# Building Products Initial Plant Inspection Form

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| **Listing #:** | B1173 | **QAI Inspector:** | Patrick Lawrence | | |
| **Listee Name:** | Able Sheet Metal, Inc. | **Inspection Date:** | 7/24/2026 | **Arrival Time** | 11:00 am |
| **Listee Address:** | 614 N Ford Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90022 | **Inspector Email:** | plawrence@qai.org | | |
| | | **Listee Contact:** | Gurgen Tovmasyan | | |
| **Inspection Facility** | Able Sheet Metal | **Listee Email:** | gurgen@ablemetal.com | | |
| **Facility Address** | 4532 Floral Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90022 | **Plant Name/#:** | | | |
| | | **Facility Contact:** | Miguel Baez | | |
| **Phone:** | | **Facility Email:** | miguel@ablemetal.com | | |
| **Product(s):** | MGV (Multi-Guard Vent) Gable Louver Vent and MGV Eave/Foundation/Soffit Vents | **Anticipated Production:** | | Units per | |

**Introduction:** The objective of conducting plant inspections is threefold: 1) to ensure that the manufactured product aligns with the specifications and requirements as outlined in the applicable QAI Laboratories evaluation report, factory audit manual (FAM) and/or product listing, and the results of factory tests and inspections pass those requirements ensuring that the product being produced is an exact replica of the product tested by QAI; 2) to verify the ongoing compliance of the documented quality system with QAI Laboratories requirements; and 3) to assess the effective implementation of the quality management system within the facility.

**Inspection:** During the inspection, the inspector must compare the documents and processes observed at the facility with the information provided in the applicable QAI Laboratories Listing report, Factory Audit Manual, and/or product listing. The use of only checkmarks in Yes/No boxes may **not** suffice; where necessary comments or additional documents should be utilized to thoroughly document remarks, observations and/or explanations. The inspector should examine the product as outlined in the applicable QAI Laboratories evaluation report, FAM and/or listing to ensure adherence to specified standards and QAI listing requirements as well as review relevant supporting documents such as but not limited to current quality documentation, operating procedures, manufacturing process records, and label records to evaluate the effectiveness of the facility's quality management system. For clarification on which documents to verify, inquiries should be directed to QAI Laboratories (info@qai.org).

**Report:** The inspector will compile an Inspection Report during the inspection, including documenting any instances of nonconformity to the requirements. In the event of nonconformity, a Corrective Action Request (CAR) will be issued for each nonconformity, clearly delineating the necessary actions according to QAI Laboratories criteria and the manufacturer's documented quality system, along with the inspector's findings. The Report must be signed by both the manufacturer's representative and the inspector. Copies of the report and any CARs must be provided to the manufacturer's representative (and/or the report holder or listee, if different) upon conclusion of the inspection, with an additional copy forwarded to QAI Laboratories.

**Resolution of CARs:** Manufacturers (and/or the report holder or listee) must address each CAR within 30 days of the inspection to the satisfaction of QAI Laboratories. Additional time may be requested and is granted solely at the discretion of QAI Laboratories normally based on the nature of the nonconformity and time needed for resolution. QAI Laboratories retains the authority to conduct further follow-up inspections to verify corrective actions and their effectiveness as deemed necessary.

Random selection of inspections is a standard procedure employed by QAI Laboratories aimed at ensuring fairness and impartiality in our assessment process. While this method promotes transparency and prevents bias, it may lead to uncertainty regarding which individuals, entities, or products are chosen for inspection at any given time. However, please be assured that random selection does not imply any predetermined targeting or suspicion. We remain committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity and equity in all our inspection activities.

