

MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
  
SPECIAL PROVISION  
FOR  
**SPAN WIRE TETHER**

SIG:EMS

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**a. Description.** This work consists of furnishing and installing hardware, connector hangers, fittings, stabilizer bar, pole clamps, tri-stud and 2 nested extension plates, 22 inches minimum length associated stainless steel fasteners and a span wire tether.

Bottom tether or top tether traffic signal heads as shown on plans or as directed by the Engineer.

**b. Materials.** Furnish material meeting the requirements of sections 818, 820, and 921 of the Standard Specifications for Construction.

1. Furnish tether span wire that is 1/4 inch nominal diameter for spans without tie-offs or with tie-offs, extra high-strength grade, 7-strand, galvanized, Class A, zinc-coated steel meeting the requirements of *ASTM A475*. Maintain clearance of 17 feet over roadway.
2. Ensure pole clamps, turnbuckle, tether wire to breakaway link connection, and all other components in the load path from the wire to the pole are galvanized steel.
3. Ensure the bull ring, galvanized or stainless, can resist a single pull load of 10,800 pounds minimum. Ensure breakaway link breaks at 3,325 pounds.
4. Materials will be accepted based on certification and visual inspection.

**c. Construction.** Complete this work in accordance with sections 818, 820 and 921 of the Standard Specification for Construction, as shown on the plans, and as directed by the Engineer.

Where installation is specified, install the span wire tether on existing or new signal head(s) at location(s) shown on the plans. Furnish, install, remove, or install on the project, a span wire tether, as shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

**d. Measurement and Payment.** The completed work, as described, will be measured and paid for at the contract unit price using the following pay item:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Span Wire Tether .....	Each