

All Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for Epoxy Pavement Markings

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research to address new OSHA regulations for occupational exposure to hexavalent chromium. This special provision should be inserted into all contracts using epoxy pavement markings.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the April 27, 2007 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory January 12, 2007.

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EPOXY PAVEMENT MARKINGS (BDE)

Effective: January 1, 2007

Revise Article 1095.04(a) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(a) The epoxy marking material shall consist of a 100 percent solid two part system formulated and designed to provide a simple volumetric mixing ratio of two components (must be two volumes of Part A and one volume of Part B). No volatile solvents or fillers will be allowed. Total solids shall not be less than 99 percent when determined, on the mixed material, according to ASTM D 2369, excluding the solvent dispersion.”

Revise Article 1095.04(d) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(d) Composition by Weight of Component A as Determined by Low Temperature Ashing. A 0.5 gram sample of component A shall be dispersed with a paperclip on the bottom of an aluminum dish, weighed and then heated in a muffle furnace at 1000 °F (538 °C) for one hour and weighed again. No solvents shall be used for dispersion. The difference in the weights shall be calculated and meet the following.

Pigment*	White	Yellow
Titanium Dioxide ASTM D 476 Type II	21-24%	
Organic Yellow, Titanium Dioxide, Other		± 2%**
Epoxy Resin	76-79%	± 2%**

* No extender pigments are permitted.

** From the pigment and epoxy resin content determined on qualification samples.”

Revise Article 1095.04(f) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(f) The daylight directional reflectance of the paint (without glass spheres) applied at 14 to 16 mils (0.35 to 0.41 mm) shall meet the following requirements when tested, using a color spectrophotometer with 45 degree circumferential/zero degree geometry, illuminant C, and two degree observer angle. The color instrument shall measure the visible spectrum from 380 to 720 nm with a wavelength measurement interval and spectral bandpass of 10 nm.

White: Daylight Reflectance 80 % min.
Yellow:* Daylight Reflectance 50 % min.

*Shall meet the coordinates of the following color tolerance chart.

x	0.490	0.475	0.485	0.530
y	0.470	0.438	0.425	0.456”

Revise Article 1095.04(h) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(h) The epoxy pavement marking material, when mixed in the proper mix ratio and tested according to ASTM D 7234 shall have a degree of adhesion which results in a 100 percent concrete failure in the performance of this test.”

Revise Article 1095.04(n) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(n) The epoxy paint shall be applied to an aluminum alloy panel (Federal Test Std. No. 141, Method 2013) at a film thickness of 14 to 16 mils (0.35 to 0.41 mm) and allowed to cure for 72 hours at room temperature. Subject the coated panel for 75 hours to accelerated weathering using the light and water exposure apparatus (fluorescent UV - condensation type) as specified in ASTM G 53 (equipped with UVB-313 lamps).

The cycle shall consist of four hours UV exposure at 122 °F (50 °C) followed by four hours of condensation at 104 °F (40 °C). UVB 313 bulbs shall be used. At the end of the exposure period, the panel shall show no more than 10 Hunter Lab Delta E units or substantial change in gloss from the original, non-exposed paint.”

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