When applicable, any deviations from the inspection instructions should be noted in the Inspection Summary below.

| Requirement | Yes | No | Notes |
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| Is the Manufacturer's Quality Control system deemed acceptable? | ☒ | ☐ | QAI FIP has been put in place. |
| Did you discuss with the manufacturer all corrective actions and concerns required as per page 3 of this report? | ☐ | ☒ | None found |
| Do you, as the QAI field representative, recommend that this client be approved for labelling? | ☒ | ☐ | If no explain |
| Was an inspection report left with the client? | ☒ | ☐ | Emailed after inspection for records. |

| Section | Requirement | Relevant Quality Documentation (Doc, Name, and Page No.) | Date of Documentation | Quality System Implemented | | CAR |
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| | | | | Yes | No | |
| 1 | Is the quality system documentation sign and dated by an authorized representative? | FIP page 5 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: | | | | | | |
| 2 | Are the facility street address, telephone number and contact person noted in the documentation correct? | FIP Page 4 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: | | | | | | |
| 3 | Does the manufacturer have provisions for reviewing the quality system documentation (It is required to be reviewed annually, at a minimum). Are there provisions for documenting revisions to the quality system? | FIP Page 6 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: Able Sheet metal recently added the San Leandro facility to their current listing but no revisions were applicable in the FIP, as it was being created for this. | | | | | | |
| 4 | Is the product labeling consistent with what is described in the quality documentation? | FIP Page 6 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: | | | | | | |
| 5 | Using the identification that is applied to the finished product, conduct a traceability study by taking a finished product and tracing it back to the production and quality control records. Is traceability adequate? | FIP Page 7 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: Each vent after production is labeled | | | | | | |
| 6 | Is the product flowchart or description of production methods contained in the quality documentation representative of the actual production flow and process? | FIP Page 7 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: Flowchart is the way vents are produced at facilities. | | | | | | |

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| | | | | Yes | No | |
| 7 | Does the quality documentation have provisions for documenting of product changes, evaluation of product change and notification of the appropriate parties? | FIP Page 7-8 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: Change process is in the FIP for any revisions to the product. | | | | | | |
| 8 | Does the quality documentation include an organizational chart and are the duties and responsibilities of key positions in the quality program identified? | FIP Page 8 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: Shows who to contact at the corresponding facilities. | | | | | | |
| 9 | Does the quality documentation contain necessary information about packaging and storage, if such information is critical to product performance? | FIP Page 8 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: | | | | | | |
| 10 | Does the manufacturer have a process (1) for keeping records of significant complaints about the product(s) covered in the evaluation report; (2) for taking appropriate action with respect to such complaints; and (3) for documenting actions taken? | Page 8 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: | | | | | | |
| 11 | Does the manufacturer have documented procedures for inspection or testing of incoming materials? Are they conducting the inspections and tests as required by the quality manual? | Page 9 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: | | | | | | |
| 12 | Is the manufacturer conducting inspection and tests, as required in the quality documentation, for in-process quality control? Do these inspections or tests appear to be effective in ensuring consistency of product quality? | Page 9 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: | | | | | | |

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| | | | | Yes | No | |
| 13 | Is the manufacturer conducting the final inspections or tests as required in the quality documentation, prior to final approval and labeling of the finished product? Do these inspections and tests appear effective with ensuring that the product receiving the label complies with the applicable specifications and design values? | Page 10 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 13.1 | For products eligible in Canada, confirm product labeling is in accordance with the approved marking requirements outlined in the evaluation report / listing page / factory inspection procedure, including English and French where applicable | N/A | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | |
| Comments: Each vent goes through QC after production to verify the opening sizes and see if there are any visual issues. | | | | | | |
| 14 | Are nonconforming materials segregated from confirming materials as directed in the quality documentation? Is there a specific area for quarantine of noncompliance material (whether it is a raw material, in-process material or finished material) that did not meet the minimum specifications? | PAGE 10 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: | | | | | | |
| 15 | Does the manufacturer maintain a list of critical measuring and test equipment? Does this list include all the critical measuring and test equipment that is in use? | Page 11 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: Only two pieces of equipment are used during production. | | | | | | |
| 16 | Is the critical manufacturing and test equipment from item 2.6.1, above, properly calibrated at the intervals stated in the recognized standards when appropriate? Are the calibration and maintenance records readily available? | | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |

