#### SECTION 16xxx NON-CONTINUOUS CABLE SUPPORTS FOR HIGH-SPEED TRANSMISSION CABLES (CATEGORY 5 AND HIGHER, AND OPTICAL FIBER CABLES)

#### PART 1 – GENERAL

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#### **1.2 SUMMARY**

A. The work covered under this section consists of the furnishing of all necessary labor, supervision, materials, equipment, and services to completely execute the system of non-continuous cable supports as described in this specification.

#### **1.3 DEFINITIONS**

- A. UTP: Unshielded twisted pair.
- B. ANSI: American National Standards Institute
- C. ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials
- D. EIA: Electronic Industries Alliance
- E. TIA: Telecommunications Industry Association
- F. cULus: Listed by Underwriters Laboratories based on both Canadian and US (United States) standards requirements.

#### **1.4 SUBMITTALS**

A. Submit product data on non-continuous cable support devices, including attachment methods. Product data to include, but not limited to materials, finishes, approvals, load ratings, and dimensional information.

# **1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Non-continuous cable supports and cable support assemblies shall be listed by Underwriters Laboratories for both Canadian and US standards (cULus).
- B. Non-continuous cable supports shall have the manufacturers name and part number stamped on the part for identification.
- C. Manufacturer: Company specializing in manufacturing products specified in this section with a minimum of five years documented experience in the industry, and certified ISO 9000.

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 ACCEPTABLE MANUFACTURERS

A. Subject to compliance with these specifications, non-continuous cable supports shall be as manufactured by ERICO, Inc or approved equal.

### **2.2 REFERENCES**

- A. ASTM B633 Standard Specification for Electro-deposited Coatings of Zinc on Iron and Steel ASTM B 695-90 Standard Specification for coatings of Zinc Mechanically Deposited on Iron and Steel ASTM A123 Standard Specification for Zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products ASTM A924/A924M Standard Specification for General Requirements for Steel Sheet, Metallic-Coated by the Hot-Dip Process
   B. ASTM A109 Standard Specification for Steel, Strip, Carbon, Cold-Rolled ASTM A167 Standard Specification for Stainless and heat-Resisting Chromium-Nickel Steel
  - ASTM A167 Standard Specification for Stainless and heat-Resisting Chromium-Nickel Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip
    ASTM A480/A480M Standard Specification for General Requirements for Flat-Rolled Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip.
    ASTM A568 Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet, Carbon, and High-Strength, Low-Alloy Hot-Rolled and Cold-Rolled
    A653 G60-Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron Alloy-coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip process
    ASTM A666 Standard Specification for Annealed or Cold-Worked Austenitic Stainless Steel Sheet, Strip, Plate, and Flat Bar
    ASTM A682 Standard Specification for Steel, Strip, High-Carbon, Cold-Rolled, Spring Quality ASTM A879 Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc Coated by the Electrolytic Process for Applications Requiring Designation of the Coating Mass on Each Surface
- C. ASTM B117 Standard Method of Salt Spray (Fog) Testing
   ASTM D610 Standard test Method for Evaluating Degree of Rusting on Painted Steel Surfaces
   UL 2043 Standard for Fire Test for Heat and Visible Smoke Release for Discrete Products and
   Their Accessories Installed in Air-Handling Spaces.
- D. ANSI/ TIA/ EIA 568 Commercial Building Telecommunications Cabling Standard, current revision level.
- E. ANSI/ TIA/ EIA 569 Commercial Building Standard for Telecommunications Pathways and Spaces, current revision level.
- F. NFPA 70 National Electrical Code®

# 2.3 NON-CONTINUOUS CABLE SUPPORT SYSTEMS

#### A. Non-continuous cable supports

- 1. Non-continuous cable supports shall provide a bearing surface of sufficient width to comply with required bend radii of high-performance cables; cULus Listed.
- 2. Non-continuous cable supports shall have flared edges to prevent damage while installing cables.
- 3. Non-continuous cable supports sized 1 5/16" and larger shall have a cable retainer strap to provide containment of cables within the hanger. The cable retainer strap shall be removable and reusable and be suitable for use in air handling spaces.
- 4. Non-continuous cable supports shall have an electro-galvanized or G60 finish and shall be rated for indoor use in non-corrosive environments.

