawer fronts shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$ " 3 ply particle core plywood and edge banded. Construction shall be Full Flush overlay. Grain direction on doors and drawer fronts shall be vertically matched.

- p) Provide ¾" x 3" waterproof marine grade plywood base to the bottom of all base cabinets. Base shall be tongue and grooved to bottom edge of end panel for protection against dampness. – OPTIONAL

2) Wall and tall cases

- a) Case ends shall be ¾" veneer core plywood edge banded on exposed edges.
- b) Case tops shall be 1" veneer core plywood edge banded on exposed edges and fastened to ends with fluted dowels.
- c) Bottoms of wall cases shall be 1" thick veneer core plywood, edge banded on exposed edge, set flush and fastened to cabinet ends with fluted dowels.
- d) Bottoms of tall cases shall be ¾" thick and edge banded on exposed edges, fastened to cabinet with fluted dowels
- e) Cabinet backs in semi-exposed wall cabinets shall be fabricated of white tempered hardboard. Tall case backs to be ½" thick particle board with white thermo-fused melamine face -STANDARD.
- f) Cabinet backs in semi-exposed wall and tall cabinets- OPTIONAL:
- i) ColorSplash CS 1, CS 2 and CS 3: veneer to match the cabinet body. Substrate shall be ¼" MDF for wall cases and ½" MDF for tall cases.
- ii) ColorSplash CS 4: veneer to be choice of natural veneer or premium straight grain reconstituted veneer. Substrate shall be ¼" MDF for wall cases and ½" MDF for tall cases.
- g) Cabinet backs on open cabinets:
- i) ColorSplash CS 1, CS 2 and CS 3: veneer to match the species, grade of the cabinet body. Substrate shall be ¼" MDF for wall cases and ½" MDF for tall cases.
- ii) ColorSplash CS 4: veneer to be choice of natural veneer or premium straight grain reconstituted veneer. Substrate shall be ¼" MDF for wall cases and ½" MDF for tall cases.
- h) Adjustable shelves shall be set on double pin, seismic plastic locking shelf supports at 1¼" spacing. Front edges of shelves shall be edge banded. Shelves shall be ¾" depth in standard cupboards and full depth in open units. Adjustable shelves on cabinets 36" and smaller shall be ¾" thick. Adjustable shelves on cabinets over 36" wide shall be 1" thick. All shelving in open cabinets shall be 1" thick (regardless of cabinet size)– STANDARD
- i) Adjustable shelves shall be set on steel pin type shelf supports at 1¼" spacing. Front edges of shelves shall be edge banded. Shelves shall be ¾" depth in standard cupboards and full depth in open units. Adjustable shelves on cabinets 36" and smaller shall be ¾" thick. Adjustable shelves on cabinets over 36" wide shall be 1" thick. All shelving in open cabinets shall be 1" thick (regardless of cabinet size) OPTIONAL

3) Doors:

- a) Solid Doors:
- i) Full Flush overlay construction doors shall be fabricated of ¾" 3 ply particle core plywood. Provide edge banding on all edges. Provide two hinges on all doors up to 36" in height and a minimum of three hinges on any doors exceeding this height.
- ii) For ColorSplash CS 1, CS 2 and CS 3: Doors and drawer fronts shall be constructed of reconstituted premium straight grain light color veneer. Grain to be vertically matched per cabinet. All exposed veneer to be from one manufacturer of the same pattern and color to ensure consistency of color and grain.

- iii) For ColorSplash CS 4:
  1. Fronts for ColorSplash finish: Doors and drawer fronts shall be constructed of premium reconstituted straight grain light color veneer. Grain to be vertically matched per cabinet. All exposed veneer to be from one manufacturer of the same pattern and color to ensure consistency of color and grain.
  2. Fronts with natural veneer: Doors and drawer fronts shall be constructed of Grade AA veneer, **Red Oak (Plain Sliced or Rift Cut or Quartered) / White Maple (Plain Sliced or Quartered)**.
  3. Grain to be vertically matched per cabinet. Fronts for any one cabinet to be of one veneer, regardless of finish.
  
- b) Framed Glazed doors:
  - i) For ColorSplash CS 1, CS 2, CS 3 and doors selected for ColorSplash finish for CS 4:
    1. Hinged doors shall be full flush overlay construction,  $\frac{3}{4}$ " particle-core with premium straight grain reconstituted veneer, molded and shaped to accept 5mm thick glass on wall and floor cases. Glass to be retained with an extruded vinyl molding, designed so that glass can be replaced without tools.
    2. Sliding doors shall be as hinged solid door except doors shall slide in a top channel and with a nylon wheel operating on an inset plastic track.
    3. Provide two hinges on all doors up to 36" in height and a minimum of three hinges on doors exceeding this height.
    4. Glass shall be held in place with a removable brown plastic panel retainer to facilitate change of damaged glass.
  - ii) For ColorSplash 4 doors selected for natural finish only:
    1. Hinged doors shall be full flush overlay construction shall be fabricated of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ " solid hardwood, using stile and rail construction
    2. Provide two hinges on all doors up to 36" in height and a minimum of three hinges on any doors exceeding this height.
    3. Framed sliding doors shall be fabricated as hinged door cabinets except doors shall slide in K&V #1093AL for upper track and K&V #469 lower track with #429 STL steel sheaves.
    4. Glass shall be held in place with a removable brown plastic retainer to facilitate change of damaged glass.
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- c) Unframed Sliding Glass Doors:
  - i) 6mm tempered glass with all edges ground, set in extruded aluminum shoe with nylon wheel assemblies and top and bottom extruded aluminum track. (*STANDARD*)  
**Laminated safety glass (OPTIONAL)**
  - ii) Provide silencer guides fitting on top of glass panel for smooth and noiseless operation.
  - iii) Pulls shall be ground into sliding glass door.
  
