

Application

The EK-437 extruded aluminum louver is designed for intake and exhaust application where protection against water infiltration is not critical. The EK-437 is well suited for special shape applications and is available with hidden mullions for a continuous blade appearance of multiple section assemblies. The EK-437 is available in a wide array of anodized and painted finishes including custom color matching.

Standard Construction

Material: Mill finish 6063-T5 extruded aluminum.

Frame: 4" deep × 0.081" thick (102 × 2) channel.

Blades: 37½° × 0.081" (2) thick K-style.

Screen: ½" × 0.063" (12.7 × 1.6) expanded and flattened aluminum.

Minimum Size: 4.5" × 8" (114 × 203)

Maximum Size: Single section: 60" × 120" (1524 × 3048)
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Multiple section: Unlimited

Options

- ☐ Factory finish:
 - ☐ High Performance Fluoropolymer - 100% resin Newlar®/ 70% resin Kynar®
 - ☐ Baked Enamel
 - ☐ Clear or Color Anodized, Class 1
 - ☐ Prime Coat
- ☐ Hidden vertical mullion for continuous blade appearance.
- ☐ Flange frame:
 - ☐ 1½" (38) flange frame
 - ☐ Custom-size flange
 - ☐ Stucco flange
 - ☐ Glazing frame
- ☐ Heavy duty 0.125" (3) construction.
- ☐ Welded construction.
- ☐ Alternate bird or insect screens.
- ☐ Insulated or non-insulated blank-off panels.
- ☐ Filter racks.
- ☐ Hinged frame.
- ☐ Head and/or sill flashing.
- ☐ Installation hardware:
 - ☐ Clip angles ☐ Continous angles
- ☐ Burglar bars:
 - ☐ Shipped loose ☐ Shipped mounted
- ☐ Frame closure.
- ☐ Florida Building Code Construction.
(Refer to FBC Installation Instructions for additional requirements)

Ratings

Free Area: [48" × 48" (1219 × 1219) unit]: 8.9 ft² (0.82 m²)
55.5%

Performance @ Beginning Point of Water Penetration

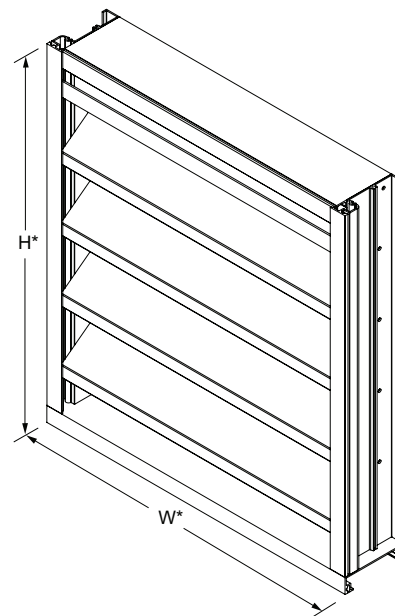
Free Area Velocity: 772 fpm (3.92 m/s)
Air Volume Delivered: 6,853 cfm (3.23 m³/s)
Pressure Loss: 0.09 in.wg. (23 Pa)

Velocity @ 0.15 in.wg. Pressure Loss: 991 fpm (5.03 m/s)

* **Florida Building Code Approval (2010-FBC):** No. FL13619.9

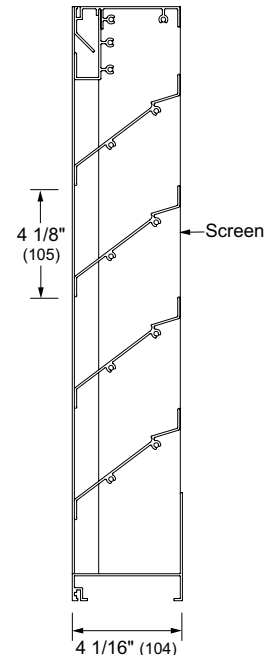
Design Load: up to 187 psf - refer to FBC Installation Instructions for size and design load rating.

Std. Design Load: 30 psf



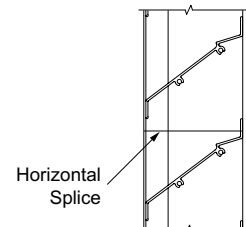
Model **EK-437**
(standard)

*Louvers dimensions furnished approximately 1/2" (13) undersize.

