

AXIOM® Building Perimeter System

Assembly and Installation Instructions

1 GENERAL

1.1 Description

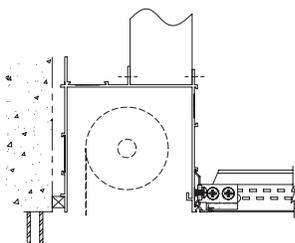
The Axiom Building Perimeter System (AXBPS) is a pre-engineered perimeter solution to accomplish the transition between the interior of a building's perimeter and the ceiling plane. This system will consist of multiple extruded parts that interlock to form the perimeter compatible with most of the Armstrong acoustical and drywall suspension systems.

Perimeter components can incorporate drapery pockets, window shades, and air diffusers while also providing a solution for ceiling elevation changes at the perimeter.

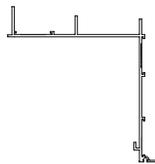
Component Descriptions:

Axiom Building Perimeter Pocket:

Aluminum pockets with distinct architectural detail create a 2- or 3-sided pocket with special bosses to accept a T-Bar connector clip and splice plate to provide a positive mechanical lock with no visible fasteners, and factory or field cut miters to match approved shop drawings. Pockets can work directly with the ceiling system or use extensions and face plates for other design options.



3-sided Axiom Perimeter Pocket



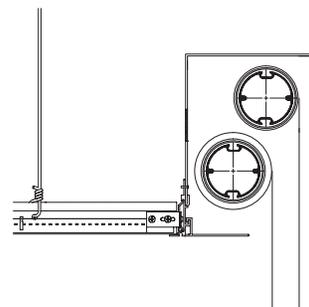
2-sided Axiom Perimeter Pocket

Double Shade Pockets and Pocketless Shade Options:

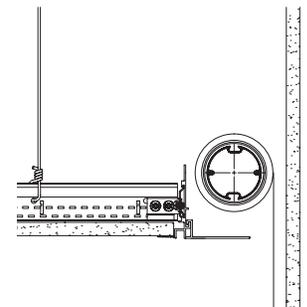
Larger double pocket details are available upon request. Double Shade pockets are designed to house large roller shades or double roller shade options.

Pocketless options are available when roller shades are attached directly to the exterior of the building.

Double Shade Pockets

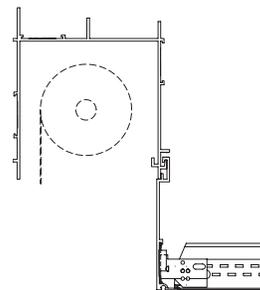


Pocketless Shade Options



Axiom Building Perimeter Extensions:

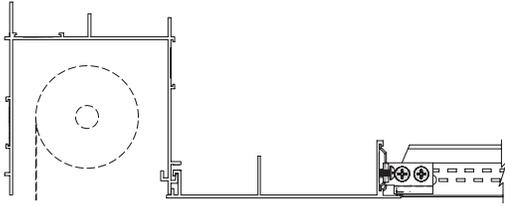
Pre-engineered extension component allows design flexibility for perimeter pockets and ceiling elevation changes. The aluminum extension component fully integrates with the perimeter pocket. Extensions are available in 4", 6", and 8" heights.



3-sided Axiom Perimeter Pocket, with 4" extension

Axiom® Building Perimeter Face Plates:

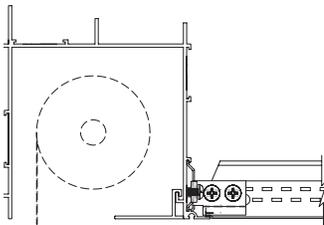
Pre-engineered face plate allows for full perimeter diffuser integration. This aluminum face plate fully integrates with the perimeter pocket component. Face plates are available 4" or 7" wide, unslotted or slotted to provide air distribution at the perimeter.



3-sided Axiom Perimeter Pocket, Connection to Extension/Face Plate with 7" Axiom Perimeter Face Plate

Axiom Building Perimeter Closure Clips:

Aluminum closure clip provides concealment of the perimeter pocket should a shade or blind be installed.



3-sided Axiom Perimeter Pocket, Acoustical/Drywall Transition with Axiom Perimeter Closure Clip 3"

See Axiom Building Perimeter System data page for the complete component list, identification, and description (BPCS-3923).

AXBPS components are available in 10' long straight sections for field fabrication and assembly. This system may require field cutting and mitering. These cuts are best made using an appropriately sized sliding compound miter saw fitted with a carbide tipped blade designed for cutting non-ferrous metals.

