Thermal Ceramics Inc.
Design No. TC/BI 120-02
Fire Resistant Ventilation Air Duct
FireMaster® FastWrap® XLS Duct Insulation

	ASTM E2816	ASTM E814	
Duct	**Rating**	**F-Rating**	**T-Rating**
Condition A (Horizontal)	120 minutes	120 minutes	120 minutes
Condition B (Vertical)	120 minutes	120 minutes	120 minutes

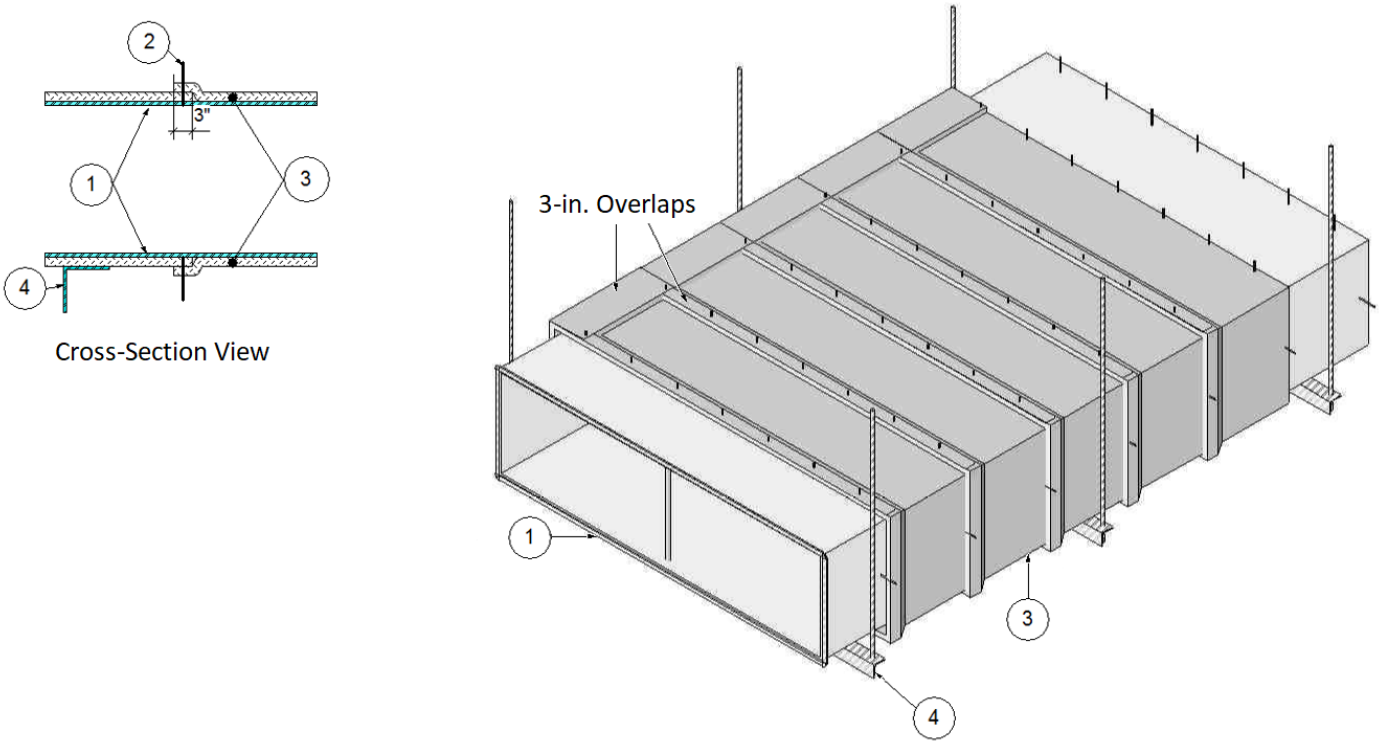


Figure 1. Horizontal Duct Condition A and Vertical Duct Condition B. (Illustrated in Horizontal Orientation)

1. **VENTILATION AIR DUCT:** Use a duct constructed to SMACNA HVAC Duct Construction Standard, min. 2 in. H_2O-pressure class, rectangular duct, with a max. cross-sectional area of 2040 in.^{2} with no single dimension exceeding 85 in. Apply silicone sealant to joints and seams.

