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### 2023 - 2024 Ventilation Assessment



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## Saint Paul Public Schools Global Arts Plus Upper

Assessment Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

### **Project Description**

IEA conducted a ventilation inspection in Global Arts Plus Upper by IEA representative, Sashya Wandmaker, with the intent of gathering visual observations and overall ventilation information which will assist the District in making informed and proactive decisions to improve and maintain acceptable air quality in the building. This inspection is based upon the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Tools for Schools IAQ guidelines and the recommended Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) portion of a school district's IAQ management plan. Ventilation verification is also recommended by American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

Some observations gathered during the inspection may identify issues which may require additional testing, evaluation, further investigation, or maintenance on the ventilation systems.

The findings, conclusions and recommendations presented herein are believed to be accurate and representative of the building on the date and time of the inspection.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

The analysis and opinions expressed in this report are based upon data obtained from Saint Paul Public Schools at the indicated locations. This report does not reflect variations in conditions that may occur across the site, property, or facility. Actual conditions may vary and may not become evident without further assessment.

The report is prepared for the exclusive use of our client for specific application to the project discussed and has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted indoor air quality practices. Other than as provided in the preceding sentence, no warranties are extended or made.

## **Building Information**

General information regarding the building was collected by IEA during an interview with building maintenance staff. The information gathered during this process is a vital component, as it is helpful in determining how these items may play a role in possible IAQ related issues.

### Below is a summary of the information gathered during the interview:

- Automation controls are managed internally.
- A Building Automation System is present. The automation control software program is Tridium and controls can not be accessed remotely.
- Schedules:

Ventilation operation:

Day:	Occupied?	Start	End
		Time:	Time:
Monday-	Yes	6:00	8:00
Friday		AM	PM
Monday-	Yes	6:00	4:00
Friday		AM	PM

### Typical occupancy:

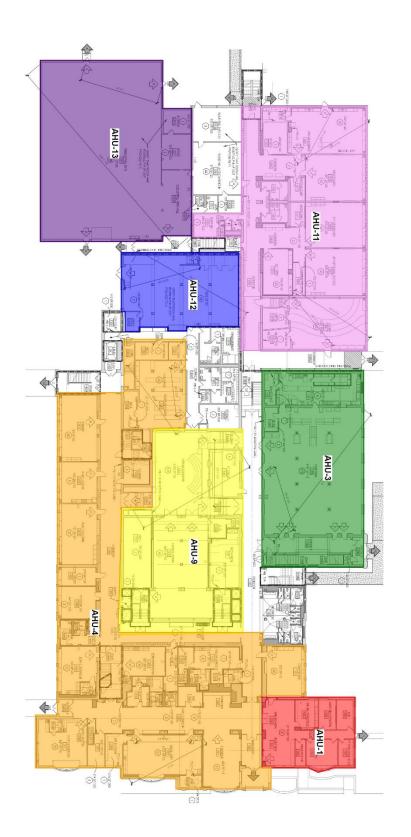
Day:	Occupied?	Start Time:	End Time:
Monday- Friday	Yes	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday	No		
Sunday	No		
Holiday	No		
<b>Notes:</b> Summer community Ed, 6 pm to 9pm Mon through Thursday			

- CO2 sensors are not associated with the ventilation system.
- VAVs are present. They are fan powered with a None filter.
- Building has variable frequency drives (VFD).
- The heating system is a hot water boiler.
- A cooling system is present and is a chilled water (air cooled) type system.
- Filters used are:

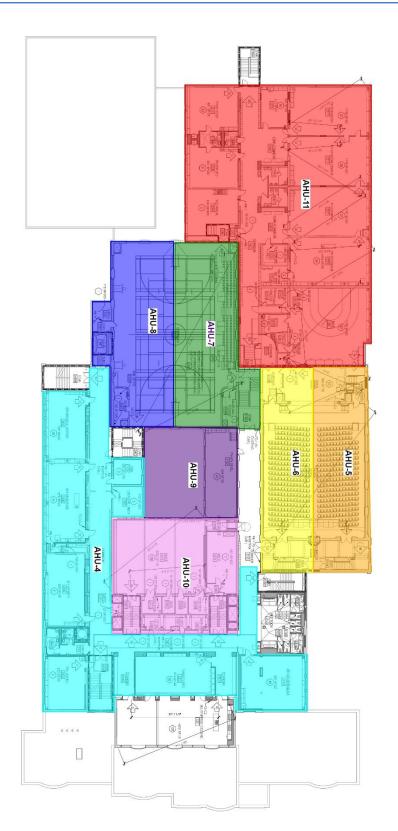
# Filter TypeMERV RatingPleatedMERV 11PleatedMERV 13PleatedMERV 8

- Filters are changed 3-4 times a year.
- Energy Recovery Units are present.
- Units do not contain system Enhancements.
- Personal air purifiers are supplied for individual rooms. They are 3m, winix /Filtrete, area wave 2.0.
  - o Location: 3rd floor 5 th grade classrooms, main office, 1211, health Office
- It is not known whether or not the building was commissioned during the original construction.

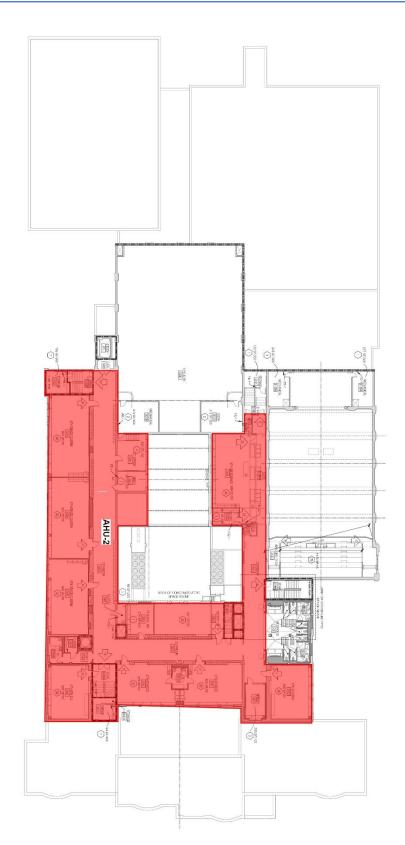
## Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 1st Floor



## Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 2nd Floor



## Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 3rd Floor



### Assessment

### **Ventilation System**

The following information was gathered by IEA on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 with support from the district building representative during the on-site interview. The type of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) system and its assessment is included for each unit below:

Unit Designa	ition:	AHU1	
Location of L	Jnit:	Mechanical room Basement,	
Areas Served	J:	Office Admin See attached map	
System Enha	incements:	None	
Supply	System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Supp VAV Heat Wate Cooli Wate Energ Unit Filter Type - I Pre-f MER' Main	oly System - ing - Hot er ing - Chilled er gy Recovery (ERU) - None <u>Mixed</u> ïllter: Pleated,	Outdoor air intake is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on the roof. No nearby pollution sources were found. Outdoor air intake is in good condition.	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.
			Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit De	esignation:	AHU2	
Locatio	on of Unit:	Mechanical room Basement	
Areas S	Served:	3rd Floor N. Classro	ooms
		See attached map	
System	Enhancements:	None	
Su	ipply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Туре		Outdoor air intake	Outdoor air filters are clean and not in need of replacement
•	Supply System -		(scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Outdoor air filters are
	Constant		installed correctly.
		Outdoor air intake	
•	0		Return air pre-filters are not present. Return air main filters
		roof.	are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5)
•	Cooling - Chilled		and fit well. Return air main filters are installed correctly.
		No nearby	Durin management alwared. Durin man and dition is so ad
•		pollution sources were found.	Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good.
	Unit (ERU) - Wheel		Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean.
	VVIIEEI	Outdoor air intake	
Filter T	ype - Outdoor		Heat wheels are clean.
•		condition.	
	Pleated, MERV 8		Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in
•	Main filter:		good condition.
	Pleated, MERV		
	13		Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in
			an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown
Filter T	<u>ype - Return</u>		cleanliness.
•	Pre-filter: None		
•	Main filter:		Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.
	Pleated, MERV 8		
			Outside damper is open, and its condition is good.
			Return damper is open, and its condition is good.
			The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit De	esignation:	AHU3	
Locatio	on of Unit:	Mechanical room NW-1311	
Areas S	erved:	Cafeteria	
		See attached map	o
System	I	None	
Enhanc	ements:		
Sup	ply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
<u>Туре</u> • •	Supply System - VAV Heating - Hot Water Cooling - Chilled Water Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None <b>ype - Mixed</b> Pre-filter: Pleated,	Outdoor air intake is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were found. Outdoor air	Cleanliness and Observations Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air pre-filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air pre-filters are installed correctly. Mixed air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.
			Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU4	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room NE- 1312	
Areas Served:	1st/2nd Floor N. Clas	ssrooms
	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
<ul> <li>Supply System - VAV</li> <li>Heating - Hot Water</li> <li>Cooling - Chilled Water</li> <li>Energy Recovery Unit</li> </ul>	is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an	Outdoor air filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Outdoor air filters are installed correctly. Return air pre-filters are not present. Return air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5) and fit poorly. Return air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good.
	is in good condition.	<ul> <li>Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean.</li> <li>Heat wheels are clean.</li> <li>Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition.</li> <li>Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness.</li> <li>Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.</li> <li>Outside damper is closed, and its condition is good.</li> <li>Return damper is open, and its condition is good.</li> <li>The general condition of the unit is good.</li> </ul>

Unit Designation:	AHU5	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room Auditorium	
Areas Served:	Auditorium - West	
9	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type       0         Supply System - i         Constant         Volume         Heating - Hot         Water         Cooling - Chilled         Water         Energy         Recovery Unit         (ERU) - None	is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on the roof. No nearby pollution sources were found. Outdoor air intake is in good condition.	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are inaccessible. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is not present. Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is closed, and its condition is good.

Unit Designation: AHU6			
Location of l	Jnit:	Mechanical room Auditorium	
Areas Served	<b>d:</b>	Auditorium - East	
		See attached map	
System Enha	incements:	None	
Supply S	System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Supp Cons Volu Heat Wate Cool Chille Ener Reco (ERU Filter Type - Pre-f Mair	oly System - stant me sting - Hot er ing - ed Water gy overy Unit I) - None	Outdoor air intake is inaccessible Outdoor air intake is located in an unknown location. It is not known if there are nearby pollution sources. Outdoor air intake is in good condition.	Outdoor air filters are not present.Return air filters are not present.Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly.Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good.Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are inaccessible.Heat wheels are not present.Exterior ducting is not visible. Exterior ducting insulation is not present.Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness.Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.Outside damper is inaccessible, and its condition is not known.Return damper is open, and its condition is good.
			The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU7	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 3330 - C	
	Gym - West See attached map	
System Enhancements:	· · ·	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - None Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None Filter Type - Mixed	Outdoor air intake is	Cleanliness and Observations Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is poor. Heating coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is not present.
		Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU8	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 3405/3330-B	
Areas Served:	Gym - East	
	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
<ul> <li>Heating - Hot Water</li> <li>Cooling - None</li> <li>Energy Recovery Unit</li> </ul>	Outdoor air intake is inaccessible Outdoor air intake is located in an unknown location. It is not known if there are nearby pollution sources.	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good.
Filter Type - Mixed	Outdoor air intake is in good condition.	Heating coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is not present. Interior ducting is visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU9	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 2311	
Areas Served:	Atrium/Media Center	
	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
<ul> <li>Type</li> <li>Supply System - VAV</li> <li>Heating - Hot Water</li> <li>Cooling - Chilled Water</li> <li>Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None</li> <li>Filter Type - Mixed Pre-filter:</li> </ul>	Outdoor air intake is inaccessible Outdoor air intake is located in an unknown location. It is not known if there are nearby pollution sources. Outdoor air intake is in good condition.	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is open, and its condition is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU10	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 2311	
Areas Served:	Atrium/Media Center	
	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Unit (ERU) - None Filter Type - Mixed • Pre-filter:	Outdoor air intake is inaccessible Outdoor air intake is located in an unknown location. It is not known if there are nearby pollution sources. Outdoor air intake is in good condition.	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU11		
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 2204		
	South Wing Classrooms See attached map		
System	None		
Enhancements:			
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations	
<ul> <li>Supply System - VAV</li> <li>Heating - Hot Water</li> <li>Cooling - Chilled Water</li> <li>Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - Wheel</li> </ul>	Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were	Outdoor air pre-filters are somewhat dirty and on the border of needing replacement (scoring 3 out of 5) and fit well. Outdoor air pre-filters are installed correctly. Outdoor air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Outdoor air main filters are installed correctly. Return air pre-filters are not present. Return air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5) and fit well. Return air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean.	
<ul> <li>Pre-filter:</li> <li>Pleated,</li> <li>MERV 11</li> </ul>	Outdoor air intake is in good	Heat wheels are clean. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good	
Pleated, MERV 13 Filter Type - Return • Pre-filter: None • Main filter: Pleated, MERV 8		condition. Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.	