AXBPS can be ordered as a custom fabricated assembly. Field fabrication for custom orders is limited to component assembly and minor adjustments to accommodate differences between design dimensions and actual field conditions.

These instructions are divided into sections detailing material delivery and identification, component assembly, suspended pocket and direct-applied pocket applications, extension plates, diffuser plates, accessories, and seismic installations.

Please carefully review all appropriate sections before proceeding with installation.

2 MATERIAL DELIVERY AND IDENTIFICATION

Standard AXBPS components are delivered in full carton quantities. All hardware and instructions to assemble AXBPS will be included in the packaging. Refer to the job site shop drawings for specific AXBPS details and components. Identify all parts listed on the drawings and verify they are delivered to the site before starting the installation.

Exercise appropriate care to protect the finished surfaces of the trim.

(Custom Orders)

Custom Axiom Building Perimeter System orders will be shipped with detailed shop drawings. Please refer to these details for parts list and identification.

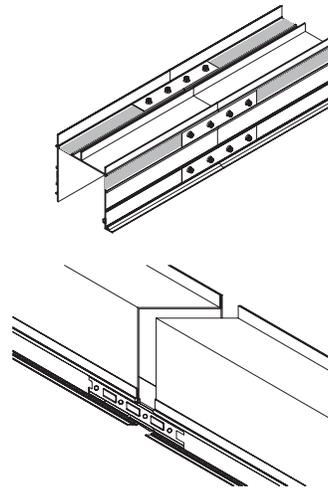
Review the shop drawings and packing slip to ensure that the complete order has been delivered to the site and to familiarize yourself with the layout of the installation.

3 COMPONENT ASSEMBLIES

3.1 Splice Plates

Steel splice plates are used to align and secure joints between sections of AXBPS trim. Each joint requires a splice plate at every set of channel bosses for the proper trim alignment. Join straight sections of AXBPS using the AXSPICE or AXSPICEB (4 screws) splice plate, depending on the part. Splice plates are secured to the trim sections using factory-installed setscrews. A 1/8" hex key is included with the hardware.

CAUTION: Do not over-tighten these screws. Apply only enough force to lock the components together. Over-tightening the screws can deform the exposed face of the channel trim.



Typical procedure

1. Insert splices into channel trim bosses
2. Close the joint
3. Tighten screws

NOTE: Splice plates can slide completely into the channel bosses and then slide into the adjoining section after trim is aligned. This will aid splice plate connections for the last piece or mitered intersections.

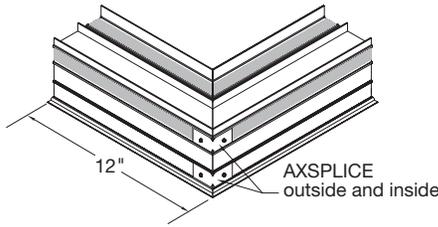
3.2 Factory-Mitered Corners

AXBPS perimeter pockets are available with factory-mitered corners. Mitered sections of trim will measure nominal 12" along the inside flange of the miter. Factory-mitered corners ship in sections and must be assembled on the job. All hardware is included. The mitered ends of AXBPS are joined using the AX4SPICEB (4 screws). These can easily be bent to a 90° angle to join the corner together. The square ends are attached to adjoining straight sections of Axiom trim using the AX4SPICEB (4 screws) splice plates.

AXBPS pocket mitered corner trim should be installed before the straight sections. Work away from the corners and field cut straight sections as needed.

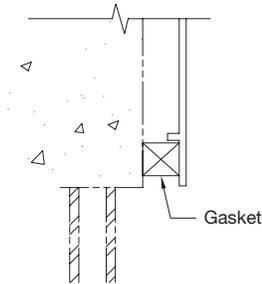
Field mitering AXBPS perimeter pockets is not recommended due to the shape and size of the trim.

AXBPS extension pieces and face plates can be cut and mitered in the field for the best fit. These cuts are best made using an appropriately sized sliding compound miter saw fitted with a carbide tipped blade designed for cutting non-ferrous metals.



3.3 AXBPS Foam Gasket

Self-stick, field-applied 1/2" x 1/2" foam gasket is required along the outside edge of pocket trim to seal along the wall and make up for slight wall irregularities. Gasket is required for each linear foot of AXBPS pocket.

