

SPECIFICATION INFORMATION

A. Scope

Isolate floating floor from building structure by means of steel spring jack-up isolators and perimeter isolation board.

- B. Materials
 - 1. Plastic sheeting: 6 mil(0.15mm)
 - Isolators: Castings or weldments consisting of an outer housing with internal threads and an inner housing with external threads. Outer housing shall have a removable cover plate, lifting flange, and lugs to position the steel reinforcement. The inner housing forms a protective cover over the spring element and shall be designed for spring adjustment. Springs shall be free standing, laterally stable and seated in a minimum 1/4"(6mm) thick neoprene acoustical cup. Spring deflection shall be a minimum of _____inches under the combined dead and live load. Air gap shall be _____inches.
 - 3. Perimeter Isolation Board: 3/4"(20mm) thickness 10 lb. fiberglass or 1/2"(12mm) neoprene sponge.
 - 4. Caulking Compound: Non-hardening, non-drying and non bleeding.
 - 5. Floating Floor Drains: Cast iron pipe buckets with cast iron grills and large flanges to cover structural openings complete with waterproofing clamping ring. Upper member shall float with floating floor and sound leakage prevented by an interlocking water trap. Drains shall have weep holes where indicated on drawings.
 - Riser Seals: Steel cylinders containing neoprene sponge seals for both structural and floating floors.
- C. Floor system adjustment procedure
 - Structural floor must be level, at mount locations, to specifications for upper surface of floating floor as mountings are used as screed points. Smoothness at mount locations plus or minus 0.03"(0.7mm).
 - 2. Concrete perimeter forms must be set where required.
 - 3. Cement perimeter material to wall, forms, around columns, etc. as shown on drawings and details.
 - Snap chalk lines showing mounting locations on structural floor. Spray paint or crayon intersections for clearer visibility through 6 mil(0.15mm) polyethylene sheeting.
 - 5. Lay transparent polyethylene sheeting over entire floor area, lapping up and over perimeter isolation material and tape up to maintain position. Overlap sheeting one foot to increase width, where required and tape all seams.
 - 6. Before placing castings, check to see if threads are greased and inner casting is flush with the bottom of the outer casting as on the Position 1 illustration. If not, turn casting to make it flush.
 - 7. Place castings on maximum 48"(1200mm) centers in locations marked in Step 4 and in accordance with layout drawings.
 - 8. Install reinforcing as shown on Mason or contract drawings.

- Pour concrete to required thickness and finish flush with tops of floor mounts in a single pour. Work concrete around mountings and reinforcement to eliminate voids and entrapped air. Exercise caution to avoid shifting or lifting of mountings.
- 10. After concrete is fully cured and ready for lift, prepare each casting for spring installation as follow:
 - A. Remove putty from 3/8" brass cover set screw and spanner holes. Remove set screw and store carefully.
 - B. Unscrew cover plate by turning counter clockwise with 1" spanner wrench.
 - C. Remove inner casting by turning counter clockwise with 1" square "T" wrench.
- 11. Install neoprene spring cup and proper spring in each locations. Replace inner casting as shown on the Position 2 illustration. Turn inner compression casting until it bears against top of spring.
- 12. Using square "T" wrench, take four clockwise turns on every inner casting. Work can proceed at one location at a time or with a gang of workers working simultaneously. Step 12 must be completed before proceeding to Step 13.
- 13. Take two additional clockwise turns on each inner casting.
- 14. Repeat Step 13 until floor is lifted to required elevation. Approximately eight turns are needed to compress the spring one inch and after springs are at design deflection, each additional eight turns lifts the floor one inch.
- 15. Install cover plate flush with top of floor and replace brass set screw to lock cover plate in position (see Position 3 illustration). This completes the spring adjustment procedure.
- 16. Caulk all around perimeter and penetrations as shown on drawing and details.
- D. Submittals
 - 1. Isolator layout drawings.
 - 2. Isolator details.
 - Load and deflection curves of all isolators. (Steel spring mountings have dynamic frequencies which can be calculated from the deflection so that dynamic frequency tests are never run. To the best of our knowledge, no one has run acoustical tests on this type of installation because the steel springs function very close to the theoretical predictions.)
 - 4. Drain details
 - 5. Perimeter board details
 - 6. Installation Procedure
- E. Manufacturer
 - 1. The setting of all isolation material and raising of the floor shall be performed by or under the supervision of the isolation manufacturer.
 - Subject to compliance with the specifications the following products are approved for use. Type FS Jack-up Mountings, AFG-10 Perimeter Board, CFD Floor Drains, SPS Spool Pipe Seals, Type CC-75 and CC-50 Caulking Compounds, all as manufactured by Mason Industries Inc.