

SECTION 05 7300

ORNAMENTAL ALUMINUM RAILING

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**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Superior Aluminum Products, Inc.; Ornamental aluminum railing product Series 9100. These guide specifications are intended to be used as the basis for developing job specifications and must be edited to fit specific job requirements.**

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Superior Aluminum's product lines are being continuously improved and refined. When you install our columns, railings, or fence on your property, you can be certain that you are receiving the best possible offering on the market. A key component that sets Superior Aluminum apart from other column, railing, and fence providers is an impeccable record of customer service. From concept design and product selection, to production and delivery, a Superior representative is committed to your satisfaction at every step of the way.

Superior Aluminum employs a team of full time engineers to create CAD drawings of each project. These CAD drawings are followed during manufacturing to create a railing system that ensures a perfect fit for your project, and makes installation simple and efficient while limiting field fabrication.

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Superior Aluminum has been family owned and operated since 1956, now in its 3rd generation of business management. You can be assured that the service you receive from Superior will be second to none, as this longevity is a testament to the dedication and pride we have in our work.

The materials that go into Superior's columns, railings, and fence are sourced from the United States and Canada, as well as recycled content, and the finished products are fabricated and assembled at our manufacturing facility located in Ohio. This means you can be confident in the quality and craftsmanship you receive. This also means that Superior products qualify for LEED MR 4 credits for recycled content and possibly LEED MR5 credit for locally sourced material.

## PART 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Delete any paragraphs below not relevant to this project; add others as required.**

- A. Ornamental Aluminum Railing.
- B. Stair and ramp guardrails
- C. Balcony railings and guardrails
- D. Wall mounted and guardrail mounted handrails.

### 1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Delete any sections below not relevant to this project; add others as required.**

- A. Section 01 3515 – LEED Requirements
- B. Section 03 3000 - Cast-In-Place Concrete: Placement of sleeves cast in concrete.
- C. Section 04 2000 - Unit Masonry: Placement of anchors in masonry
- D. Section 05 5000 - Metal Fabrications: Furnishing of sleeves cast in concrete.
- E. Section 05 5100 - Metal Stairs: Handrails other than those specified in this section
- F. Section 06 1000 – Rough Carpentry: Placement of blocking in wall construction.
- G. Section 07 1300 – Sheet Waterproofing
- H. Section 09 9116 – Gypsum Board Assemblies: Placement of backing plates in stud wall construction

### 1.3 REFERENCES

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Delete references from the list below that are not actually required by the text of the edited section.**

- A. ANSI A1264.1 - Safety Requirements for Workplace Floor and Wall Openings, Stairs, and Railing Systems.

- B. ASTM B 211 - Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Bar, Rod, Wire.
- C. ASTM B 247 - Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum Die Forgings, Hand Forgings and rolled Ring Forgings.
- D. ASTM B 429 - Standard Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Structural Pipe and Tube.
- E. ASTM E 935 - Standard Test Methods for Permanent Metal Railing Systems and Rails for Buildings.

#### 1.4 DESIGN / PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Comply with requirements of building authorities having jurisdiction in Project location and the following:
  - 1. Handrail Standard: ANSI A1264.1
  - 2. Occupational Safety and Health Administration - 29 CFR 1910.23 - Guarding floor and wall openings.
- B. Structural Performance: Engineer, fabricate, and install handrails, guardrails, and railing systems to withstand, when tested per ASTM E 935, loadings required by applicable building and safety codes but not less than the following:
  - 1. Design Loads: Design to the following requirements. Concentrated and uniform loading need not be applied simultaneously.

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Edit the following paragraphs as required. Superior railings are typically designed for ICBO loadings of 200 pound concentrated and 50 pound uniform, however railings can be fabricated to meet other code loading conditions. Codes vary in method of application and magnitude of load. Horizontal and vertical concentrated load test of railing systems should be conducted in accordance with ASTM E 935.**

**Governing code should be checked for specific requirements. Provide loading requirements if different than that below.**

- 2. Uniform load: 50 pounds per foot (74.3 kg/m) applied at the top in any direction.
- 3. Concentrated load: 200 pounds (90.6 kg) applied at the top in any direction.

#### 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit under provisions of Section 01 3000 Administrative Requirements for submittal procedures.
- B. Product Data: Manufacturer's data sheets on each product to be used, including:

1. Preparation instructions and recommendations.
  2. Details of material and construction.
  3. Storage and handling requirements and recommendations.
  4. Installation methods and requirements.
- C. Shop Drawings: Submit shop drawings for fabrication and installation of ornamental metalwork. Include plans, elevations and detail sections. Indicate materials, methods, finishes and types of joinery, fasteners, anchorages and accessory items.
- D. Load Tests: Submit test results from ASTM E 935 conducted on the manufacturer's supplied system indicating compliance with required structural loading.