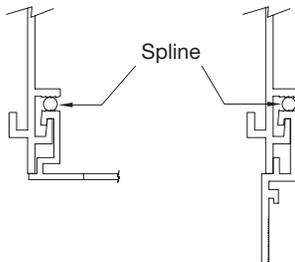


Typical procedure

1. Install the gasket just below the tab of the outside edge of the AXBPS pocket
2. Peel the release paper off the gasket as it is applied by hand to the trim
3. Trim the gasket with a sharp utility knife or scissors

3.4 AXBPS Spline

Axiom Building Perimeter Spline (AXPSPLINE) (0.175" diameter) is required to lock AXBPS perimeter extensions and face plates to the pocket trim. The spline also helps maintain trim alignment. Spline is required for each linear foot of AXBPS extension or diffuser trim (see next drawing).



Typical procedure

1. Engage the AXBPS extension/diffuser trim hook into the AXBPS pocket connector
2. Insert the spline by hand into the void above the hook
3. Trim the gasket with a sharp utility knife or scissors

3.5 T-Bar Connector Clips

Axiom® T-Bar Connector Clips (AXTBC, AX-V-TBC) are used to attach the ceiling suspension systems to the AXBPS trim components.

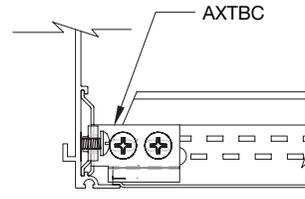
These two-piece steel clips are supplied as an assembled unit with the steel locking screw factory-installed. One clip is required at each location where the suspension system intersects the AXBPS trim.

There are two versions of the T-Bar Connector Clip:

1. AXTBC is used with drywall, lay-in, Tegular, concealed tile, and installations of Vector® panels that are all full size
2. AX-V-TBC is used with cut Vector panels

T-Bar Connector Clips are attached to the suspension system members using screws supplied by the installer. Framing screws (#6 x 7/16" or 1/2" long) are typical. Special conditions such as open cell installations may dictate the use of alternate methods of attachment such as pop rivets.

See installation section for alignment of the AXTBC connector clip to the suspension system member.

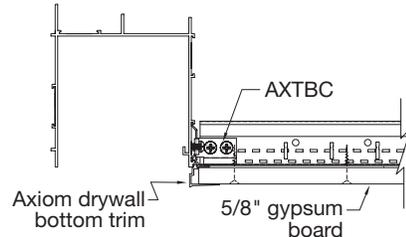


Typical procedure

1. Cut suspension system to length
2. Attach clip to suspension system member
3. Engage clip in channel bosses and tighten locking screw

3.6 Drywall Trim

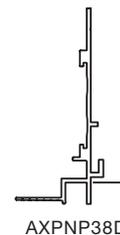
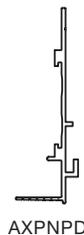
Drywall bottom trim (AXBTSTR) is used to finish the edges of 5/8" drywall panels that are applied to the bottom surface of an AXBPS trim installation. Drywall trim is fastened using standard drywall screws applied through the taping flange of the trim into the drywall suspension system. The trim is finished using standard drywall materials and techniques. Normally, the drywall and Axiom trim is then painted to meet job requirements.



Typical procedure

1. Attach the drywall suspension system to the AXBPS trim with an AXTBC
2. Attach 5/8" drywall to the system
3. Install Axiom drywall trim
4. Tape and finish drywall
5. Paint

Axiom Pocketless details can also be used to integrate with drywall.

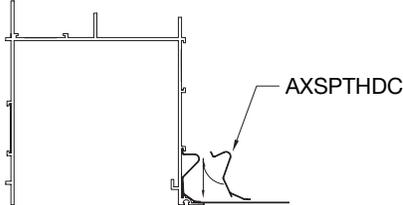


Typical procedure

1. Attach the drywall suspension system to the AXPMPD or AXPMP38D
2. Tuck the drywall above the taping flange and attach to drywall suspension system framing
3. Tape and finish drywall
4. Paint

3.7 Metal Panel Hold Down Clips

Metal panel hold down clips (AXSPHDC) are used to secure the cut edges of metal ceilings at the AXBPS trim. Insert one clip for every foot of perimeter, or as needed to maintain contact between the panel edge and the flange of the trim.



Typical procedure

1. Install the metal panel
2. Insert the top of the clip into the channel first
3. Press up to compress the clip
4. Insert the bottom leg into the channel

3.8 AXBPS Perimeter Pocket Installation

The AXBPS pocket is the main component for the building perimeter trim system. The pocket is available 2-sided or 3-sided, depending on the design and installation requirements. Installation procedures are the same for 2- and 3-sided pockets.