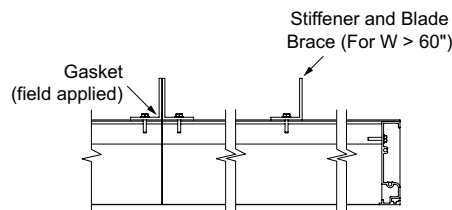


Vertical Section

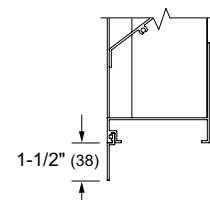
†Screen adds approximately 3/16" (5) to louver depth.



Horizontal Mullion
(standard)



Hidden Vertical Mullion
(optional)



Flange Frame
(optional)

*Optional - Requires Florida Building Code Construction

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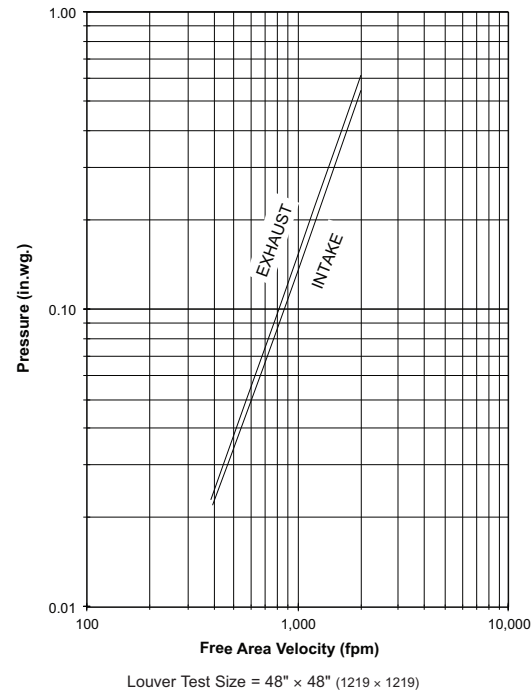
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Performance Data

Free Area (ft²)

		Width (Inches)																		
Height (Inches)		12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102	108	114	120
	12	0.32	0.52	0.71	0.91	1.10	1.29	1.49	1.68	1.88	2.07	2.27	2.46	2.65	2.85	3.04	3.24	3.43	3.63	3.82
	18	0.64	1.02	1.40	1.79	2.17	2.55	2.93	3.32	3.70	4.08	4.46	4.85	5.23	5.61	5.99	6.38	6.76	7.14	7.52
	24	1.01	1.62	2.22	2.83	3.44	4.04	4.65	5.26	5.86	6.47	7.08	7.68	8.29	8.90	9.50	10.11	10.72	11.32	11.93
	30	1.17	1.87	2.57	3.27	3.97	4.67	5.37	6.07	6.77	7.47	8.17	8.87	9.57	10.27	10.97	11.67	12.37	13.07	13.77
	36	1.57	2.50	3.44	4.38	5.32	6.26	7.20	8.14	9.08	10.02	10.96	11.90	12.84	13.77	14.71	15.65	16.59	17.53	18.47
	42	1.70	2.71	3.73	4.75	5.76	6.78	7.80	8.82	9.83	10.85	11.87	12.88	13.90	14.92	15.94	16.95	17.97	18.99	20.01
	48	1.93	3.10	4.26	5.42	6.58	7.74	8.90	10.06	11.22	12.38	13.54	14.70	15.87	17.03	18.19	19.35	20.51	21.67	22.83
	54	2.22	3.56	4.89	6.23	7.56	8.89	10.23	11.56	12.90	14.23	15.57	16.90	18.23	19.57	20.90	22.24	23.57	24.91	26.24
	60	2.49	3.98	5.48	6.97	8.46	9.96	11.45	12.94	14.44	15.93	17.42	18.92	20.41	21.91	23.40	24.89	26.39	27.88	29.37
	66	2.75	4.40	6.05	7.71	9.36	11.01	12.66	14.31	15.96	17.61	19.26	20.92	22.57	24.22	25.87	27.52	29.17	30.82	32.47
	72	3.04	4.87	6.70	8.52	10.35	12.17	14.00	15.83	17.65	19.48	21.31	23.13	24.96	26.78	28.61	30.44	32.26	34.09	35.91
78	3.28	5.25	7.22	9.18	11.15	13.12	15.09	17.06	19.03	20.99	22.96	24.93	26.90	28.87	30.84	32.80	34.77	36.74	38.71	
84	3.59	5.75	7.91	10.06	12.22	14.38	16.53	18.69	20.85	23.00	25.16	27.32	29.47	31.63	33.79	35.94	38.10	40.26	42.41	
90	3.97	6.35	8.73	11.11	13.49	15.87	18.25	20.63	23.01	25.39	27.77	30.15	32.53	34.91	37.30	39.68	42.06	44.44	46.82	
96	4.12	6.60	9.07	11.55	14.02	16.49	18.97	21.44	23.92	26.39	28.87	31.34	33.81	36.29	38.76	41.24	43.71	46.19	48.66	
102	4.52	7.24	9.95	12.66	15.37	18.09	20.80	23.51	26.23	28.94	31.65	34.37	37.08	39.79	42.51	45.22	47.93	50.65	53.36	
108	4.65	7.44	10.23	13.03	15.82	18.61	21.40	24.19	26.98	29.77	32.56	35.36	38.15	40.94	43.73	46.52	49.31	52.10	54.89	
114	4.89	7.83	10.76	13.70	16.63	19.57	22.50	25.44	28.37	31.31	34.24	37.18	40.11	43.05	45.98	48.92	51.85	54.79	57.72	
120	5.18	8.29	11.40	14.50	17.61	20.72	23.83	26.94	30.05	33.15	36.26	39.37	42.48	45.59	48.70	51.80	54.91	58.02	61.13	