- 5. Stainless Steel non-continuous cable supports are intended for indoor and outdoor use in non-corrosive environments or where only mildly corrosive conditions apply.
- 6. Non-continuous cable supports shall be ERICO CableCat<sup>TM</sup> J-hook series CAT12, CAT21, CAT32, CAT64, CAT21SS, CAT32SS, CAT64SS; CAT-CM<sup>TM</sup> Double J-Hook CAT100CM; CAT-CM<sup>TM</sup> U-hook series CAT200CMLN, CAT300CMLN; and CAT-CM<sup>TM</sup> retainer CATRT200CM, CATRT300CM or approved equal.

# B. Adjustable non-continuous cable support sling

- Constructed from steel and woven laminate; sling length can be adjusted to hold up to 425 4-pair UTP; rated for indoor use in non-corrosive environments. Rated to support Category 5 and higher cable, or optical fiber cable; cULus Listed.
- 2. Adjustable non-continuous cable support sling shall have a static load limit of 100 lbs.
- 3. Adjustable non-continuous cable support sling shall be suitable for use in air handling spaces.
- 4. If required, assemble to manufacturer recommended specialty fasteners including beam clips, flange clips, C and Z purlin clips.
- 5. Acceptable products: ERICO CADDY CableCat<sup>TM</sup> CAT425; or approved equal.

# C. Multi-tiered non-continuous cable support assemblies

- 1. Multi-tiered non-continuous cable support assemblies shall be used where separate cabling compartments are required. Assemblies may be factory assembled or assembled from pre-packaged kits. Assemblies shall consist of a steel angled hanger bracket holding up to six non-continuous cable supports, rated for indoor use in non-corrosive environments; cULus Listed.
- 2. If required, the multi-tier support bracket may be assembled to manufacturer recommended specialty fasteners including beam clamps, flange clips, C and Z purlin clips.
- 3. The multi-tiered support bracket shall consist of ERICO CADDY CATHBA and CableCat<sup>TM</sup> J-Hooks with screws; or approved equal.

# D. Non-continuous cable support assemblies from tee bar

- 1. Tee bar support bracket with one non-continuous cable support, factory or jobsite assembled; rated for indoor use in non-corrosive environments; cULus Listed.
- 2. Acceptable products: ERICO CADDY CAT12TS, CAT21528, CAT32528; or approved equal.

# E. Non-continuous cable support assemblies from drop wire/ceiling

- 1. Fastener to wire/rod with one non-continuous cable support, factory or jobsite assembled; rated for indoor use in non-corrosive environments; cULus Listed.
- 2. Acceptable products: ERICO CADDY CAT124Z34, CAT126Z34, CAT214Z34, CAT216Z34, CAT324Z34 or CAT326Z34; or approved equal.

# F. Non-continuous cable support assemblies from beam, flange

- 1. Fastener to beam or flange with one non-continuous cable support, factory or jobsite assembled; rated for indoor use in non-corrosive environments; cULus Listed.
- 2. Acceptable products: ERICO CableCat<sup>TM</sup> J-hook series CAT12, CAT21, CAT32, CAT64 with CADDY beam clamps and CADDY flange clips; or approved equal.

# G. Non-continuous cable support assemblies from C & Z Purlin

- 1. Fastener to C or Z purlin with one non-continuous cable support, factory or jobsite assembled; rated for indoor use in non-corrosive environments, cULus Listed.
- 2. Acceptable products: ERICO CableCat<sup>TM</sup> J-hook series CAT12, CAT21, CAT32, CAT64 with CADDY Purlin hangers; or approved equal.

# H. Non-continuous cable support assemblies from wall, concrete, or joist

Fastener to wall, concrete, or joist with one non-continuous cable support, factory or jobsite assembled; rated for indoor use in non-corrosive environments, cULus Listed.

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2. Acceptable products: ERICO CableCat<sup>TM</sup> J-hook series CAT12, CAT21, CAT32, CAT64, with CADDY angle bracket; or approved equal.