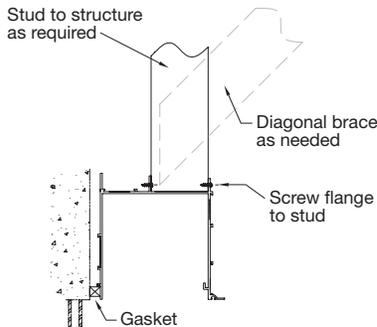
AXBPS pocket top flanges are spaced to fit standard 2-1/2" metal studs for support or bracing to structure. The AXBPS pocket has two options for mounting to the structure — free-floating from the wall or direct attached to the wall.

NOTE: Mechanically fastened connections at all locations are critical to the system support. Failed, damaged, or stripped fasteners must be replaced. Follow the fastener manufacturer's installation recommendations.

3.9 AXBPS Perimeter Pocket, Free-Floating from Wall

Refer to the job plan to determine the elevation of the AXBPS pocket.

NOTE: It is important the pockets be installed level within 1/16" over 15' for roller shade applications.



Typical procedure

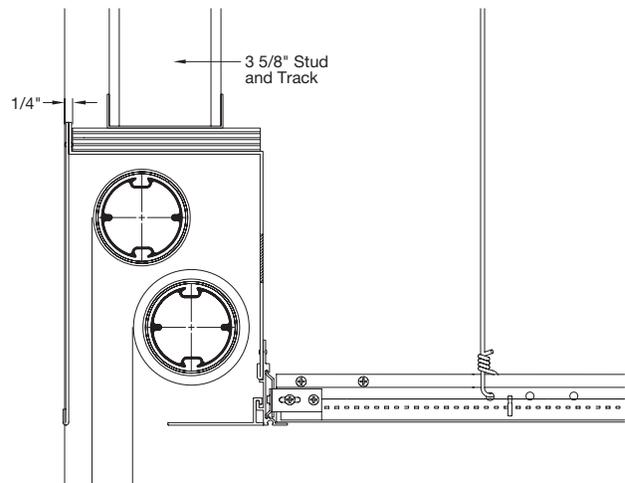
1. Fasten a 2-1/2" track or wood blocking to the structure directly above the AXBPS perimeter pocket track location. Use appropriate fasteners along the track to carry the weight of the AXBPS.

2. Cut nominal 2-1/2" metal studs to fit between the structure track and the AXBPS pocket track.
3. Install the 1/2" x 1/2" self-stick foam gasket just below the tab along the bottom outside edge of the AXBPS pocket.
4. Use a laser or leveling device and temporarily secure the AXBPS pocket to several studs with clamps or vice grips.
5. Use sheet metal screws, type #8 x 1/2" framing screw, to attach both sides of the stud to the AXBPS track.
6. Studs should be located every 24" inches (maximum stud spacing is 48" O.C.) along the track or as required by local authorities.
7. Use diagonal bracing to structure as needed to maintain the correct alignment of the AXBPS pocket.

The foam gasket will seal the AXBPS pocket along the wall and make up for wall irregularities.

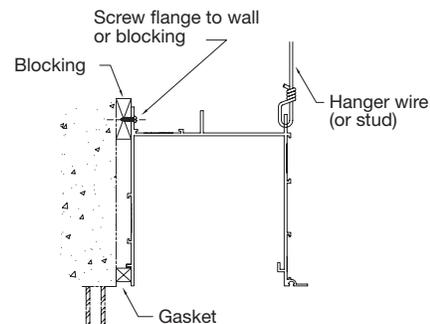
3.10 Custom Double Shade Pocket Assembly Free-Floating from Wall

1. Using 3-5/8" stud framing, provide framing 48" O.C. attached to a track as shown in the drawing below.
2. Attach 3/4" plywood blocking the width of the pocket less 1/4". Leave 1/4" between the wood and the exterior wall for the pocket flange to slide into.
3. The height of the wood blocking should be the finished ceiling height minus the custom pocket height.
4. Once framing is complete, lift the pocket in place and screw from the interior of the pocket to hold the pocket in place.
5. Attach the suspension system to AXTBC and insert into the perimeter bosses.



3.11 AXBPS Perimeter Pocket, Attached to Wall

Refer to the job plan to determine the elevation of the AXBPS pocket. The pocket can be attached directly to the wall structure or blocking. Attach blocking to the structure and shim as needed to correct any wall irregularities. Attach the AXBPS perimeter pocket to the blocking.