2. **PINS AND BANDING:** Use one of the following options:

   A. **PINS ONLY (HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL DUCTS):** Refer to Figure 1. Use min. 12 GA steel impaling pins to secure the duct insulation (Item 3). Select pin length as required to penetrate all layers of duct insulation (Item 3) and penetration firestop insulation collars (Item 7C) by a min. of 1 in. without compression. Weld the pins to the ventilation air duct (Item 1). Space pins longitudinally at max. 21 in. on center (oc). and centered on duct insulation (Item 3) overlaps or collars. Locate pins transversely max. 12 in. oc on all sides of the ventilation air duct (Item 1) with a row of pins centered on the duct insulation (Item 3) overlap. Secure insulation on pins with 2-1/2 × 2-1/2 in. × 12 GA, galvanized steel clip washers.

   B. **PINS AND BANDING (HORIZONTAL DUCTS):** Refer to Figure 2. Install pins on the bottom of the duct only, except at the firestop insulation collar (Item 7C), install the pins on all four sides. Follow the same requirements described in Item 2A for the pins only method, except as noted in this section. Ensure that the duct insulation (Item 3) transverse overlaps are located on the underside of the duct at either of the bottom corners. Use min. 1/2 in. wide by 0.015 in. thick stainless steel or carbon steel banding and min. 1 in. long stainless-steel crimp clips. Locate and install the bands at the center of each duct insulation (Item 3) transverse overlap. Tighten the bands securely at all locations.

