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# Industrial Process/Power Generation: Heavy Duty Dampers for Isolation and Control

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this publication is to provide basic pertinent information in order to simplify communications between damper manufacturers and designers, specifiers and users of such equipment.

## 2. Scope

The scope of the products covered in this application guide includes dampers that are used to control a flow of gas (be it a specific gas, a mixture of gas and air, or air alone), or to isolate one section of a duct system from another section of that system. The scope narrows to those dampers generally described as "heavy duty" or "severe service", because such dampers are normally used in applications where extreme temperature, erosion and/or corrosion conditions exist.

## 3. Terms and Definitions

This section defines terms that have special meaning or significance in damper applications and within the damper industry. Most are specific to the dampers under discussion in this publication. For the reader's convenience, terms that are defined in this section are shown in capital letters when used in the definition of a related term.

**3.1 Accessory.** An accessory is an item purchased by the damper manufacturer and either mounted on the DAMPER at the factory or supplied with the damper for field installation by others. An accessory is generally an item used to enhance or improve the performance of a damper. An accessory may be an ACTUATOR, a SEAL AIR system, a PURGE AIR system, a limit switch, a flow sensor (or system), positioning equipment, or some other item associated with powering, sensing or signaling.

**3.2 Actuator.** A mechanical accessory item attached to a DAMPER for the purpose of moving the damper BLADES(s) to either the open position, the closed position, or to an intermediate position to achieve low

modulation. An actuator may be manually, electrically, pneumatically or hydraulically powered. The output force of an actuator is delivered in either a linear or a rotary direction.

**3.3 Actuator torque.** The rated torque capability of an actuator.

**3.4 Airfoil (blade).** A double-skinned damper BLADE, the blade skins meeting at the leading and trailing edges of the blade with no substantial protrusions external to either blade skin.

**3.5 Area of restriction.** The total cross-sectional area of DAMPER components that are permanently located within the gross FREE AREA provided for gas flow through the DAMPER frame. The restrictive cross-sectional area of each component is determined by its position when the damper is fully open. Generally, in the full open position, a component will present the smallest frontal area to the direction of the gas flow.

**3.6 Blade.** In strict terms, the moveable component within the DAMPER frame. The purpose of a blade is to restrict a gas flow for modulation (control), or for closure (isolation).

**3.7 Blade entry seal.** In a GUILLOTINE DAMPER, the sealing arrangement through which the damper BLADE passes.

**3.8 Blade support.** A structural member inside the frame of a GUILLOTINE DAMPER. The member supports a portion of the BLADE when the damper BLADE is in the closed position.

**3.9 Bonnet, open.** The portion of a GUILLOTINE DAMPER frame that supports the BLADE when the damper BLADE is in the open position. An OPEN BONNET does not have an enclosed blade.

**3.10 Bonnet, fully enclosed (or sealed).** The enclosed portion of a GUILLOTINE DAMPER frame that supports the BLADE when the damper blade is in the fully open position.

**3.11 Butterfly damper.** A LOUVER DAMPER having a round single BLADE.

**3.12 Control damper.** A DAMPER which has the purpose of modulating or regulating one or more gas flow parameters such as PRESSURE DROP, rate of gas flow, or airflow distribution.