Pressure Loss



Pressure loss tested in accordance with Figure 5.5 of AMCA Standard 500-L.

Water Penetration

AMCA defines the beginning point of water penetration as the free area velocity at the intersection of a simple linear regression of test data and the line of 0.01 ounces of water per square foot of free area and is measured through a 48" x 48" louver during a 15 minute period. The AMCA water penetration test provides a method for comparing louver models and designs as to their efficiency in resisting the penetration of rainfall under specific lab conditions. Pottorff recommends that intake louvers are selected with a reasonable margin of safety below the beginning point of water penetration in order to avoid unwanted penetration during severe storm conditions.

Selection Criteria

Follow the steps listed below to calculate the louver size needed to satisfy the required air volume while minimizing the adverse effects of water penetration and pressure loss.

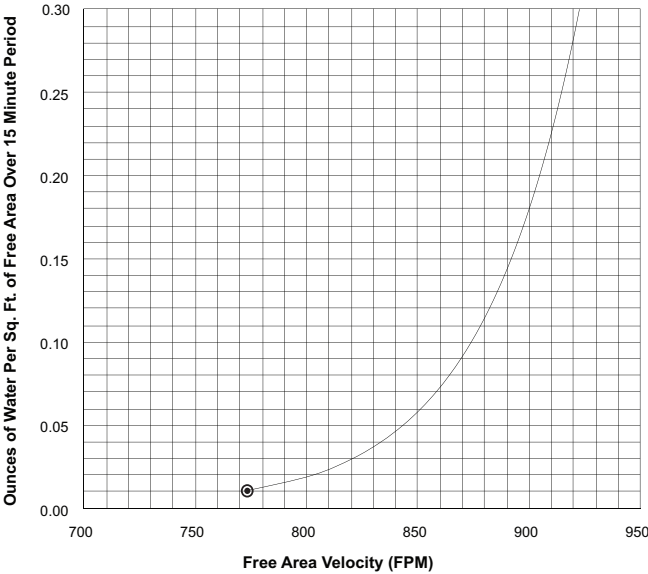
- 1. Determine the Free Area Velocity (FAV) at the maximum allowable pressure loss using the *Pressure Loss* chart to the left. While job conditions vary, typically, the maximum allowable pressure loss should not exceed 0.15 in.wg., and the FAV for 0.15 in.wg. pressure loss is listed on the front page of this sheet.
- 2. Intake Applications If the FAV at the Beginning Point of Water Penetration (shown below) is less than the FAV from step 1, then use the FAV at the Beginning Point of Water Penetration in step 3, otherwise use the FAV from step 1.
- Exhaust Applications Use the FAV from step 1 in step 3.
- 3. Calculate the total louver square footage required using the following equation.

Required Air Volume cfm ÷ FAV fpm = Required Louver (Free-Area) Size in ft²

- 4. Using the *Free Area* chart above, select a louver width and height that yields a free area ft² greater than or equal to the required louver size calculated in step 3.

Water Penetration

Beginning Point of Water Penetration = 772 fpm



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