- 6) Metal Tables (Standard):
  - a) Metal height table frames will be all welded construction, powder-coated steel, 2" x 2", 16 gauge with levelers. Tables over 48" wide to have stretcher rails for additional leg support.
  
- 7) Wood Tables (Optional):

- a) Hardwood table frames are only available in CiF standard traditional stain offering. ColorSplash colors are not available on natural hardwoods.
- b) Standing height table aprons shall be not less than 3/4" x 4 5/8" solid hardwood, machined to receive metal corner blocks and bolted to 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" solid hardwood legs. Drawers shall be constructed and finished as cabinet drawers.
- c) Sitting height table aprons shall be not less than 3/4" x 3 3/4" solid hardwood, machined to receive metal corner blocks and bolted to 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" solid hardwood legs. Drawers shall be constructed and finished as cabinet drawers.
- d) ADA height table front apron rail shall be 3/4" x 2" solid hardwood, back and side apron rails shall be 3/4" x 3 3/4" solid hardwood, machined to receive metal corner blocks and bolted to 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" solid hardwood legs.
- e) All tables shall come equipped with leveling devices and black PVC shoes.
- f) Leg stretchers to be supplied on tables over 48" wide and where otherwise specified, shall be 1-1/4" x 1-3/4" hardwood

## 2.4 CASEWORK FINISH:

- 1) Exposed and semi-exposed interior surfaces of cabinets receive the full finishing process consisting of stain wash coat (if applicable), two sealer coats and two top coats, applied by UV roller coat process. Interiors of drawer cabinets and unexposed cabinet ends may have sealer coats only (unless otherwise specified)
- 2) Finish is to be AWS System 9 UV Curable urethane, complying with AWI Premium Grade, regardless of grade specified for casework
- 3) Finish shall comply with SEFA-8 standards. Third-party written certification is to be available on request.
- 4) Solvent applied coatings are not acceptable and will not be considered. Manufacturer shall supply documentation that waste generated during the finishing process is a non- hazardous material, eliminating liquid waste disposal in landfills
- 5) Tinted sealer will not be acceptable. Separate stain coat is required to ensure color consistency after sanding.
- 6) Cloudy or muddy finishes are not acceptable.
- 7) All machining of parts for hardware, etc. is to be completed prior to finishing
- 8) Finish steps to include (with sanding between steps as applicable):
  - a) Stain or wash coat (as applicable)
  - b) Sealer with B-stage curing (to gel)
  - c) Sealer with full cure
  - d) First top coat with B-stage curing (to gel)
  - e) Second top coat with full cure

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLERS



- 1) Installer Qualifications: For installation and maintenance of units, an authorized representative of the casework manufacturer required for this project.

### **3.2 EXAMINATION**

- 1) Site Verification of Conditions: Casework will not be delivered or installed until the following conditions have been met:
- 2) Building must be enclosed (windows and doors sealed and weather-tight);
- 3) An operational HVAC system that maintains temperature and humidity at occupancy levels must be in place; Relative humidity must be regulated and stable between 25% and 55% per AWI standards before products are brought on site, throughout project completion and with the site moving forward while the building is in use by the owner.
- 4) Ceiling, overhead ductwork and lighting must be installed;
- 5) Site must be free of any further construction such as "wet work."
- 6) Required backing and reinforcements must be installed accurately and the project must be ready for casework installation.

*NOTE: In the event that any of the specified requirements for installation are not present at the time of requested delivery, the general contractor or owner must provide the casework manufacturer with a letter of deviation that releases the manufacturer from any responsibility or liability from any damage to the products resulting from the unfavorable building conditions.*

### **3.3 INSTALLATION**

- 1) Casework Installation:
  - a) Casework should be set with components plumb, straight and square, securely anchored to building structure with not distortion. Concealed shims should be used as required.
  - b) Cabinets in continuous runs should be fastened together with joints flush, uniform and tight with and alignment of adjacent units not to exceed 1/16 of an inch.
  - c) Wall casework should be secured to solid material, not lath, plastic or gypsum board.
  - d) Top edge surfaces should be abutted in one true place. Joints are to be flush and should not exceed 1/8 of an inch between tops units.
  - e) Casework and hardware shall be adjusted and aligned to allow for accurate connection of contact points and efficient operation of doors and drawers without any warping or binding.
- 2) Countertop Installation:

- a) Countertops are to have been fabricated in lengths according to drawings, with ends abutting tightly and sealed with corrosion resistant sealant.
  - b) Tops will be anchored to base casework in a single true plane with ends abutting at hairline joints with no raised edges at joints.
  - c) Joints shall be factory prepared having no need for in-field processing of top and edge surfaces.
  - d) Joints should be dressed smoothly, surface scratches removed and entire surface cleaned thoroughly.
- 3) Cleaning:
- a) Ensure all products are unsoiled and match factory finish. Remove or repair damaged or defective units.
  - b) Clean all finished surfaces, including drawers and cabinet shelves, and touch up as necessary.
  - c) Countertops should be cleaned and free of grease or streaks.
- 4) Protection:
- a) Counter tops and ledges should be protected with 1/4-inch ribbed cardboard or plastic covering of 6mm thickness.

END OF SECTION