

MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SPECIAL PROVISION
FOR
CURING CONCRETE PAVEMENT SURFACES

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a. Description. This work sets forth requirements for curing horizontal and vertical surfaces of the concrete pavement. All work will be in accordance with the standard specifications, except as modified herein.

Curing requirements for temporary concrete pavements are not covered by this special provision and will be in accordance with the standard specifications.

b. Materials. Curing materials are specified in subsection 903.06.A of the Standard Specifications for Construction.

c. Construction. For concrete pavements other than temporary applications the following requirements apply.

1. Curing. Curing operations will take precedence over texturing in accordance with subsection 602.03.K of the Standard Specifications for Construction.

Include details for the operation and oversight of curing in the approved Quality Control (QC) plan.

The curing period will commence immediately after application of curing compound and must be continuously maintained until the pavement concrete attains the opening to traffic flexural strength.

Use the fully-automatic, self-propelled mechanical atomizing power sprayer approved by the Engineer to apply the curing compound. Operate the equipment to direct the curing compound onto the surface from two different lateral directions. Do not allow the sprayer to ride on the pavement surface. Ensure the sprayer covers the entire pavement horizontal and vertical surfaces with no puddling, dripping, or non-uniform application occurs.

A foot bridge, or other means, may be used to apply curing compound for concrete pavements and shoulders less than 24 feet wide. Ensure the atomizing mechanical sprayer is capable of uniformly applying the curing compound at the specified rate, as described in this special provision.

Do not commence concrete paving until it is demonstrated to the Engineer that the curing materials and personnel are on site and the curing equipment is fully operational.

Maintain a thoroughly mixed curing compound in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Do not dilute curing compound.

Protect curing compounds from freezing before application.

Temporarily suspend paving operations if it is observed that the curing operations are not in conformance with specification requirements. Resume paving only after action has been taken to correct deficiencies and it has been demonstrated that the corrective action will ensure contract compliance moving forward.

2. Time of Application. Place the curing compound within 30 minutes of screeding and floating the fresh concrete pavement surface or within 15 minutes after the sheen from bleed water has dissipated, whichever is greater. Where applicable, apply the second coat after the first coat dries, but do not allow more than 2 hours between coats. Temporarily suspend paving operations if it is observed that the maximum time limitations between finishing and curing, described above, have been exceeded. Place the curing compound on the edges within 30 minutes after permanent removal of curing blankets. If fixed forms are removed within 7 days after concrete placement, coat the sides of the pavement with curing compound after removing the forms. Manually operated pressure-type sprayers may be used to coat the sides of formed pavement with curing compound, as approved by the Engineer.

3. Rate of Application. Apply one coat of curing compound at a minimum application rate of 1 gallon per 16 square yards on non-grooved surfaces and two coats at a minimum application rate of 1 gallon per 25 square yards for each coat on grooved surfaces. For grooved surfaces, apply the first coat within the required time of application, described above.

4. Uniformity of Application. Apply curing compound homogeneously to provide a uniform, solid, white opaque coverage on all exposed concrete surfaces (equal to a white sheet of typing paper). Immediately reapply curing compound to surfaces damaged by rain, tracking of the joint saw, Contractor foot traffic, or other activities. If the Engineer determines that the initial or corrective spraying results in unsatisfactory curing, the Engineer may require the Contractor to use the blanket curing method, at no additional cost to the Department.

Replace concrete showing damage due to inadequate curing, at no additional cost to the Department.

5. Protection from Cold Weather. If using cold-weather protection during the curing period, curing compound may be temporarily omitted, if approved by the Engineer.

Protect the concrete pavement from freezing for the entire curing period. Application of curing compound at the minimum rate specified in section c of this special provision is then required immediately after removal of cold-weather protection. Remove and replace concrete slabs damaged by cold weather, as directed by the Engineer, at no additional cost to the Department.

d. Acceptance. Pavement surfaces not in compliance with the curing requirements described in this special provision will be subject to a price adjustment (ADJ). A unit of pavement representing the area for price adjustment (ADJ) will include the entire width of concrete placement times the length of concrete that is not in compliance, as determined by the Engineer. Acceptance will be based on conformance with the time of application, rate of application, and uniformity of application described in section c of this special provision. One or more of the following criteria will warrant price adjustment (ADJ) for a unit of pavement.

1. Time of Application. Price adjustment (ADJ) will apply to all concrete surfaces not

receiving timely application of curing compound, irrespective of conformance with the rate or uniformity criteria.

2. Rate of Application. Price adjustment (ADJ) will apply to concrete surfaces not receiving the specified rate of curing compound within the specified time of application.

3. Uniformity of Application. Price adjustment (ADJ) will apply to concrete surfaces not uniformly coated at the minimum rate of application within the specified time of application.

ADJ = minus one dollar (- \$1.00) per square yard of finished concrete surface.

Positive price adjustment (ADJ) does not apply.

e. Measurement and Payment. All costs associated with this work will be included in the respective concrete pavement items.

Price adjustment (ADJ) described in section d of this special provision will apply to the respective concrete pavement item.