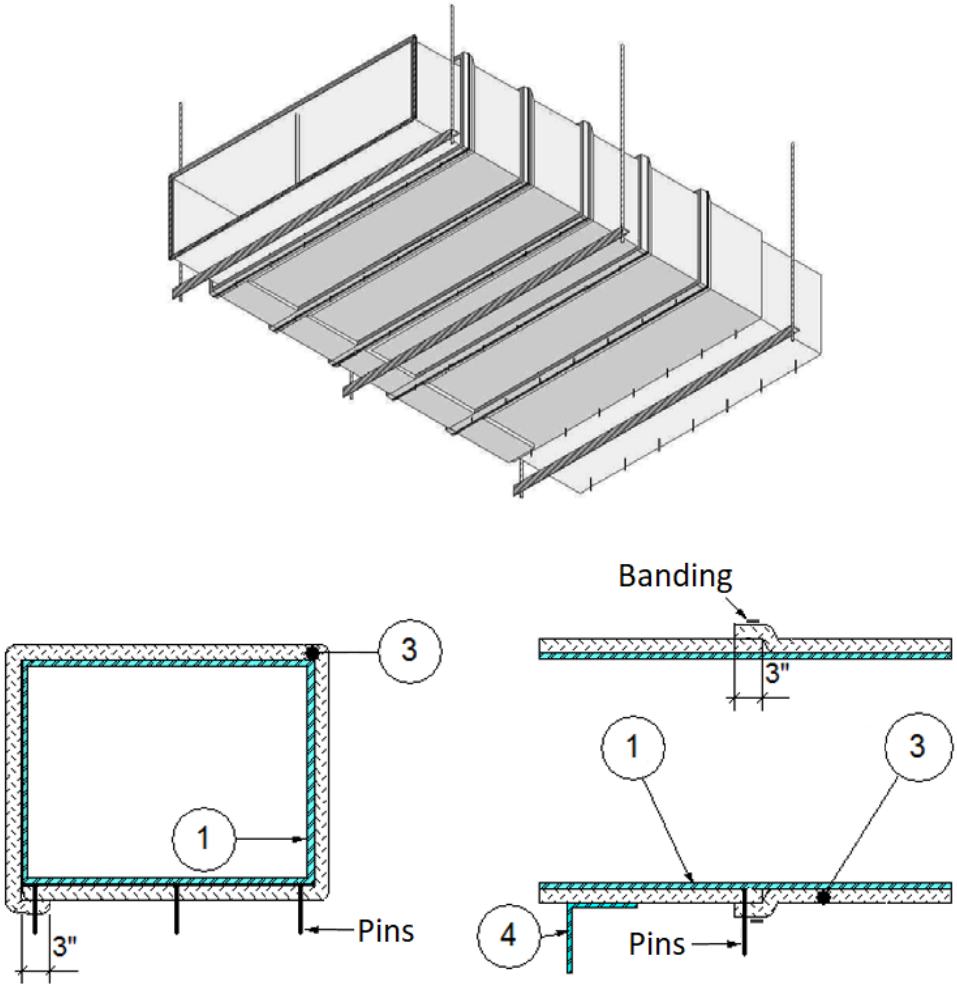


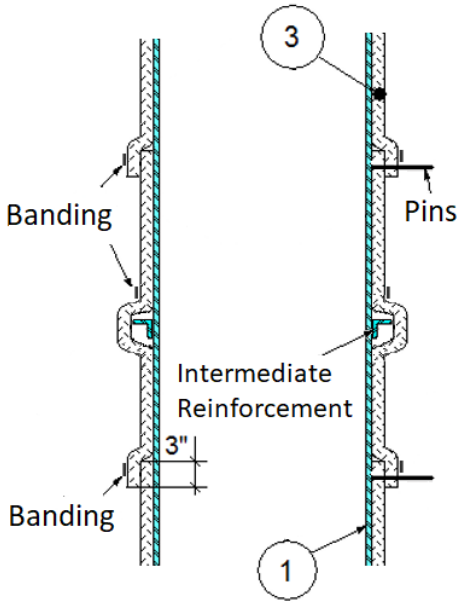
Figure 2. Pins and Banding Installation Method – Horizontal Ducts

C. PINS AND BANDING (VERTICAL DUCTS): Refer to Figures 3 and 4. Install pins on one of the wide sides of the duct only, except at the firestop insulation collar (Item 7C), install the pins on all four sides. Follow the same requirements described in Item 2A for the pins only method, except as noted in this section. Ensure that the duct insulation (Item 3) transverse overlaps are located on the same side of the duct as the pins at one of the corners. Use min. 1/2 in. wide by 0.015 in. thick stainless steel or carbon steel banding and min. 1 in. long stainless-steel crimp clips.

i. Option 1: Install the bands at the center of each duct insulation (Item 3) transverse overlap and between the transverse overlap joints immediately above either an intermediate reinforcement or a transverse joint reinforcement. Space the bands a max. 12 in. oc. Tighten the bands securely at all locations.

ii. Option 2: Locate and install the bands at the center of each duct insulation (Item 3) transverse overlap. Tighten the bands securely at all locations. In addition, use

three mechanical fasteners on the non-pinned side of the duct, located 1-1/2 in. below the top edge of each section of duct insulation (Item 3). The fasteners shall each consist of a min. no. 8 x 1-3/4 in. long sheet metal screw and 2-1/2 × 2-1/2 in. × 12 GA, galvanized steel clip washer. Screw fasteners through the duct insulation (Item 3) and into the duct wall.



