soldered. Circular laps should be in the direction of the flow, and piping installed out-of-doors should have the longitudinal laps at the bottom. Every change in pipe size should be made on a taper not by an abrupt change.

All pipes passing through roofs should be equipped with collars so arranged as to prevent water leaking into the building.

The main trunks and branch pipes should be as short and straight as possible, strongly supported, and have the dead ends capped to permit inspection and cleaning. All branch pipes should joing the main at an acute angle. The junction being at the side or top and never at the bottom of the main. Branch pipes should not join the main pipes at points such that the material from one branch tends to enter the branch on opposite side of main.

Cleanout openings having suitable covers should be so placed in the main and branch pipes that every part of the system can be easily reached in case the system clogs. Either a large cleanout door should be placed in the main suction pipe near the fan inlet or a detachable section of pipe, held in place by lug bands, may be provided.

Elbows should be made at least two gages heavier than straight pipe of the same diameter, the better to enable them to withstand the additional wear caused by changing the direction of flow. They should preferably have a throat radius of at least one and one-half times the diameter of the pipe.

Every pipe should be kept open and unobstructed throughout its entire length, and no fixed screen should be placed in it, although the use of a trap at the junction of the hood and branch pipe is permissible, provided it is not allowed to fill up completely.

The passing of pipes through fire-walls should be avoided wherever possible, and sweep-up connections should be so arranged that foreign material cannot be easily introduced into them.

Where considerable quantities of explosive dust or inflammable materials pass through the exhaust fan, the blast wheel should be constructed of brass composition, copper or other soft metal and in all cases ample clearance should be provided between blast wheels and housings.

MAINTENANCE OF SYSTEM

Because of its simplicity the exhaust system usually receives but little attention once it is installed; however, to obtain the best results, it should be inspected at suitable intervals and necessary adjustments made.

The exhaust fan should be given proper attention the same as any other high-speed machine. It should be kept in proper alignment and tightly bolted to its foundation.

Suction hoods, which have been removed to adjust the machines, should be replaced as soon as the adjustments are completed.

Never start a machine with the blast gate closed, as the slight air leakage past the blast gate may draw material into the pipe and clog it.

Disconnect furnace feeders from the furnaces when not in operation, and do not overload the system by ill-advised additions.

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