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Delete selection samples if colors have already been selected.**

- E. Selection Samples: For each finish product specified, two complete sets of color charts representing manufacturer's full range of available colors and patterns.
- F. Manufacturer's Certificates: Certify products meet or exceed specified requirements.
- G. Closeout Submittals: Provide manufacturer's maintenance instructions that include recommendations for periodic cleaning and maintenance of all components.

#### 1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer Qualifications: Minimum 3 years documented experience producing systems specified in this section.

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Include a mock-up if the project size and/or quality warrant taking such a precaution. The following is one example of how a mock-up on a large project might be specified. When deciding on the extent of the mock-up, consider all the major different types of work on the project. Note that a mockup will represent an additional cost for the project. Delete if not required.**

- B. Mock-Up: Provide a mock-up for evaluation of surface preparation techniques and application workmanship.
1. Finish areas designated by Architect.
  2. Do not proceed with remaining work until workmanship, color, and sheen are approved by Architect.
  3. Refinish mock-up area as required to produce acceptable work.
  4. Accepted mock-ups shall be comparison standard for remaining Work

## 1.7 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Store products in manufacturer's unopened, properly labeled, original packaging until ready for installation.
- B. Store components to avoid damage from moisture, abrasion, and other construction activities.
- C. Keep handling to a minimum. Exercise caution to avoid damage to factory applied finishes.

## 1.8 SEQUENCING

- A. Ensure that products of this section are supplied to affected trades in time to prevent interruption of construction progress.

## 1.9 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Maintain environmental conditions (temperature, humidity, and ventilation) within limits recommended by manufacturer for optimum results. Do not install products under environmental conditions outside manufacturer's absolute limits.
- B. Field Measurements: Take measurements of actual dimensions where necessary for fit without gaps. Indicate measurements on shop drawings.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURER

- A. Acceptable Manufacturer: Superior Aluminum Products, Inc.; 555 E. Main St., P. O. Box 430, Russia, OH 45363. Phone: 937-526-4065. Fax: 937-526-3904. Email: [info@superioraluminum.com](mailto:info@superioraluminum.com). Web: [www.superioraluminum.com](http://www.superioraluminum.com).

- 1. Product: Guard Rail Series 9100 Architectural Aluminum Railing.

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Delete one of the following two paragraphs; coordinate with requirements of Division 1 section on product options and substitutions.**

- B. Substitutions: Not permitted.
- C. Requests for substitutions will be considered in accordance with provisions of Section 01 6000.

### 2.2 ORNAMENTAL ALUMINUM RAILINGS

- A. Guard Rail Series 9100 Architectural Aluminum Railing: Top railings run continuously on top of posts. Posts shall contain machined tops for top rail to set in and machined pockets for center and bottom railing. Brackets shall not be used to attach railing to posts on level applications. Swivel brackets shall be used to attach center and bottom railings to posts on vertically angled applications. Railing

transitions to corners or ramps shall contain no interruptions to the top rail. Pickets shall be 3/4 inch (1.91 cm) square on 4-1/2 inch (11.43 cm) maximum centers, and run between the top and bottom rail. Picket fasteners are concealed by a screw cover in matching finish.

1. Series 9100 Design

a. Single top and bottom rail, two-line railing system

- 1) Top Rail Size: 2-1/2 inch (6.35 cm) wide by 1-5/8 inch (4.13 cm) high top rail.
- 2) Bottom Rail Size: Standard 3/4 inch (1.91 cm) wide by 1-5/8 inch (4.13 cm) high bottom rail.
- 3) Vertical Rail Size:

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Select rail style required and delete the those not required.**

- (a) 3/4 inch (1.91 cm) by 3/4 inch (1.91 cm) square.
- (b) Standard 3/4 inch (1.91 cm) wide by 1-5/8 inch (4.13 cm) high bottom rail.

b. Double top rail and single bottom rail, three-line railing system with opening between top rails

- 1) Top Rail Size: 2-1/2 inch (6.35 cm) wide by 1-5/8 inch (4.13 cm) high top rail.
- 2) Bottom Rail Size: Standard 3/4 inch (1.91 cm) wide by 1-5/8 inch (4.13 cm) high bottom rail.
- 3) Vertical Rail Size:

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Select rail style required and delete the those not required.**

- (a) 3/4-inch (1.91 cm) by 3/4-inch (1.91 cm) square.
- (b) Standard 3/4 inch (1.91 cm) wide by 1-5/8 inch (4.13 cm) high bottom rail.

c. Double top rail and single bottom rail, three-line railing system with through pickets and/or ornamental inserts in opening between top rails

- 1) Top Rail Size: 2-1/2 inch (6.35 cm) wide by 1-5/8 inch (4.13 cm) high top rail.

