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AIR FLOW PATTERNS OF PERFORATED METAL SHEETS





AESTHETIC, FUNCTIONAL BENEFITS

A significant function of perforated metal sheets is changing and directing airflow patterns to provide efficient and uniform ventilation. This is why they are included in the designs of HVAC systems and ventilation ducts. Because perforated metal affects air movement in a space, they must be carefully selected to match the requirements of an air conditioning system. The selection process requires consideration of various factors since the final selection can affect significant aspects of an environment.

An endless number of perforated patterns can be applied to perforated metal sheets, with the typical patterns being round or square holes, which are the most used patterns. From these two basic patterns, the number of options expands exponentially to a broad and never-ending range of shapes, sizes, dimensions, and configurations. In addition to traditional patterns that manufacturers offer, there are custom patterns designed to meet a project or application's particular specifications and requirements.

Air Flow Patterns and the Influence of Perforated Metal

Each type of perforated metal pattern produces a particular form of airflow. The type of material and design are critical factors considered when selecting a pattern, such that the pattern fits an HVAC system's environmental needs. Engineers and perforated sheet manufacturers work with clients and HVAC system installers to ensure the selected pattern meets the specifications of space, location, and atmosphere.

A critical factor in selecting a perforated sheet for an HVAC system is the loss of energy or pressure loss as air passes through the perforated sheet. The open areas of perforated sheets determine the type of ventilation and airflow and the extent to which the sheets allow air through. The open area of a perforated sheet is related to the number of holes a sheet has. If 30% of a sheet is open, then 70% of the sheet is solid material. The measurement of each type of hole can be used to determine the amount of open area compared to the amount of material.





The Importance of Consistent Airflow in HVAC Systems

As simple as the term airflow pattern may be, ventilation factors are highly complex due to constant environmental variations. Various obstructions influence these in a building, as well as the varying characteristics of the flow patterns. As utilitarian as perforated metal sheets are, the solid portions of perforated metals block airflow and force it into a different path. This blockage causes a buildup in air pressure that must be considered when installing perforated metal sheets.

Efficient HVAC systems require consistent and uniform air circulation to perform appropriately. The measurement of airflow, cubic feet per minute (CFM), is at the heart of ventilation computations. It measures the volume of air that moves through a space in a minute. In the HVAC industry, CFM defines the rate at which air must circulate through a structure to maintain proper air quality and comfortable temperatures.

Perforated metal sheet manufacturers, engineers, and designers know the types of airflow challenges the installation of perforated metal sheets can create. When a customer requests that several perforated metal sheets be installed in an office space, project managers can work with HVAC companies regarding the CFM of a location to determine what perforated metal panels will do to the airflow patterns.

Collaboration Between Engineers, Manufacturers, and HVAC Installers

This type of attention to detail is necessary to ensure that perforated metal sheets do not disrupt the ambiance of a location but add to the proper distribution of air and light. When a company is attempting to correct organizational and positioning problems, it may immediately decide to put in solid panels, dividers, or other means for separating and partitioning workspaces. What they fail to consider is that any form of large solid material will radically disrupt the ventilation in a space and create variations and inconsistencies in temperature and the distribution of clean air.

The use of high-quality and well-designed perforated metal sheets provides the necessary separation and divisions in office space while manageably changing the airflow without blocking the even and uniform distribution of clean air. Unlike solid partitions and panels that have a drab and unappealing appearance, perforated metal sheets have pleasant aesthetic patterns that add to the décor of a room while allowing uniform air flow and privacy without disrupting airflow.





More Than Just Perforating

The endless number of patterns, designs, configurations, and sheet sizes enables perforated metal sheet manufacturers to produce and manufacture materials that provide optimum airflow and a touch of decorative elegance.

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