

CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION

42. CONCRETE PIPE CONDUITS AND DRAINS

1. SCOPE

The work shall consist of furnishing and installing concrete pipe or concrete drain tile and the necessary fittings as shown on the drawings.

2. MATERIALS

Reinforced concrete pressure pipe shall conform to the requirements of Material Specification 541 for the type and strength specified.

Concrete culvert pipe shall conform to the requirements of Material Specification 542 for the kind of pipe specified.

Concrete irrigation pipe, drainage pipe and drain tile shall conform to the requirements of Material Specification 543 for the kind of pipe or tile specified.

Pipe fittings shall conform to the requirements of the applicable pipe specifications.

Sealing compound for filling rubber gasket joints shall conform to the requirements of Material Specification 536.

Hot-pour joint sealer shall conform to the requirements of Material Specification 536.

Cold-applied sealing compound shall conform to the requirements of Material Specification 536.

Preformed sealing compound shall conform to the requirements of Material Specification 536.

Joint packing shall be commercial grade oakum.

Preformed expansion joint filler shall conform to the requirements of Material Specification 535.

Portland Cement Concrete for Bedding and Cradles shall conform to Construction Specification 31, Concrete for Major Structures, or Construction Specification 32, Structure Concrete.

3. LAYING AND BEDDING

Pipe and tile shall be laid to the line and grade shown on the drawings. Unless otherwise specified, belled pipe shall be laid with the bells or grooves facing upstream. When pre-cast pipe risers and other similar pre-cast pipe structures are installed prior to pipe installation, pipe may be installed in the downstream direction with the belled end upstream. Adequate bell clearance in the subgrade/bedding shall be provided.

- a. Concrete Cradles or Bedding. Pipe to be cradled or bedded on concrete shall be set to the specified line and grade and temporarily supported on pre-cast concrete blocks or wedges until the cradle or bedding concrete is placed. Concrete blocks or wedges used to temporarily support the pipe during placement of bedding or cradle shall be of a class of concrete equal to or stronger than that to be used in the bedding or cradle.
- b. Earth, Sand, or Gravel Bedding. The pipe shall be uniformly bedded throughout its entire length to the depth and in the manner specified on the drawings. The pipe shall be loaded sufficiently during backfilling around the sides to prevent displacement.

Perforated pipe shall be laid with the perforations down and oriented symmetrically about a vertical centerline. Perforations shall be clear of any obstructions when the pipe is laid.

Elliptical pipe and pipe with elliptical or quadrant reinforcement shall be laid so that the vertical axis, as indicated by markings on the pipe, is in a vertical position.

4. JOINTS

Pipe joints shall conform to the details shown on the drawings and to the requirements of Section 5 and 6 of this specification applicable to the type of joint specified. Except where unsealed joints are indicated, pipe joints shall be sound and watertight at the pressure specified.

5. JOINTING BELL AND SPIGOT PIPE

- a. Rubber Gasket Joint, Pressure Pipe. Just before the joint is connected the connecting surfaces of the spigot and the bell or coupling band, sleeve or collar shall be thoroughly cleaned and dried, and the rubber gasket and the inside surface of bell or coupling band, sleeve or collar shall be lubricated with a light film of soft vegetable soap compound (flax soap). The rubber gasket shall be stretched uniformly as it is placed in the spigot groove to insure a uniform volume of rubber around the circumference of the pipe.

Method 1 The joint shall be connected by means of a pulling or jacking force so applied to the pipe that the spigot enters squarely into the bell.

Method 2 The joint shall be connected in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Use with Either Method. When the spigot has been seated to within 1/2 inch of its final position, the position of the gasket in the joint shall be checked around the entire circumference of the pipe by means of metal feeler gauge. In any case where the gasket is found to be displaced, the joint shall be disengaged and properly reconnected. After the proper position of the gasket has been

confirmed, the spigot shall be completely pulled into the bell and the section of the pipe shall be adjusted to line and grade.