- 2) Bottom Rail Size: Standard 3/4 inch (1.91 cm) wide by 1-5/8 inch (4.13 cm) high bottom rail.
- 3) Vertical Rail Size:

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Select rail style required and delete the those not required.**

- (a) 3/4-inch (1.91 cm) by 3/4-inch (1.91 cm) square.
  - (b) Standard 3/4 inch (1.91 cm) wide by 1-5/8 inch (4.13 cm) high bottom rail.
- d. Square Posts: 2 inch (5.08 cm)
  - e. Height:

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Select height required and delete the ones not required.**

- 1) Residential: 36 inch (91.44 cm)
  - 2) Commercial: 42 inch (106.68 cm)
  - 3) As indicated on the Drawings
- f. Design

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Select the design(s) required from the following 3 paragraphs and delete those not required.**

- 1) Straight Rail Panel Design: As indicated on the Drawings.
  - 2) Step Rail Panel Design: As indicated on the Drawings.
  - 3) Design: As indicated on the Drawings.
- g. Cast Ornamentation:

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Select ornamentation required and delete those not required. Consult manufacturer's literature for additional selections available. Ring and diamond inserts are utilized for openings between double top rails. Double versions are utilized in the same space when through pickets are also used.**

- 1) As indicated
- 2) 3-3/4 inch (9.5 cm) OD double ring insert
- 3) 3-3/4 inch (9.5 cm) OD single ring insert
- 4) 3-3/4 inch (9.5 cm) cast diamond inset
- 5) Other ornamental items as required

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Select base(s) required and delete those not required. A variety of base options are available to fit any installation requirements. Series 500/550 Railing can be base mounted with heavy-duty bases, side mounted with brackets, or embedded into concrete using an elongated post with a cover flange.**

1. Base: Size to fit the posts specified
  - a. Heavy-Duty Surface Mount Base
  - b. Cover Flange for Embedded Posts
  - c. Side-Mount Corner Base
  - d. Side-Mount Base
  - e. As indicated on the Drawings.

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Series 500 mounted hand rail can be mounted on Series 9100 Architectural Railing. This creates a code compliant combination on stairways and ramps. Pipe handrail is provided in matching finish. Delete if not required.**

#### 2.3 Hand Rail: Series 500 Mounted Hand Rail:

- A. Pipe: 1-1/2 inch (3.81 cm) Schedule 40 pipe with 1.9 inch (4.83 cm) outside diameter.
- B. Handrail to run continuously throughout the whole length of handrail system.
- C. Mount to wall, railing, or other structure by utilizing mounting plates.
- D. No components shall be fastened via welding.
- E. Handrail will be installed at a height of 34 – 38 inches above ramp surface.
- F. Clearance of a minimum 1 ½" shall exist between the wall or post surface and the handrail.
- G. Top and bottoms of handrail sections that stop at a landing, the handrail shall extend 12 in horizontally beyond the top riser and 12 in. horizontally beyond the bottom tread.
- H. Handrail shall be continuous, without interruption by newel posts or other obstructions.
- I. Handrails shall return to a wall, guard or walking surface

#### 2.4 Gates

- A. Provide swinging gates of type and size indicated on the Drawings. Equip gates with manufacturer's standard as required for complete functional operation.



1. Construction:
  - a. Frame: Welded frame fabricated from post, top rail and bottom rail material.
  - b. Infill: Match the railing design and configuration.
2. Size: As shown on the drawings

B. Hardware:

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Other components can be provided different than that below. Contact manufacturer for options.**

1. Hinges: Size and type as determined by manufacturer.
  - a. Minimum of two hinges per leaf
2. Latch

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Select Latch required and delete the one not required. Lock Latch, general purpose latch: Magna Latch, magnetic lock used for securing gates. Provide latching requirements if different than that below.**

- a. Lock Latch
- b. Magna Latch

## 2.5 RAILING MATERIALS

- A. Rail, Post and Pickets: Aluminum extrusions; alloy and temper 6063-T4 or 6063-T6 for rail and posts, and 6063-T5 for square pickets.
  1. Tube: ASTM B 211.
- B. Base Flanges, Anchors, and railing accessories: ASTM B 247.
  1. Bases cast from manufacturer's standard A-356-T6, 535, or 713 aluminum alloys or solid extruded 6063 aluminum alloy stock.
  2. Base flanges and railing accessories cast from manufacturer's standard 319, A-356, A-356-T6, 535, or 713 aluminum alloys.
  3. Anchorages: Provide concrete anchorage for fastening and complying with applicable Federal standards. All fasteners used in the system shall be aluminum or stainless steel.
- C. Fasteners: Provide concrete anchorage for fastening and complying with applicable Federal standards. All fasteners used in the system shall be aluminum or stainless steel.