Typical Procedure

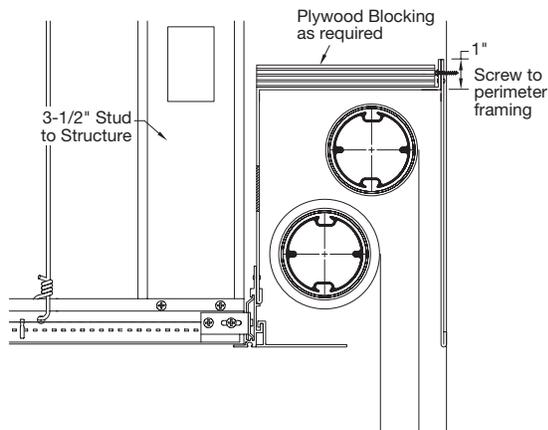
1. Attach blocking to the wall structure with the appropriate fasteners. Shim as needed at any wall irregularities to create a straight run.
2. Pre-drill clearance holes every 16" to 24" or as needed along the top wall flange of the pocket.
3. Install the 1/2" x 1/2" self-stick foam gasket just below the tab along the bottom outside edge of the AXBPS pocket.
4. Use a laser to level the pocket along the wall and secure it to the blocking every 16" to 24" or as required by local authorities.
5. The front of the pocket can be supported with 12 gauge wire or a strut. Pre-drill a clearance hole in the top front flange to attach a hanger wire. Attach hanger wire to structure, then to the pocket. Wire spacing should not exceed 48".

NOTE: All hanger wire holes must be drilled to have a minimum of 1/4" between the top of the hole and the top of the flange for load requirements.

The foam gasket will seal the AXBPS pocket along the wall and make up for slight wall irregularities.

3.12 Custom Double Shade Pocket Assembly Attached to Wall

1. Pre-drill holes in the top flange of the pocket every 16" or 24" as required.
2. Attach top of pocket to wall structure through the pre-drilled holes. Shim as needed at any wall irregularities to create a straight run.
3. Use a laser to level the pocket to within 1/16" over 15 feet.
4. Attach pocket to the suspension system using the AXTBC clips provided.
5. Using a 3-1/2" stud to structure, screw attach the stud to the suspension system as shown in the drawing below.
6. Attach blocking to the top of the pocket as required by the window shade manufacturer.

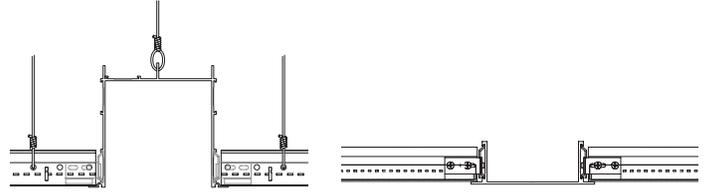


3.13 AXBPS Perimeter Pocket, 2-sided Transition

Axiom® Pocket with acoustical/drywall integration on both sides (AXP3552). This concept was generated from the idea of taking our perimeter pocket and bringing it into the interior of a building, while allowing ceiling systems to come in on both sides (acoustical or drywall).

3.14 AXPS Field Face Plate, 2-sided transition

Axiom Field Face Plate with acoustical integration on both sides (AXFFP). This can be used as a face plate to accept a middle-of-the-room diffuser or a light fixture. Custom cutouts are available. This component can also be used to resemble a simple bulkhead or separation between two ceiling systems.

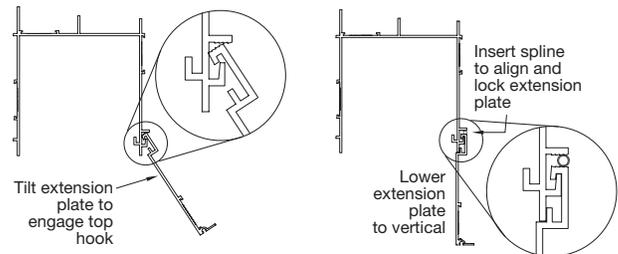


3.15 AXBPS Extension and Diffuser Face Plate Installation

AXBPS can use extension and diffuser face plates to create a variety of solutions to meet perimeter trim design options. You must use AXBPS perimeter pockets with connections for extension and diffuser face plates. Extensions and diffuser plates are field cut and mitered as required. These cuts are best made using an appropriately sized sliding compound miter saw fitted with a carbide tipped blade designed for cutting non-ferrous metals. AXBPS extensions and diffusers work with most of the Armstrong acoustical and drywall suspension systems.

3.16 Axiom Building Perimeter Extensions

AXBPS extensions come in straight 10' lengths and nominal 4", 6", and 8" widths. They are used for an elevation change between the pockets and finish height of the ceiling. Refer to job drawings for specific elevations and details.



