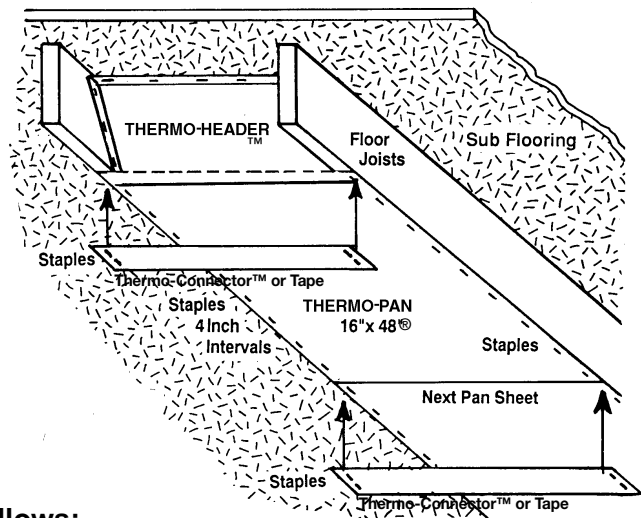


# Manufacturer's INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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*Note: Thermo-Headers™ and Thermo-Connectors™ are professional installation aids to make your job go faster and look great! Available from your authorized wholesaler!*



## 1. Position first section of THERMO-PAN® as follows:

A. STARTING BEFORE RETURN AIR TRUNK IS INSTALLED: Center THERMO-PAN® between joists and at least 2" past top side of duct to provide a tight seal when final trunk is installed. Secure sides to bottom of joists by stapling every four inches - print side out!

B. STARTING AT EXISTING RETURN AIR TRUNK, BEAM OR WALL PLATE: Score 1" lip across end of panel using side of screwdriver and bend down 90°. Center THERMO-PAN® between bottom of joists. Butt tightly against existing trunk, plate or beam and tape seam, using UL181A approved aluminum tape. Secure sides to bottom of joists by stapling every four inches - print side out!

2. To add next section: Insert THERMO-CONNECTOR™ at the end of previously installed sheet. Center THERMO-PAN® between bottom of joists, insert one end of new sheet into open lip of THERMO-CONNECTOR™ and secure sides using 3/8" staples every four inches - print side out! A UL181A approved aluminum tape may be used in place of THERMO-CONNECTORS™. Before taping the seam, butt tightly against edge of previously installed sheet. Continue until length of return air run is reached.

3. Install Header: Bend THERMO-HEADER™ inward to close off open end of return air joist space. While maintaining a tight fit, secure the top and header sides with 3/8" staples every four inches - print side out!

**Note** • Thermo-Pan® is perfectly designed to allow you to construct an efficient and noise-free return air duct. As a manufacturer, we wholeheartedly lend our approval to the use of Thermo-Pan® in return air applications, whether or not the duct is concealed.

- Also, there is essentially no difference as to whether the application is to the side or bottom portion of the joist. The product characteristics, as spelled out in BOCA Research Report 95-41.1 (October 2000) for pressure, collapse, water vapor transmission, mold growth, and surface burning hold true regardless of the position.
- Jumping joists with metal duct or piping is permissible as long as the duct/piping is properly connected to Thermo-Pan® and is not dependent on the Thermo-Pan® in any way for support

## PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS:

- No shop fabrication; user friendly – no cut hands.
- No 'oilcanning' or duct noises to generate contractor callback.
- Air space in the corrugated medium provides positive R-value.
- Stapling as directed results in a plenum air seal tighter than sheet metal.
- Enviro-friendly; made from recycled products. Moisture treated against dampness.
- All popular joist sizes; pre-formed headers (for both regular joists and I-joists) also available.
- Will not sustain combustion (ASTM E84-91a: Flame Spread 35/ Smoke Developed Index 25).

**RESTRICTIONS:** No code restrictions for any residential installation unless a fire-rated assembly is specifically stipulated. THERMO-PAN® may be applied to both stud cavity and joist space plenums. The 2000 International Mechanical Code Commentary – Section 602.3 (p.189) states, "Note that the code does not mention the type of materials allowed for panning the bottom of open joists to create joist space plenums. Traditionally, sheet metal has been used, however composite materials are also used."

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