- D. Grout: Non-shrink Portland cement-based hydraulic grout, mixed and applied in accordance with manufacturer's instructions; gypsum-based material is not acceptable. Provide formulation that is resistant to erosion from water exposure without needing protection by a sealer or waterproof coating and recommended by manufacturer for exterior use.

## 2.6 FINISH

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Select finish required and delete those not required. Custom colors are available, contact the manufacturer for additional information.**

- A. Standard Architectural Coating (AAMA 2603):
  - 1. White
  - 2. Black
  - 3. Light Bronze
  - 4. Dark Bronze
  - 5. Sandstone
  - 6. Almond
  - 7. Tan
  - 8. Brown
  - 9. Green
  - 10. Custom colors as selected.
- B. Satin Anodized Finish:
  - 1. 15 Minute: Architectural Clear Anodic Coating, AA-M12C22A21

## 2.7 FABRICATION

- A. Tolerances: Verify dimensions on site prior to shop fabrication for proper connection to building structure or substrate.
- B. Components or railing sections shall be fabricated at the manufacturing facility in largest practical site delivery sizes.
- C. Railing sections shall be fabricated to exact measurements specified through Drawings and field dimensions.
- D. Railings angled horizontally, machine to proper angle into the post.
- E. Fabricate railing system to meet step railing requirements by providing a rectangular hole in bottom rail.

- F. Fabricate railing system to meet step railing requirements; riser and tread dimensions of the steps.
- G. Posts grouted in concrete to have one nominal 1/4 inch (6.0 mm) nominal diameter weep hole, 1/2 inch (12.0 mm) nominal above post collar, in the plane of the rail
- H. Provide components required for anchorage of framing. Fabricate anchors and related components of material and finish as required, or as specifically noted.

### PART 3 EXECUTION

#### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Do not begin installation until substrates have been properly prepared. Fully review the supporting structure and substrate to verify a structurally sound base for anchoring railing system.
- B. If substrate preparation is the responsibility of another installer, notify Architect of unsatisfactory preparation before proceeding.

#### 3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Clean surfaces thoroughly prior to installation.

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Include the following paragraph and coordinate installation as applicable. Delete if not required.**

- B. Coordinate railing installation with installation of waterproof membrane or coating Specified in Section 07 1300 Sheet Waterproofing.
- C. Ensure that adjacent surfaces, structures, and finishes are protected from damage by construction activities of this section.
- D. Use wood blocks and padding to prevent damage to railing members and fittings during erection.
- E. Prepare surfaces using the methods recommended by the manufacturer for achieving the best result for the substrate under the project conditions.

#### 3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Install in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Keep perimeter lines straight, plumb, and level.
- C. Provide grounds, clips, backing materials, adhesives, brackets, anchors, and accessories necessary for a complete installation.
- D. Expansion Bolt Mounting: Anchor through base plates to concrete substrate.
- E. Sleeve Mounting:

1. Arrange for casting of sleeves or core drill concrete to provide holes for railing uprights.
  2. After setting, fill holes with hydraulic grout; brace members until grout is cured.
- F. Connect railing components in accordance with manufacturer's instructions applicable to the specified system.
- G. Tighten all fasteners so that completed railing is rigid and free of play at joints and component attachments.

**\*\* NOTE TO SPECIFIER \*\* Delete if not required.**

- H. Gates:
1. Install gates and adjust hardware for smooth operation.
  2. After installation, test gate. Open and close a minimum of five times. Correct any deficiencies and adjust.

#### 3.4 ERECTION TOLERANCES

- A. Install railings plumb and level, securely fastened, with vertical members plumb.
1. Maximum variation from plumb: 1/4 inch (6.0 mm).
  2. Maximum misalignment from true position: 1/4 inch (6.0 mm).
  3. Maximum misalignment between adjacent separated members: 1/8 inch (3.0 mm).

#### 3.5 CLEANING

- A. Remove dust or other foreign matter from component surfaces; clean finishes in accordance with AAMA 609 and AAMA 610-02.

#### 3.6 PROTECTION

- A. Protect installed products until completion of project.
- B. Touch-up, repair or replace damaged products before Substantial Completion.

END OF SECTION