Option 1: Pins And Banding

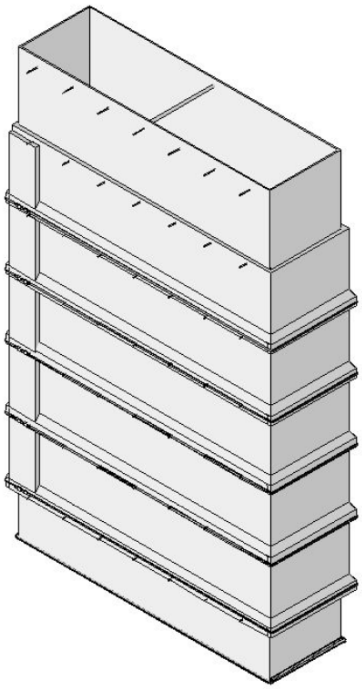


Figure 3. Option 1 - Pins and Banding Installation Method – Vertical Ducts

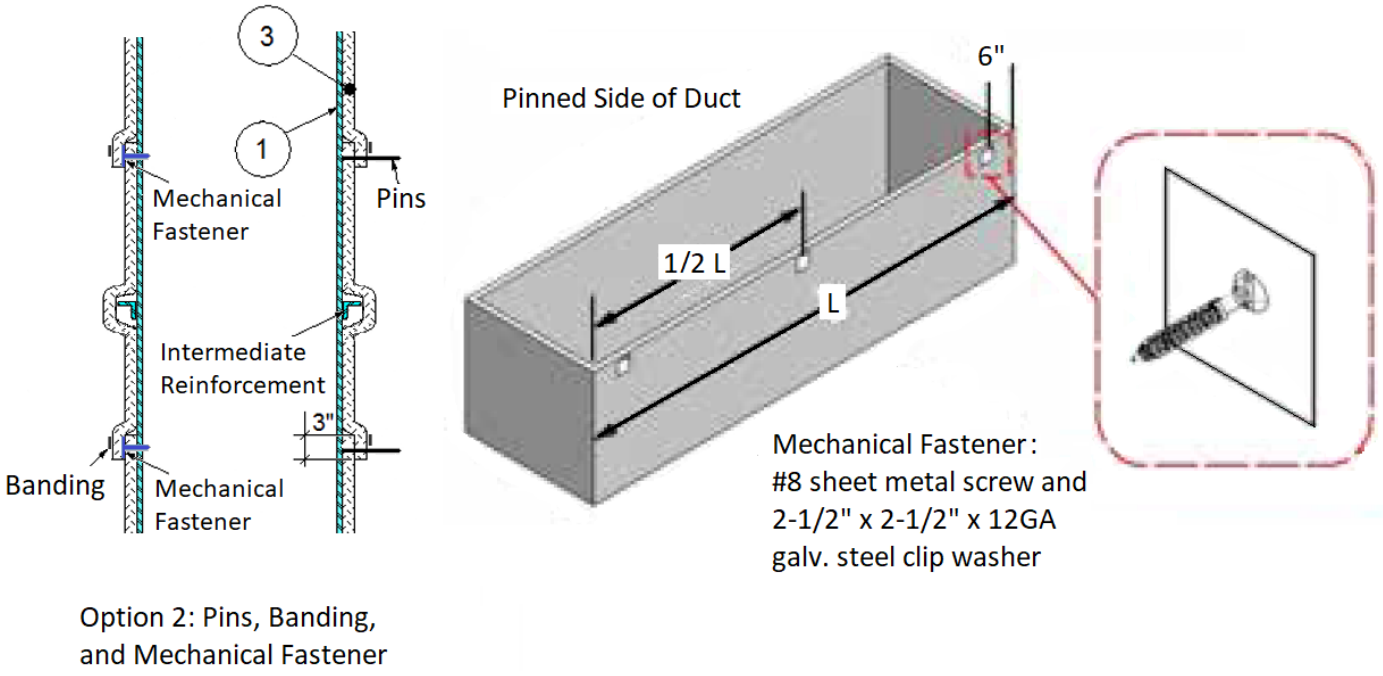


Figure 4. Option 2 - Pins and Banding with Mechanical Fastener Installation Method – Vertical Ducts

D. BANDING ONLY (HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL DUCTS): (Not Shown) Use this installation method as an option for max. 24 in. x 24 in. ducts. Use min. 1/2 in. wide by 0.015 in. thick stainless steel or carbon steel banding and min. 1 in. long stainless-steel crimp clips. Locate and install the bands at the center of each duct insulation (Item 3) transverse overlap and between the transverse overlap joints. Space the bands a max. 12 in. oc. Tighten the bands securely at all locations.

3. DUCT INSULATION: Intertek-Certified, Thermal Ceramics Inc., FireMaster® FastWrap® XLS Duct Insulation.

Apply one (1) layer of nominal 1-1/4 in. thick or nominal 1-1/2 in. thick, nominal 4.4 pcf density duct insulation over the entire surface of the ventilation air duct (Item 1). Apply with transverse and longitudinal joints overlapping a min. of 3 in. The overlapping joint running the length of the duct shall be located at one of the ventilation air duct (Item 1) corners. Duct insulation is installed with 1 in. compression at wall and floor/ceiling penetrations. As an option, notch the duct insulation corners where multiple overlaps align to maintain maximum of two layers of duct insulation. Finish and seal exposed ends of insulation and tape all overlap joints with finish/seal tape (Item 8).