- b. Rubber Gasket Joints, Sewer and Culvert Pipe or Irrigation Pipe. The pipe shall be joined in accordance with the gasket manufacturer's recommendations except as otherwise specified.
- c. Mastic Sealed Joints. At the time of assembly the inside surfaces of the bell and the outside surfaces of the spigot shall be clean, dry and primed as recommended by the manufacturer of the sealing compound. A closely twisted gasket of joint packing of the diameter required to support the spigot at the proper grade and to make the joint concentric shall be made in one piece of sufficient length to pass around the pipe and lap at the top. The gasket shall be laid in the bell throughout the lower third of the circumference. The end of the spigot shall be laid in the bell throughout the lower third of the circumference. The end of the spigot shall be laid on the gasket and the spigot shall be fully inserted into the bell so that the pipe sections are closely fitted and aligned. The gasket then shall be lapped at the top of the pipe and thoroughly packed into the annular space between the bell and the spigot.
 - (1) Hot-Pour Joint Sealer. The sealing compound shall be heated to within the temperature range recommended by the manufacturer and shall not be overheated or subjected to prolonged heating. After the joint is assembled, with the pipe in its final location, a suitable joint runner shall be placed around the joint with an opening left at the top. Molten sealing compound shall be poured into the joint as rapidly as possible without entrapping air until the annular space between bell and spigot is completely filled. After the compound has set, the runner may be removed. Alternate joints may be poured before the pipe is lowered into the trench. In this case, the joint shall be poured with the pipe in a vertical position without the use of the runner. The compound shall have thoroughly set before the pipe is placed in the trench, and the pipe handled so as to cause no deformation of the joint during placement.
 - (2) Cold-Applied Sealing Compound. The annular space between bell and spigot shall be completely filled with the sealing compound. The compound shall be mixed on the job in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and in relatively small quantities so that setting will not be appreciable before application.
 - (3) Preformed Sealing Compound. Joint packing will not be required, except as recommended by the manufacturer of the sealing compound. Preformed strips or bands of the sealing compound shall be applied to the bell and spigot prior to assembly of the joint in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Any compound extruded from the interior side of the joint during assembly shall be trimmed even with the interior surface of the pipe.

d. Cement Mortar Sealed Joints. Cement mortar for joints shall consist of one part by weight of portland cement and two parts by weight of fine sand with enough water added to produce a workable consistency. At the time of assembly the inside surface of the bell and the outside surface of the spigot shall be clean and moist.

(1) With Packing. A closely twisted gasket of joint packing of the diameter required to support the spigot at the proper grade and to make the joint concentric shall be made in one piece of sufficient length to pass around the pipe and lap at the top. The gasket shall be saturated with neat cement grout, laid in the bell throughout the lower third of the circumference and covered with mortar. The end of the spigot shall be fully inserted into the bell so that the pipe sections are closely fitted and aligned. A small amount of mortar shall be placed in the annular space throughout the upper two-thirds of the circumference. The gasket then shall be lapped at the top of the pipe and thoroughly packed into the annular space between the bell and the spigot. The remainder of the annular space then shall be filled completely with mortar and beveled off at an angle of approximately forty-five (45) degrees with the outside of the bell. If the mortar is not sufficiently stiff to prevent appreciable slump before setting, the outside of the joint thus made shall be wrapped with cheesecloth. After the mortar has set slightly, the joint shall be wiped inside the pipe. In pipe too small for a person to work inside, wiping may be done by dragging an approved swab through the pipe as the work progresses.

(2) Without Packing. The lower portion of the bell shall be filled with stiff mortar of sufficient thickness to make the inner surface of the abutting sections flush. The spigot end of the pipe to be joined shall be fully inserted into the bell so that the sections are closely fitted and aligned. The remaining annular space between the bell and spigot shall then be filled with mortar and the mortar neatly beveled off at an angle of approximately forty-five (45) degrees with the outside of the bell. After the mortar has set slightly, the joint shall be wiped inside the pipe. In pipe too small for a person to work inside, wiping may be done by dragging and approved swab through the pipe as the work progresses.

e. Unsealed Joints. When unsealed joints are specified, they shall conform to the details shown on the drawings.