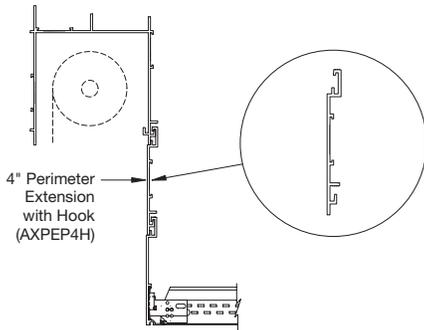
Typical Procedure

1. Use a full-length section or field cut as required.
2. Extension plate joints must be staggered or offset from the pocket joint by a minimum of 12" for strength and proper system alignment.
3. Insert the appropriate splice plates in channel bosses.
4. Tilt the extension plate to allow the top hook to fit into the pocket connection.
5. Lower the extension plate to the vertical position and the extension hook locks under the bottom of the pocket.
6. Insert the spline.
7. Vertical alignment may require diagonal bracing to structure.

Continue installing extension plates as required. Pull sections together tightly before securing the splice plate setscrews.

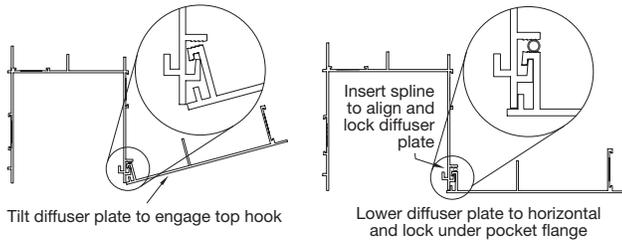
3.17 AXBPS Extension, Hook on Both Sides

4" Extension with "hook detail" on both sides (AXPEP4H). This allows two possibilities: 1) Allows for an extension and a face plate to be used in conjunction with each other (as shown below) and 2) Allows for more flexibility as it can be used in combination with other extension pieces for greater ceiling elevation changes not currently addressed in our offering.



3.18 AXBPS Face Plates

AXBPS face plates come in straight 10' lengths and nominal 4" and 7" widths. They are used for perimeter diffuser integration or as horizontal extension plates. Refer to job drawings for specific details.



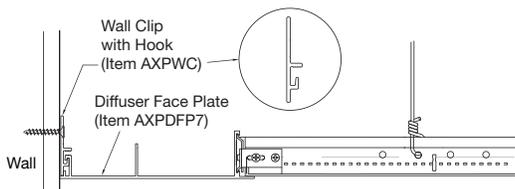
Typical Procedure

1. Use a full-length section or field cut as required.
2. Face plate joints must be staggered or offset from the pocket joint by a minimum of 12" for strength and proper system alignment.
3. Insert the appropriate splice plates in channel bosses.
4. Tilt the face plate to allow the top hook to fit into the pocket connection.
5. Lower the face plate to the horizontal position and the hook locks under the bottom of the pocket.
6. Insert the spline.
7. Level the face plate as needed with 12 gauge hanger wire or vertical strut. Each section of trim requires a minimum of two attachments to structure.

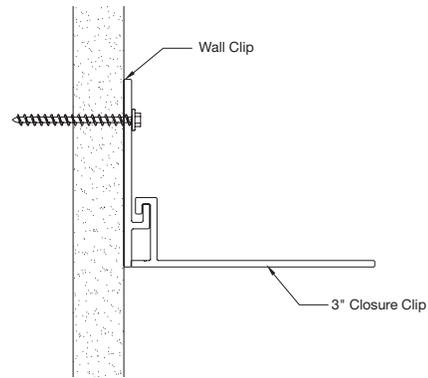
Continue installing face plates as required. Pull sections together tightly before securing the splice plate setscrews.

3.19 Axiom® Wall Clip with Hook

Take the wall clip (AXPWC), attach it to your exterior or interior wall, and hook on the face plate.

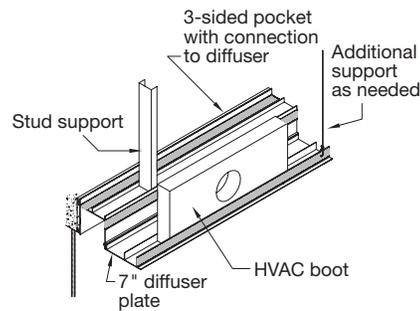


The AXPWCCP can be used to attach a closure clip at the wall.



