



MARICOPA COUNTY
Department of Transportation

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 15, 2012
To: MAG Specifications and Details Committee
From: Robert Herz, MCDOT Representative
Subject: Proposed revision to Section **505.6.3 Bridge Deck Joint Assemblies.** **Case 12-10**

PURPOSE: Eliminate the MCDOT supplement to this section by incorporating the requirement into the MAG specification.

REVISION: Add to 505.6.3.3 Construction Requirements a subsection: (7) Welding. The proposed changes are show below using track changes.

505.6.3 Bridge Deck Joint Assemblies:

505.6.3.1 Description: This work shall consist of furnishing and installing expansion devices including the seals, anchorage system, and hardware in accordance with the project plans and these specifications.

505.6.3.2 Materials: Elastomer Seals shall be of the Compression Seal or Strip Seal type, and shall conform to the requirements of the Arizona Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction Section 1011-5.

Steel shapes and plates shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A36, or ASTM A588.

505.6.3.3 Construction Requirements:

(1) General: Deck joint assemblies shall consist of elastomer and steel assemblies which are anchored to the concrete at the deck joint. The seal armor shall be cast in the concrete. The completed assembly shall be properly installed in the planned position, shall satisfactorily resist the intrusion of foreign material and water, and shall provide bump-free passage of traffic. For each size of seal on a project, one piece of the seal material supplied shall be at least 18 inches longer than required by the project Plans. The additional length will be removed by the Engineer and used for materials testing. Certificates of Compliance conforming to the requirements of Section 106.2 shall also be submitted by the Contractor.

(2) Shop Drawings: Prior to fabrication, the Contractor shall submit shop drawings to the Engineer for approval, in accordance with the requirements of Section 105.2. The shop drawings shall show complete details of the method of installation to be followed, including a temperature correction chart for adjusting the dimensions of the joint according to the ambient temperature, and any additions or rearrangements of the reinforcing steel from that shown on the project plans.

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(3) Elastomer Seals: Seals shall conform to the requirements specified.

(4) Armor: All steel ~~forecast~~for cast-in-place deck joint assemblies shall conform to the requirements specified.

(5) Galvanizing: All steel parts of strip seal assemblies shall be galvanized after fabrication, in accordance with the requirements of ASTM A123 and A153, unless ASTM A588 steel is used. Bolts shall be high strength, conforming to the requirements of ASTM A325M, with a protective coating of cadmium or zinc, followed by a chromate and baked organic coating conforming to the requirements of ASTM F1135, Grade 3, 5, 6, 7, or 8 and Color Code A.

Steel parts of compression seal assemblies do not require galvanizing, plating, or painting.

(6) Joint Preparation and Installation: At all joint locations, the Contractor shall cast the bridge decks and abutment backwalls with a formed blockout, sized to accommodate the pre-assembled joint assembly. The joint assembly will be anchored in the concrete to be placed with the secondary pour in the blockout. Prior to the secondary pour, the surface of the existing concrete in the blockout shall be coated with an approved adhesive specifically formulated for bonding new concrete to old concrete.

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~~(7) Welding: All welding and inspection of welding for structural steel shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of the latest revision of the AASHTO/AWS D1.5M/D1.5 Bridge Welding Code. The use of electro-slag welding process on structural steel will not be permitted.~~

Installed armor assemblies shall be covered or otherwise protected at all times prior to installing the elastomer portion of the joint assembly. The elastomer shall be installed at such time and in such manner that it will not be damaged by construction operations.

~~The seal element shall be installed subject to these specifications and approval of the Engineer.~~ Immediately prior to the installation of the seal element, the steel contact surfaces of the joint armor shall be clean, dry, and free of oil, rust, paint, or foreign material. Any perforation or tearing of the seal element due to installation procedures or construction activities will be cause for rejection of the installed seal element.

During the installation of all proprietary deck joint assemblies, the manufacturer's representative shall be present. As a minimum, the representative shall be present during the placement of the joint assembly in the deck blockout, prior to the secondary concrete pour, and shall also be present during the installation of the seal element.