

All Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for Concrete Joint Sealer

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research to revise the material used for sealing transverse joints in bridge roadway slabs. It should be inserted into contracts requiring sealing of bridge roadway slabs.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the January 16, 2009 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 September 26, 2008.

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CONCRETE JOINT SEALER (BDE)

Effective: January 1, 2009

Add the following to the end of the second paragraph of Article 503.19 of the Standard Specifications:

“After the surface is clean and before applying protective coat, joints being sealed according to Section 588 shall be covered with a masking tape.”

Revise Section 588 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“SECTION 588. CONCRETE JOINT SEALER

588.01 Description. This work shall consist of sealing the transverse joint in the bridge roadway slab.

588.02 Materials. Materials shall be according to the following.

Item	Article/Section
(a) Hot-Poured Joint Sealer	1050.02
(b) Preformed Flexible Foam Expansion Joint Filler.....	1051.09

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

588.03 General. The faces of all joints to be sealed shall be free of foreign matter, curing compound, oils, grease, dirt, free water, and laitance. Concrete joints to be sealed shall be free of cracked or spalled areas. Any cracked areas shall be chipped back to sound concrete before placing joint sealer.

The hot-poured joint sealer shall be placed when the air temperature in the shade is 40 °F (5 °C) or higher, unless approved by the Engineer.

A continuous length of expansion joint filler of the size designated on the plans, shall be placed in the joint opening at the depth below the finished surface of the joint shown on the plans. Hot-poured joint sealer shall be stirred during heating to prevent localized overheating. The sealing material shall be applied to each joint opening according to the details shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer, without spilling on the exposed concrete surfaces.

All bridge joints shall be filled to 1/4 in. (6 mm) below the finished surface of the joint. This is to be interpreted to mean that the surface of the sealant shall be level and the point of its contact with the sidewalls of the joint shall be 1/4 in. (6 mm) below the finished surface of the joint.

Any sealing compound that is not bonded to the joint wall or face 24 hours after placing shall be removed and the joint shall be cleaned and resealed.

588.04 Basis of Payment. This work will not be paid for as a separate item, but shall be considered as included in the unit price bid for the major item of construction involved.”

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