| 17 | List production line test equipment with calibration schedule:<br>Note: Attach copies of calibration certificates where available. Must show conformance with 17025. | | | | ☐ |
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| | Equipment: | Serial #: | Calibration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): | Calibration Due Date (mm/dd/yyyy): | |
| | Micrometer | 293-831-30 | / / | / / | |
| | Measuring Tape | | / / | / / | |
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| | | | | Yes | No | |
| Comments: An old copy of a calibration was produced but could not verify the date, asked for an more recent record for review. | | | | | | |
| 18 | Is the manufacturer actually using the forms, checklists and reports identified in the quality documentation for recording manufacturing and quality processes? | Page 11 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☒ | ☐ |
| Comments: | | | | | | |
| 19 | Are the quality records as noted in 2.7.1, above, approved by responsible personnel as required by the quality system? | | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: | | | | | | |
| 20 | Are all the manufacturing and quality records maintained for a minimum of two years? (Examples of these records include reports resulting from the manufacturers on products tests and/or inspections). | Page 11 | Dated 7/10/2026 | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Comments: Physical copies are kept for records | | | | | | |

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| **Listee** | Able Sheet Metal, Inc. |
| **Facility** | Able Sheet MetalB1173 |
| **Date:** | 7/24/2026 |

**CAR Definitions:**

**Major:**
- Significant changes to the product or the process that will directly affect the compliance of the product with the applicable requirements of the standard to which the product is certified.
- An accumulation of several minor CARs for the same deficiency exemplifying systemic deficiencies.
- Not following required procedures and generating or using required documentation.
- Misuse of the QAI mark.

**Minor:**
- Objective evidence shows that a procedure or instruction is being followed by the majority of the evidence. However, a small percentage of the evidence shows required information is lacking.
- Recurrence of a previously addressed concern.

**Concern:**
- Objective evidence shows that the procedure or instruction is currently meeting the intent of the requirement. However, the procedure or instruction is vague in areas which could allow a deficiency of the QMS in the near future.

**OFI:**
- Opportunity for Improvement (OFI): Objective evidence shows that the procedure or process is adequate to meet the intent of the requirement. However, the process by which the procedure or instruction is being met is cumbersome or could be performed more efficiently as identified by the auditor

| CAR | Type | Reference | Finding | MFG proposed action (To be completed by Manufacturer) |
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| 1 | **Minor** | Section 16 & 17 Calibration | No updated records were presented showing all equipment has been recently calibrated. | If records for calibration dated 2025 or 2026 can not be found, a new annual Calibration Company must be found using ISO 17025 accreditation. |
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## Inspection Summary:

I began the inspection by going over the FIP currently being used at the facility. After looking through it, I went down the questions with the clients to ensure they were knowledgeable on the normal inspection process and what is expected when the FUIs take place. After going through the IPI questions, I asked if there was anything needing additional details and answered accordingly. Small concern about calibration of equipment and records.

**Remote/Virtual Inspections (Information and Communication Technology)**

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| Was inspection conducted remotely? | Yes | If Yes, technology used: | Microsoft Teams | Was the use of remote technology effective in achieving inspection goals? | Yes |
| Remote Technology Notes: | …….. | | | | |

**You may type your name where handwritten signature is not possible**

QAI INSPECTOR (SIGNATURE):

TIME OF DEPARTURE: 12:00pm

CLIENT CONTACT (SIGNATURE):

We value your feedback. Please scan the QR Code below or go to : http://qai.org/inspection-feedback-form/

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REPORT REVIEWED BY: DATE: 08/06/2026

CARS REVIEWED BY: DATE: / / .

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## Inspection Report - Notes

**Reference Documents:**

| Title | Number |
|---|---|
| QAI Quality Manual | QM0001 |
| Inspection Procedure | QSP 10.1-1 |

**Document History and Change Record:**

| Date | Version | Change Description | Created by | Reviewed by | Approved by |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 04/21/2015 | 4 | Format updates, CAR Definitions | KA | KA | KA |
| 12/08/21 | 5 | Added equipment list | JJ | KA | KA |
| 06/27/22 | 6 | Added Remote Technology Questions | JJ | KA | KA |
| 05/20/2024 | 7 | Total Reformat, added instructions | JJ | MI | Mlansdowne |
| 06/24/2024 | 8 | Removed “Frequency” and added “Calibration Due” | JJ | JH | JJ |
| 15 Apr, 2026 | 8.1 | Added 13.1 | Z. Kam | K.Adamson | K.Adamson |