4. SUPPORTS: Support the horizontal portion of the insulated ventilation air duct (Item 1) using an un-insulated "trapeze" system composed of min. 3 × 3 × 1/4 in. steel angle as the cross-member, and two (2), min. 3/8 in. all-thread, steel rods connected using nuts and washers. Alternatively, use min. 1-1/2 × 1-1/2 × 3/16 in. steel angle as the cross-member for max. 21-1/4 in. × 6 in. ventilation air ducts (Item 1). The

horizontal supports shall be spaced a max. of 14 in. from the face of the supporting wall construction (Item 5), and a max. of 60 in. oc between supports. Reduce the spacing if needed to not exceed a maximum combined load of the ventilation air duct (Item 1) and duct insulation (Item 3) of 200 lb per horizontal support. Connect the all-thread steel rods to the underside of the floor/ceiling assembly (Item 5D) using an attachment method designed to carry the system weight under a fire exposure condition equivalent to the exposure corresponding to the listed 2 hr fire rating. Place one (1) all-thread steel rod at each end of the trapeze cross-member. Center ventilation air duct (Item 1) covered by duct insulation (Item 3) on trapeze cross-member. Space all-thread steel rods a min. of 1 in. and max. 6 in. from surface of the insulated ventilation air duct. Extend trapeze cross-member at least 2 in. past each all-thread rod. Where ventilation air duct (Item 1) penetrates a fire rated floor/ceiling assembly (Item 5D), install a riser support frame prior to installing duct insulation (Item 3). Use a supporting steel frame designed and constructed to meet the requirements of the International Mechanical Code.

5. **SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION:** Use one of the following wall or floor/ceiling assemblies:

   A. **GYPSUM WALL ASSEMBLY:** Use a min. 4.6 in. deep, 2 hr rated gypsum wall assembly constructed in accordance with the corresponding fire resistance rated design listing and consisting of the following minimum requirements:

      i. Steel Studs (for steel framed construction only)– Min. 25 GA steel studs spaced max. 24 in. oc.

      ii. Wood Studs (for wood framed construction only) – Min. 2x4 wood studs spaced max. 24 in. oc.

      iii. Gypsum Board – Cover studs and runners with gypsum board on each face in accordance with the corresponding fire resistance rated design listing.

   B. **CONCRETE WALL ASSEMBLY:** Use a symmetrical, min. 2 hr rated, solid concrete wall assembly made from reinforced lightweight or normal weight (100-150 pcf) concrete constructed of solid concrete with a minimum concrete thickness measured from exposed face to exposed face using one of the following:

      i. Lightweight concrete at 4.6 in.

      ii. Sand-lightweight concrete at 4.6 in.

      iii. Carbonate, aggregate concrete at 4.6 in.

      iv. Siliceous aggregate concrete at 5.0 in.

   C. **MASONRY WALL ASSEMBLY:** Use a min. 2 hour rated, nominal 8 × 8 × 16 in. concrete masonry unit (CMU) wall, or wall assembly made from lightweight or normal weight concrete (100-150-pcf).

   D. **CONCRETE FLOOR/CEILING ASSEMBLY:** Use a symmetrical, min. 2 hour rated solid concrete floor/ceiling assembly made from reinforced lightweight or normal weight concrete (100-150-pcf) with a minimum thickness measured from exposed face to exposed face using one of the following:

      i. Lightweight concrete at 4.6 in.

ii. Sand-lightweight concrete at 4.6 in.

iii. Carbonate aggregate concrete at 4.6 in.

iv. Siliceous aggregate concrete at 5.0 in.

E. CONCRETE AND STEEL FORM UNIT FLOOR/CEILING ASSEMBLY: Use a min. 2 hr rated concrete and steel form unit floor/ceiling assembly made from reinforced lightweight or normal weight concrete (100-150-pcf) and min. 4.6 in. thick concrete over the top-most surface of the steel form unit.