# I. Non-continuous cable support assemblies from threaded rod

- 1. Fastener to threaded rod with one non-continuous cable support, factory or jobsite assembled, rated for indoor use in non-corrosive environments, cULus Listed.
- 2. The multi-tiered support bracket shall have a static load limit of 300 lbs.
- 3. U-hooks and Double J-hook shall attach directly to threaded rod using standard nuts.
- Acceptable products: ERICO CableCat<sup>TM</sup> J-hook, CAT12, CAT21, CAT32, CAT64 with CADDY CATHBA series; CAT-CM<sup>TM</sup> Double J-hook CAT100CM, CAT-CM<sup>TM</sup> Direct mount U-hook CAT200CMLN, CAT300CMLN; or AFAB series; or approved equal.

#### J. Raised floor non-continuous cable support assemblies

- 1. Fastener to raised (access) floor pedestal with one non-continuous cable support, factory or jobsite assembled, rated for indoor use in non-corrosive environments; cULus Listed.
- 2. Acceptable products: ERICO CADDY CAT12CD1B, CAT21CD1B or CAT32CD1B; CAT64CD1B; or approved equal.

# K. Cantilever-Mounted cable supports

- 1. U-hook shall be able to be assembled to a wide variety of wall mount brackets.
- 2. Spacing of individual U-hooks as needed, max of 4' to 5' apart.
- 3. U-hooks may have the optional attachment of a cable roller for ease in pulling cables.
- 4. Acceptable products: ERICO CAT-CM<sup>TM</sup> U-hooks CAT200CMLN, CAT300CMLN: CAT-CM roller assemblies CATRL200CM, CATRL300CM; CATWMCM bracket; or approved equal.

#### L. Installation accessories for non-continuous cable supports

#### 1. Cable Pulley

- A. Non-continuous cable supports may be used as an installation tool when a removable pulley assembly is included. The pulley shall be made of plastic and be without sharp edges. The pin and bail assembly must be able to be secured to the J-Hook during cable installation. The pulley must remain secured while cables are being pulled.
- B. The pin and roller assembly must be removed after cables are installed.
- C. Acceptable products: ERICO CADDY CAT32PLR, CAT64PLR, or approved equal.

#### 2. Cable Protector

- A. The protective steel tube shall fit over threaded rod and be at least 4" in length.
- B. The tube shall prevent damage to cables placed in or pulled through CAT- $CM^{TM}$  U-hooks. The tube shall not inhibit the pulling of cables.
- C. Acceptable products: ERICO CAT- $CM^{TM}$  CATTBCM, or approved equal.

# **2.4 FINISHES**

A. ASTM B633 Standard Specification for Electro-deposited Coatings of Zinc on Iron and Steel ASTM B 695 Standard Specification for coatings of Zinc Mechanically Deposited on Iron and Steel

ASTM A123 Standard Specification for Zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products

ASTM A924/A924M Standard Specification for General Requirements for Steel Sheet, Metallic-Coated by the Hot-Dip Process

B. Non-continuous cable supports used where only mildly corrosive conditions apply shall be stainless steel, AISI type 304.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### **3.1 INSTALLATION**

- A. Installation and configuration shall conform to the requirements of the current revision levels of ANSI/ EIA/TIA Standards 568 & 569, NFPA 70 (National Electrical Code), applicable local codes, and to the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- B. Install cables using techniques, practices, and methods that are consistent with Category 5 or higher requirements and that supports Category 5 or higher performance of completed and linked signal paths, end to end.
- C. Install cables without damaging conductors, shield, or jacket.
- D. Do not bend cables, in handling or in installing, to smaller radii than minimums recommended by manufacturer.
- E. Pull cables without exceeding cable manufacturer's recommended pulling tensions. Use pulling means that will not damage media.
- F. Do not exceed load ratings specified by manufacturer.
- G. Adjustable non-continuous support sling shall have a static load limit of 100 lbs.
- H. Follow manufacturer's recommendations for allowable fill capacity for each size non-continuous cable support.