1. Acceptable Manufacturers
   1. AAF Flanders
   2. Other Approved Manufacturer
2. Quality and Environmental Management Systems
   1. The manufacturer shall have an ISO 9001 or ASME NQA-1 quality based system at the manufacturing facility. The manufacturer shall make available documentation showing independent third party certification or acceptable audit approvals and adherence to these systems.
   2. If requested, manufacturer shall make available a copy of their Corporate Quality Manual and references from clients of similar sized projects or scope within the last 5 years.
3. HEPA/ULPA Filters
   1. Filters construction shall be either galvaneal, aluminum or stainless steel for use in clean air delivery devises such as Air Handler Units (AHU), Make-Up Handlers (MAH) or others. Frame style will be determined by filter application. The term “HEPA” shall be used generically to describe all high-efficiency filters that meet the following specifications. If possible, the filter and housing shall be from the same manufacturer to ensure form, fit, and function are maximized.
   2. Construction Criteria;
      1. The filter shall be constructed in accordance with the recommended construction requirements of IEST-RP-CC001, latest version.
      2. The media shall be borosilicate microfiber type with manufacturer QC data to ensure quality requirements and traceability are maintained. The pleated packs shall be equally spaced using hot melt glue to minimize resistance. The minipleat packs are then placed in the filter frame in a V-type configuration to maximize the filtration media (400 sq. ft. of media in a 24 x 24 x 11.5 in gasket seal filter). Actual filter depth shall be 11.5.
      3. The media pack shall be affixed permanently to the filter frame assembly by means of a solid, continuous, fire retardant, phosphorous free polyurethane sealant, forming a leak free bond between the filter pack and filter frame. The sealant will be uniform off-white in color; will not exhibit any form of leaching, and no more than ¼” of wicking into the media. The sealant will be qualified at incoming inspection as well as point of dispensing to ensure homogenization and adequate curing and adhesion properties.
      4. Filter frame shall be designed for use in Gasket Seal or Fluid Seal systems. The filter frame shall have tight corners. Corners must contain no cracks or uneven areas.
      5. Gasket system filters shall have:
         1. Factory installed ¼” thick by 3/4” black neoprene gasket affixed to the filter frame sealing surface. The gasket shall be dovetailed to prevent particle presentation through the gasket.
         2. Filter Frame sealing surface to have a flatness tolerance of +/-1/32”
      6. Fluid Seal system filters shall have:  
         1. Filter shall have a continuous trough around the perimeter of the filter. The fluid seal trough shall be filled at the factory.
         2. Filter fluid seal must be comprised of a two component high molecular weight, polysiloxane elastomeric sealant and be self-leveling.
            1. Fluid seal material shall be characterized for all salient mechanical, physical, and chemical properties such as Hardness/Penetration, Tack, and Migration of free silicone (i.e. Blot Plot testing).
            2. Fluid seal material shall be characterized for chemical resistance to known industry accepted decontamination agents, cleaning agents, and filter testing reagents.
            3. Fluid seal material shall be tested for chemical compatibility to all materials in contact during manufacturing including gloves, tools, mixing equipment, dispensing equipment, and packaging materials, as well as potential airborne contaminants & poisons.
            4. Fluid seal material shall demonstrate resistance to accelerated life cycle testing.
            5. Fluid Seal shall withstand knife edge insertion to partial depth without complete depth cutting or full length splitting.
      7. Each filter shall have a unique label indicating filter size, lot number, unique serial number, model number, tested efficiency, pressure drop at volumetric test airflow, and UL compliance.
4. Shipping, Storage and Handling of HEPA/ULPA Filters
   1. Filter Assemblies are to be packaged discretely in double wall corrugated carton of sufficient strength.
      1. Manufacturer shall characterize packaging against industry standards for:
         1. Drop
         2. Compression (i.e. stacking of cartons)
         3. Vibration
   2. The carton shall be labeled with the manufacturer’s model number, serial number, and test performance data.
   3. Palletized cartons shall be protected with corner posts and retained via stretch wrap.
   4. Filter Assemblies shall be shipped in fully enclosed trailers and in original, unopened packaging.
   5. Appropriate care must be exercised in handling cartons to avoid dropping, vibration, and rough handling to prevent potential for damage.
   6. HEPA filter Assemblies shall be stored per manufacturer’s instructions for proper orientation, stacking configuration and limitations, and must remain in unopened cartons to prevent damage and exposure to potential contaminants.
   7. Cartons stored longer than one week shall remain unopened and in a climate controlled environment of 60-80F and 30-70%RH.
   8. Filter Assemblies shall remain in the sealed, unopened carton until inspection, testing and installation.
5. Filter Performance Criteria/Factory testing:
   1. Factory Efficiency and Resistance Test:
      1. The filter shall have a minimum overall efficiency of 99.99% on 0.3 micron particles and shall be tested and constructed in accordance with IEST-RP-CC001, latest version.
         1. The filter efficiency will be determined using a thermal condensation aerosol generator and photometer which will measure gross downstream penetration as compared to the upstream concentration.
      2. Each Filter shall be tested for initial (clean) pressure drop at rated flow.  
         1. All cleanroom style filters are tested at airflows based on the net filter media area (excludes frame, center partitions, etc.). The nominal initial pressure drop, pressure drop and overall efficiency rating is as follows:

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| Filter Size (in) | Efficiency (on 0.3µm) | Rated Airflow (CFM) | Max. Initial ΔP (in w.g.) |
| 24 x 24 x 11.5 | 99.99% | 2,400 | 1.1 |

* 1. Underwriters’ Laboratories (UL):
     1. Filter Assemblies shall be UL Standard 900 classified.
  2. Labeling and Reporting:
     1. Each filter shall have a unique labeling indicating filter size, media lot number, unique serial number, model number, tested efficiency, pressure drop at volumetric test airflow, and UL compliance.
     2. Upon request, a summary of QC test data shall be provided for each filter indicating filter specific test data including the lot and serial number along with the pressure drop and efficiency. At a minimum the test data summary should contain filter size, lot number, the filter’s unique serial number, model number, tested efficiency, tested pressure drop at volumetric test airflow.