6. OPENING: Create an opening in the supporting construction (Item 5). The opening shall be framed out using min. 25 GA steel studs when using gypsum wall construction and shall have a solid perimeter face for masonry wall construction. The opening shall be sized to house the ventilation air duct (Item 1) without duct insulation (Item 3). Position the ventilation air duct (Item 1) concentrically in the opening such that there is a 2-1/2 in. annular space on all sides.

7. PENETRATION FIRESTOP: Install firestop between the supporting construction (Item 5) and the insulated ventilation air duct (Item 1). Use a firestop system with the following minimum requirements:

A. PACKING MATERIAL: Intertek-Certified, Thermal Ceramics Inc., FireMaster® FastWrap® XLS Duct Insulation.

Fill the entire annular space with certified duct insulation without the encapsulation (foil scrim). Cut nominal 1-1/4 in. or 1-1/2 in. thick, nominal 4.4 pcf density core insulation into strips min. 4 in. wide. Pack a minimum of four layers of nominal 1-1/4 in. thick core insulation or a minimum of three layers of nominal 1-1/2 in. thick core insulation into the annular space such that the width is compressed to fit in the 2-1/2 in. annular space dimension. Install additional layers of packing material for supporting construction greater than 4-1/2 in. thick as required to fill the space.

B. STEEL FLASHING: Use min. 18 GA steel flashing bent at a 90-degree angle with a 1-in. and a 4-1/2 in. leg. Butt the 1 in. leg of the flashing to the ventilation air duct (Item 1) with min. 1/4 in. bead of 100% silicone sealant between the flashing and the ventilation air duct (Item 1). Secure the 1 in. leg of the flashing to the ventilation air duct (Item 1) with #10, 1 in., self-tapping screws. Locate screws 1 in. from either end of the flashing and space remaining fasteners max. 8 in. oc. Butt the 4-1/2 in. leg of the flashing to supporting construction with two, min. 1/4 in. beads of 100% silicone sealant between the flashing and the supporting construction. Attach the 4-1/2 in. leg to the supporting construction using 1/4 in. by 1-1/4 in. long, Tapcon concrete anchors for concrete floors, or #10 self-tapping screws for steel stud framed walls, spaced 1 in. from the ends and max. 8 in. oc in between. Use steel flashing on both sides for wall assemblies (Figure 5), and on the top and bottom sides for floor/ceiling assemblies (Figure 6).

C. FIRESTOP COLLAR: Intertek-Certified, Thermal Ceramics Inc., FireMaster® FastWrap® XLS Duct Insulation.

Install two (2) 6 in. wide nominal 1-1/4 in. or 1-1/2 in. thick, nominal 4.4 pcf density duct insulation strips to form collars at the penetration on both sides of the supporting

construction (Item 5). Secure the collars with a row of pins (Item 2) centered on the collars. Space pins (Item 2) max. 12 in. around the perimeter of the ventilation air duct (Item 1). Use a compressed butt joint installation method for collar ends and finish the compressed butt joint with finish/seal tape (Item 8). Tape the outer collar to the 18 GA steel flashing (Item 7B) along the entire perimeter with aluminum or aluminum foil/scrim finish/seal tape (Item 8).

8. **FINISH/SEAL TAPE:** Finish and seal exposed ends of insulation with tape that complies with one of the following requirements:

   - Tape certified to UL181A or UL181B
   - Aluminum or aluminum foil/scrim tape certified to ASTM E84 or UL 723 with a Flame Spread Index of 25 or less, and a Smoke Developed Index of 50 or less.