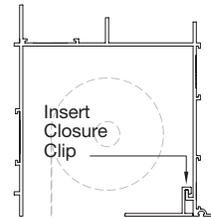
Installing HVAC Boots

1. Fit the HVAC boot over the slotted section of the diffuser plate.
2. Secure boot to the face plate as per the boot manufacturer's recommendations.
3. Provide additional support, 12 gauge hanger wire, or stud as needed.



3.20 Perimeter Closure Clip

AXBPS Perimeter Closure Clip fits inside the room side of the pocket to close off or reduce the opening of the pocket. It is available 2" and 3" wide and 10' in length.

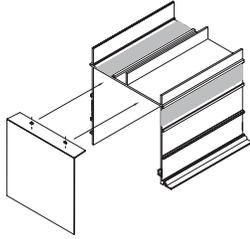


Typical Procedure

1. Use a full-length section or field cut as required.
2. Closure clip joints must be staggered or offset from the pocket joint by a minimum of 12" for strength and proper system alignment.
3. Install all hardware inside the pocket before installing the closure clip.
4. Insert the closure clip top hook into the channel on the inside of the pocket.
5. Lower the closure clip until the hooks engage and rest against the inside of the pocket.

3.21 Axiom Perimeter End Plates

Use the end plate to close off the AXBPS pocket at open ends to conceal curtain ends, seal the pocket at partition walls, or as needed.



Typical Procedure

1. Fit end cap into the pocket with the attachment flange against the top.
2. Secure the end cap with self-drilling sheet metal screws (typ. #8 x 1/2") through the clearance holes in the flange.

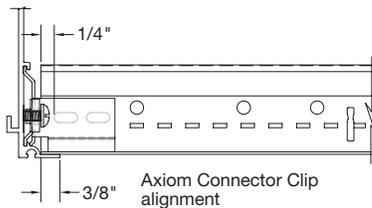
3.22 Installing Shades or Fixtures

AXBPS is designed to interface with shades and other fixtures along the building perimeter. Refer to the shade or fixture manufacturer for installation and fastening recommendations of their product to the AXBPS pocket.

Shade or fixture weights may require additional support or blocking of AXBPS pockets to meet structure requirements. Refer to the manufacturer's data pages for load data.

4.0 ATTACHING SUSPENSION TO AXBPS

AXBPS trim components are installed before the acoustical or drywall grid systems. Most acoustical and drywall suspension systems will attach directly to all AXBPS trims. There are several options for the Axiom connector clip used to attach the grid to the AXBPS trim. Carefully review these options for the systems you are installing.

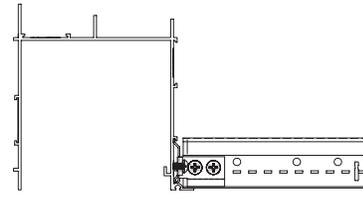


Typical Procedure

1. Refer to the reflected ceiling plan for the suspension system layout.
2. Determine the size of the border panel next to the AXBPS trim.
3. Install the suspension system so the suspension system will rest 3/8" on the AXBPS trim flange.
4. Select the correct Axiom® T-Bar Connector Clip (AXTBC) for your suspension system option listed below.
5. Rest the bottom of the clip on the flange of the suspension system.
6. Attach the clips by aligning the end of the elongated hole 1/4" from the cut end of the suspension system and inserting a standard framing screw into the center of the slot.
7. Use a Phillips screwdriver to loosen the locking screw on the lower plate.
8. Engage the top ear of the connector clip under the boss of the AXBPS channel trim. Slide the lower leg downward to engage the lower boss on the trim and secure by tightening the locking screw.
9. Loosen the locking screw and adjust the clip as necessary to properly align the suspension system.
10. Insert a second framing screw through the other hole in each of the connector clips.

Axiom Connector Clip Options

4.1 T-Bar suspension system for Prelude® and Suprafine® suspension system will rest on the lower flange of the Axiom Trim – full-size Vector® panels – use standard AXTBC.



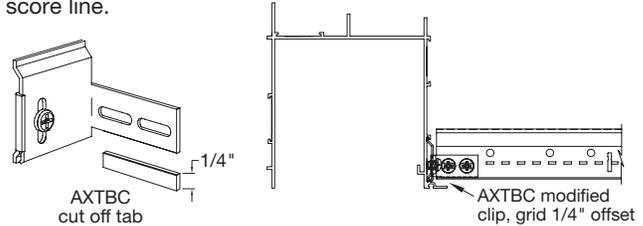
AXTBC standard clip, grid flush

Follow steps 5 – 10 of typical procedure.

