

## T5 Rectilinear SkyCeiling with Perimeter Installation Instructions (Imperial)

Requirements: Plenum must be built exactly to The Sky Factory specifications. See **Drawing XS1**. Means to attach suspended ceiling hanging wires to the plenum deck must be planned out in advance. A professional suspended ceiling installer is recommended.

Follow these five steps to install the Luminous Rectilinear SkyCeiling:

### Step 1: Install the Lighting System

The Lighting System must be installed as per The Sky Factory “Custom Luminous SkyCeiling T5 Lighting Installation Instructions” before proceeding to Step 2. This will prevent potential damage to the perimeter angle once it is installed.

### Step 2: Install the Perimeter

Install the Armstrong© Angle Molding to the plenum sidewall as per local or national codes. Angle Molding must be installed straight and level. See Drawing G1 for perimeter layout. The gap that remains between the angle molding and the plenum sidewall should be caulked later, or covered with a flexible molding. If damage occurs to the visible surface of the molding during installation, use Armstrong Touch-Up Paint, White as needed. **Important: The perimeter angle molding is a trim system. It is not designed to support the weight of the grid. All runners (mains) and all spanners (cross-tees) over 24 inches should be suspended by wires as per applicable building codes.**

### Step 3: Install the Grid

Install the Suspended Ceiling Grid, referring to the attached Grid Plan G1 for the runner (main) and spanner (cross-tee) layout. **All grid must be installed parallel and square**, unless otherwise noted. All runners must be supported using the **Grid Hanger Straps** provided to facilitate installation of Elevators. See **G1** for suggested Grid Hanger Strap “H” locations.

**Grid Hanger Straps** allow the grid to be supported without the hanger wire interfering with the installation and proper fit of the Elevator and SkyTile. Straps are designed to wrap down over the rectangular top bulb of the runner and fasten together through one of the holes in the grid. Bend the strap at the two perforations in the center and fold it over the grid. Use the enclosed 8-32 x 1/4" undercut flat head machine screws and Keps nuts to secure it. Grid wire goes through the holes in the straps just below the fold.

Where possible, support the runners in the middle of 2' x 2' openings for ease of Elevator installation. Installation of the Elevators and SkyTiles requires one open side above the grid into which they can be temporarily inserted before dropping down into the grid pocket.



Install the runners first. Install the spanners next, starting with column A. Install all the spanners in one column before moving to the next column. Attach the runners and the cut spanners to the perimeter angle using the enclosed aluminum **Angle Connectors**. Rivet or bolt the connector to the end of the grid and then screw the connector through the perimeter angle and into the plenum sidewall. See Detail D2. Rivets are enclosed. Adjust the angle of the connector as needed to align it with the angle in which the runner meets the perimeter angle. Attach grid to plenum deck, using 12-gauge wire, at all "H" locations or to applicable local building codes.

#### **Step 4: Install the Elevators**

**Install the Elevators** referring to Grid Plan G1 for the proper locations and orientations. Insert the elevator diagonally up through the appropriate grid opening with the wide edge of the elevator face down. Then slip one side of the elevator down onto the grid and carefully but firmly press the opposite side of the elevator down until all four sides rest against the horizontal flange of the grid.

**Install the enclosed Foam Backer Rod** next. It installs **behind** the perimeter elevators between the elevator and the curved perimeter angle. See Detail D1. The backer rod ensures against light leaks and provides backing for the elevators.

**Use the enclosed Elevator Wedges** to make small adjustments to the fit of the elevators within the grid. See Detail D2. The inside face of the elevators should ideally sit 1/32 inch back of the leading edge of the grid and 1/32 inch to 1/16 inch back of the leading edge of the curved perimeter angle.

## Step 5: Install the Luminous SkyTiles

Install the Luminous SkyTiles as per The Sky Factory "How To Install Luminous SkyTiles." Determine the placement of the tiles by using the **Luminous SkyTile Layout Diagram**. Insert the tile diagonally through the opening into the plenum area above the grid, as with any normal acoustic tile. Then rotate it into position and lower it onto the elevator so the edges of the tile fit onto the shelf of the elevator.

**Important Note:** The Luminous SkyTile Layout Diagram depicts the image as though you were **looking up** at the ceiling. The attached Grid Plan G1 depicts the ceiling as though you were **looking down** at the ceiling from the plenum deck above ("Reflected Ceiling Plan" or RCP).

For technical support please call us toll free at 866-759-3228. We want your installation to go as smoothly as possible. Thank you for choosing The Sky Factory.