6. JOINTING TONGUE AND GROOVE PIPE

a. Cement Mortar Sealed Joint. Mortar shall be as specified for bell and spigot joints. The tongue end of the section being placed shall be covered with mortar and firmly pressed into the groove of the laid section in such manner that the tongue fits snugly and truly in the groove and that mortar is squeezed out both on the interior and exterior of the joint. Care shall be taken that no mortar falls from the groove end during the abutting operation. Immediately after the pipe sections have been abutted, exposed external surface mortar shall be pressed into the

joint and any excess mortar removed, after which the interior surface of the joint shall be carefully pointed and brushed smooth, and all surplus mortar removed.

- b. Mastic Sealed Joints. Strips or bands of preformed sealing compound shall be applied to the tongue and groove prior to assembly of the joint in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Any compound extruded from the interior side of the joint during assembly shall be trimmed even with the interior surface of the pipe.
- c. Rubber Gasket Joints. The pipe shall be joined in accordance with the gasket manufacturer's recommendations except as otherwise specified.
- d. Unsealed Joints. When unsealed joints are specified, they shall conform to the details shown on the drawings.

7. BANDING

When external mortar bands are specified, they shall conform to the details shown on the drawings.

8. CURING MORTAR JOINTS AND BANDS

The external surfaces of mortar joints shall be covered with moist earth, sand, canvas, burlap or other approved materials and shall be kept moist for 10-days or until the pipe is backfilled. Earth backfilling operations shall not begin until 24-hours after joints are finished.

Water shall not be turned into the conduit within 24 hours after the joints are finished. Hydrostatic pressure shall not be applied to the conduit prior to 14 days after the joints are finished.

9. PRESSURE TESTING

Method 1 Pressure testing of the completed conduit will not be required.

Method 2 Prior to the placement of concrete or earth backfill around the conduit, the conduit shall be tested for leaks in the following manner: The ends of the conduits shall be plugged and a standpipe with a minimum diameter of two (2) inches shall be attached to the upstream plug. The conduit shall be braced at each end to prevent slippage. The conduit and the standpipe shall be filled with water. The water level in the standpipe shall be maintained a minimum of 10 feet above the invert of the upstream end of the conduit for a period of not less than two hours. Any leaks shall be repaired and the conduit shall be re-tested as described above. The procedure shall be repeated until the conduit is watertight.

Method 3 Prior to the placement of concrete or earth fill around the conduit, the conduit shall be tested at the specified test pressure for a period of at least 2 hours.

Any leaks shall be repaired and the conduit shall be re-tested. The procedure shall be repeated until the conduit is watertight.

Method 4 Prior to the placement of concrete or earth backfill around the conduit joint to be tested, the joint shall be tested in accordance to ASTM C 1103, *Standard Practice for Joint Acceptance Testing of Installed Pre-cast Concrete Pipe Sewer Lines*. Any joints showing leaks shall be re-laid or repaired and the joint shall be re-tested. The procedure shall be repeated until the joint passes the test.

For Methods 2, 3, and 4 The pipe joints shall show no leakage. Damp spots developing on the surface of the pipe will not be considered as leaks.

10. MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

Method 1 For items of work for which specific unit prices are established in the contract, the quantity of each kind, size, and class of pipe or tile will be determined to the nearest 0.1 foot by measurement of the laid length along the invert centerline of the conduit. Payment for each kind, size, and class of pipe or tile will be made at the contract unit price for that kind, size, and class. Such payment will constitute full compensation for furnishing, transporting and installing the pipe or tile complete in place.

Method 2 For items of work for which specific unit prices are established in the contract, the quantity of each kind, size, and class of pipe or tile will be determined as the sum of the nominal laying lengths of the sections used. Payment for each kind, size, and class of pipe or tile will be determined as the sum of the nominal laying lengths of the sections used. Payment for each kind, size, and class of pipe or tile will be made at the contract unit price for that kind, size, and class. Such payment will constitute full compensation for furnishing, transporting and installing the pipe or tile complete in place.

All Methods The following provisions apply to all methods of measurement and payment. Compensation for any item of work described in the contract but not listed in the bid schedule will be included in the payment for the item of work to which it is made subsidiary. Such items and the items to which they are made subsidiary are identified in Section 11 of this specification.