Unit De	esignation:	AHU12		
Location of Unit: Mechanical room		Mechanical room 1	339	
Areas Served: Wood Shop See attached map				
System		None		
Enhanc	cements:			
Sup	ply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations	
<u>Туре</u> • •	Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - None Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None	is inaccessible Outdoor air intake is located in an unknown location. It is not known if there are nearby pollution sources.	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air pre-filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air pre-filters are installed correctly. Mixed air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known. Heating coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good.	
			Return damper is open, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.	

Unit Designation:	AHU13			
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 1255/1257-A			
Areas Served:	Auto Shop			
	See attached map			
System Enhancements:	None			
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations		
Type Supply System - Constant	inaccessible	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present.		
<ul> <li>Volume</li> <li>Heating - Hot Water</li> <li>Cooling - None</li> <li>Energy Recovery Unit</li> </ul>	Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. It is not known if there are nearby	Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan		
	Outdoor air intake is in good condition.	condition is not known. Heating coils are clean.		
Pleated, MERV 8		Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is not present. Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is		
		in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is inaccessible, and its condition is not known. Return damper is inaccessible, and its condition is not known. The general condition of the unit is good.		

Unit De	esignation:	MUA-01			
Location of Unit: Woodshop 13		Woodshop 1334			
Areas Served:		Woodshop			
System	System Enhancements: None				
Su	pply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations		
<u>Туре</u> • •	Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - None Energy Recovery Unit	is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were found.	Outdoor air pre-filters are not present. Outdoor air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5) and fit well. Outdoor air main filters are installed correctly. Return air filters are not present. Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known. Heating coils are clean.		
Filter T	<i>·</i> ··	Outdoor air intake is in good condition.	Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is not present. Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is closed, and its condition is good. Return damper is not present.		
			The general condition of the unit is good.		

### **Recommendations**

The drain pan for unit AHU7 was plugged or damaged at the time of the site inspection.

**Recommendation:** Damage to the drain pan should be repaired, or the drain pan should be inspected more frequently to ensure that it does not become plugged.

Dirty or poorly fitting filters were observed in unit AHU4 during the ventilation inspection.

**Recommendation:** The operations and maintenance program for filter changes should be reviewed and revised to ensure proper filter changes to optimize filtration capacity.

# Appendix A

**Photo Documentation** 





AHU4 Return Main Filter Fit



AHU11 Outdoor Pre-Filter Cleanliness AHU7 Drain Pans