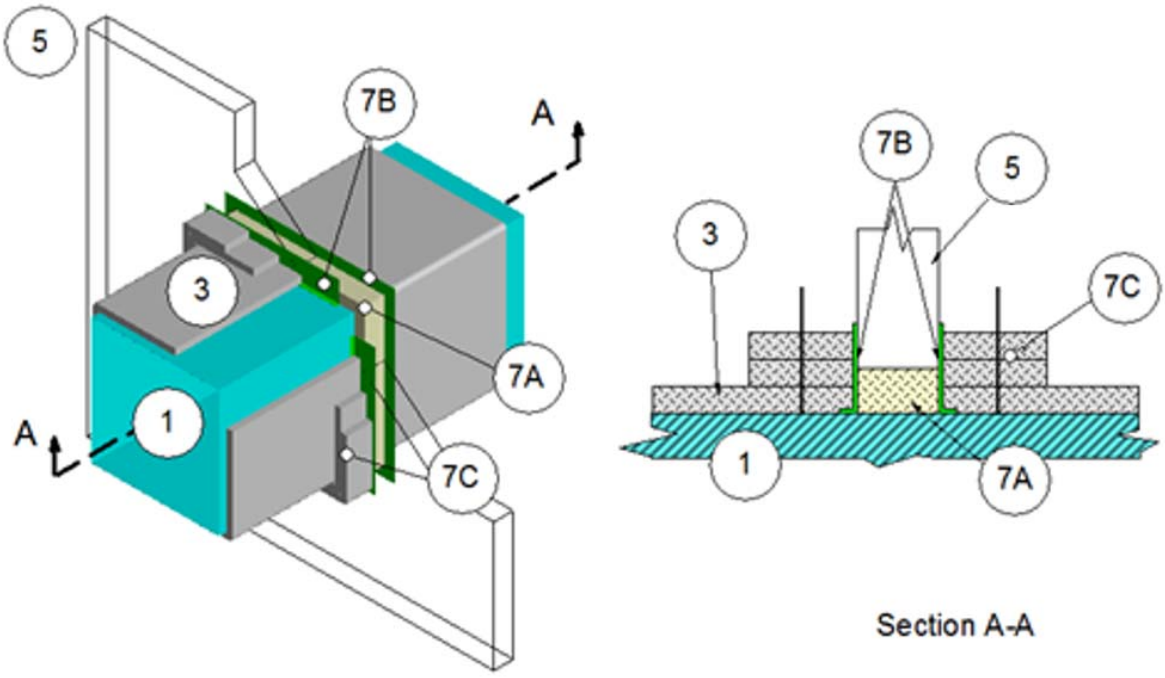


Figure 5. Penetration Assembly, Duct Through Wall

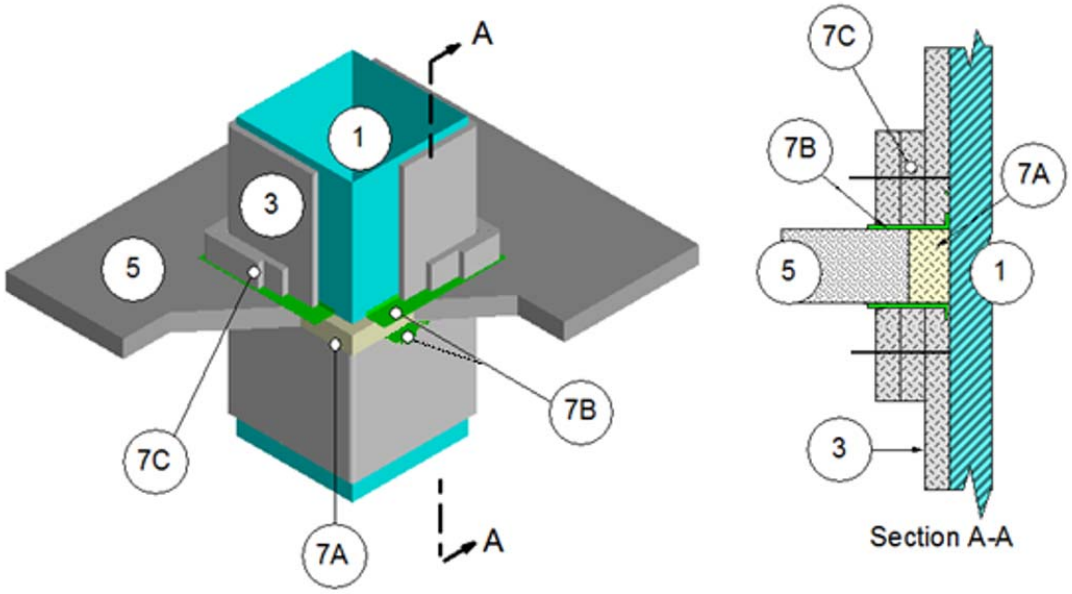


Figure 6. Penetration Assembly, Duct Through Floor/Ceiling

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