4.2. Silhouette®, Interlude®, Trimlok®, and Sonata® (systems with a 5/16" shoulder height), Tegular panels on Prelude or Suprafine with the panel face resting on the trim flange, and 5/8" concealed tile.

The suspension system must be held 1/4" above the AXBPS flange.

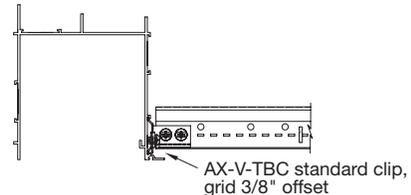
Modify the AXTBC by cutting 1/4" off the bottom of the clip at the score line.



Follow steps 5 – 10 of typical procedure.

4.3 MetalWorks™ Vector (cut panels) and 3/4" concealed tile – use standard AX-V-TBC.

The suspension system must be held 3/8" above the AXBPS flange



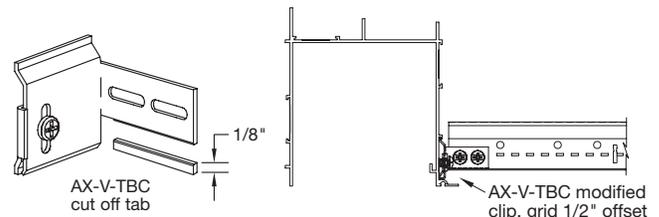
Follow steps 5 – 10 of typical procedure.

Use AXSPHDC to hold down cut metal panel edges on AXBPS trim.

4.4 Ultima®, Optima®, and WoodWorks® Vector (cut panels) – use AX-V-TBC.

The suspension system must be held 1/2" above the AXBPS flange.

Modify the AX-V-TBC by cutting 1/8" off the bottom of the clip at the score line.



Follow steps 5 – 10 of typical procedure.

5.0 AXBPS COMPONENT SUPPORT

The manufacturer requires that the AXBPS and the ceiling suspension systems be installed and supported in a manner that complies with all applicable codes and standards.

The following chart provides recommendations for support of AXBPS components:

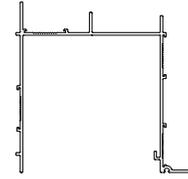
Pockets (2-sided / 3-sided)	Non-Seismic	Seismic
Stud spacing (Floating pocket)	4 ft O.C.	4 ft O.C. or as required by local authority
Stud/wire spacing (Attached pocket) Hanger wire spacing	4 ft O.C.	4 ft O.C.
Diffuser Plate Stud spacing Hanger wire spacing	4 ft O.C. 4 ft O.C.	4 ft O.C. 4 ft O.C.
Vertical Extension Plate** Bracing	4 ft O.C.	**
Minimum of 2 studs/2 hanger wires are required per section of trim. Mitered corner assemblies require one stud / hanger per assembly.		

** **Seismic Installations** – In severe seismic areas, professional design engineering is required for lateral force bracing. Floating AXBPS pockets require diagonal bracing to structure every 48" O.C. Seismic restraint requirements may require wires attached to each suspension system member within 8" of the cut end along the Axiom® Building Perimeter Trim.

Seismic Components

All seismic AXBPS solutions install the same way as our standard AXBPS components.

3-Sided Seismic Perimeter Pocket, Acoustical/Drywall Transition with 0.875" Flange (AXP355S)



Larger custom pockets are also available with the 0.875" seismic flange.

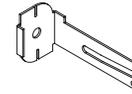
Seismic Perimeter Extension 6" with 0.875" Flange (AXPEPS6)



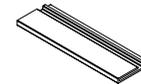
Seismic Perimeter Diffuser Face Plate 7" with 0.875" Flange (AXPDFPS7)



Beam End Retaining Clip for seismic installations (BERCAXT)



Axiom Adapter Clip with 0.75 Flange attaches to standard pocket, extension, and diffuser face plate flanges for seismic installations (AXSA75)



6.0 INSTALL CEILING PANELS, TILE, OR DRYWALL

6.1 Cut and install tiles or panels using standard procedures for the specified products.

6.2 Treat exposed cut edges of ceiling panels as detailed in the project specifications.

6.3 For drywall applications, attach 5/8" gypsum panels to the suspension system per the manufacturer's recommendations.

7.0 FINAL DETAILING

7.1 Check and adjust the alignment of suspension system and ceiling panels.

7.2 Clean exposed surfaces as required. Painted Axiom components may be wiped down with a mild household cleaner to remove fingerprints, oil, etc.

7.3 Touch up painted components as required. All painted custom Axiom shipments include a container of paint to be used for touch up.

MORE INFORMATION

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