



Bridge Factors Factual Report Attachment 49 – FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Division II – Construction Details, Structures, dated January 2015

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400-8 Seals.

400-8.1 General: Wherever practicable, dewater all foundation excavations, and deposit the concrete in the dry as defined in 455-15.2. Where conditions are encountered which render it impracticable to dewater the foundation before placing concrete, the Engineer may authorize the construction of a concrete foundation seal of the required size. Then, dewater the foundation, and place the balance of the concrete in the dry.

When required to place seal concrete, the Contractor is responsible for the satisfactory performance of the seal in providing a watertight excavation for placing structural concrete. The Department will provide and pay for the seal concrete as an aid to the construction of the structure. Repair seal concrete as necessary to perform its required function at no expense to the Department.

400-8.2 Method of Placing: Carefully place concrete deposited under water in the space in which it is to remain by means of a tremie, a closed-bottom dump bucket of not less than 1 cubic yard capacity, or other approved method. Do not disturb the concrete after depositing it. Deposit all seal concrete in one continuous placement. Do not place any concrete in running water, and ensure that all form work designed to retain concrete under water is watertight.

400-8.3 Use of Tremie: Use a tremie consisting of a tube having a minimum inside diameter of 10 inches, constructed in sections having water-tight joints. Do not allow any aluminum parts to have contact with the concrete. Ensure that the discharge end is entirely seated at all times, and keep the tremie tube full to the bottom of the hopper. When dumping a batch into the hopper, keep the tremie slightly raised (but not out of the concrete at the bottom) until the batch discharges to the bottom of the hopper. Stop the flow by lowering the tremie. Support the tremie such as to permit the free movement of the discharge end over the entire top surface of the work and to permit its being lowered rapidly when necessary to choke off or retard the flow. Provide a continuous, uninterrupted flow until completing the work. Exercise special care to maintain still water at the point of deposit.

400-8.4 Time of Beginning Pumping: Do not commence pumping to dewater a sealed cofferdam until the seal has set sufficiently to withstand the hydrostatic pressure, and in no case earlier than 72 hours after placement of the concrete.

400-9 Construction Joints.

400-9.1 Location: Make construction joints only at locations shown in the plans or in the placement schedule, unless otherwise approved in writing. If not detailed in the plans or placement schedule, or in case of emergency, place construction joints as directed.

400-9.2 Provisions for Bond and Transmission of Shear: Use shear key reinforcement where necessary to transmit shear or to bond the two sections together.

400-9.3 Preparations of Surfaces: Before depositing new concrete on or against concrete which has hardened, re-tighten the forms. Roughen the surface of the hardened concrete in a manner that will not leave loosened particles, aggregate, or damaged concrete at the surface. Thoroughly clean the surface of foreign matter and laitance, and saturate it with water.

400-9.4 Placing Concrete: Continuously place concrete from joint to joint. Carefully finish the face edges of all joints which are exposed to view true to line and elevation.

400-9.5 Joints in Sea Water or Brackish Water: For concrete placed in sea water or brackish water, do not place any construction joints between points 2 feet below the mean low water elevation and 6 feet above the mean high water elevation.

coating by pressure washing prior to the application of coating. Use pressure washing equipment producing a minimum working pressure of 2,500 psi when measured at or near the nozzle. Do not damage or gouge uncoated concrete surfaces or previously coated concrete surfaces during cleaning operations. Remove all previously applied coating that is no longer adhering to the concrete or that is peeling, flaking or delaminating. Ensure that after the pressure wash cleaning and the removal of non-adherent coating, that the cleaned surfaces are free of efflorescence, grime, mold, mildew, oil or any other contaminants that might prevent proper adhesion of the new coating. After cleaning has been successfully completed, apply Class 5 Applied Finish Coating in accordance with 400-15.2.6 or as otherwise specified in the Plans.

400-20 Approach Slabs.

Construct approach slabs at the bridge ends in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 350 using Class II (Bridge Deck) concrete. Place the reinforcement as specified in 350-7 and Section 415.

The approach slab may be opened to traffic, vehicular or construction equipment, 14 days after concrete placement or after the prescribed curing period has elapsed and the concrete has attained the required 28 day cylinder strength.

400-21 Disposition of Cracked Concrete.

400-21.1 General: The disposition of cracked concrete is described in this Article and applies to all cast-in-place concrete members, and once installed, to the precast and prestressed concrete members that are produced in accordance with 410, 450, 521, 534, 548 and 641.

400-21.2 Investigation, Documentation and Monitoring: The Engineer will inspect concrete surfaces as soon as surfaces are fully visible after casting, with the exception of surfaces of precast concrete products produced in offsite plants, between 7 and 31 days after the component has been burdened with full dead load, and a minimum of 7 days after the bridge has been opened to full unrestricted traffic. The Engineer will measure the width, length and depth of each crack and establish the precise location of the crack termination points relative to permanent reference points on the member. The Engineer will determine if coring of the concrete is necessary when an accurate measurement of crack depth cannot be determined by use of a mechanical probe. The Engineer will monitor and document the growth of individual cracks at an inspection interval determined by the Engineer to determine if cracks are active or dormant after initial inspection. The Engineer will perform all final bridge deck crack measurements once the deck is free of all debris and before transverse grooves are cut and after planing is complete for decks that require planing.

Provide the access, equipment and personnel needed for the Engineer to safely perform this work at no expense to the Department. Core cracks for use by the Engineer in locations and to depths specified by the Engineer at no expense to the Department.

400-21.3 Classification of Cracks: The Engineer will classify cracks as either nonstructural or structural and determine the cause. In general, nonstructural cracks are cracks 1/2 inch or less deep from the surface of the concrete; however, the Engineer may determine that a crack greater than 1/2 inch deep is nonstructural. In general, structural cracks are cracks that extend deeper than 1/2 inch. As an exception, all cracks in concrete bridge decks that are supported by beams or girders will be classified as nonstructural and repair will be in accordance with 400-21.5.1. However, if the Engineer determines that repair under 400-21.5.1 is unacceptable, repair in accordance with 400-21.5.2.

A crack that is fully or partially underwater at any time during its service life will be classified as a structural crack unless the Environment note on the General Notes sheet in the plans categorizes the substructure as slightly aggressive, in which case, the nonstructural crack criteria may apply as determined by the Engineer.

Review and comment on the Engineer's crack classification; however, the Engineer will make the final determination.

400-21.4 Nonstructural Cracking Significance: The Engineer will determine the Cracking Significance. The Cracking Significance will be determined on the basis of total crack surface area as a percentage of total concrete surface area. Cracking significance will be categorized as Isolated, Occasional, Moderate or Severe according to the criteria in Tables 1 and 2. Cracking Significance will be determined on a LOT by LOT basis. A LOT will typically be made up of not more than 100 square feet and not less than 25 square feet of concrete surface area for structures other than bridge decks or typically not more than 400 square feet or not less than 100 square feet for bridge decks. A LOT will not extend beyond a single Elevation Range as shown in Table 1 or 2.

Review and comment on the Engineer's determination of Cracking Significance; however, the Engineer will make the final determination.

400-21.5 Repair Method: Repair or remove and replace cracked concrete as directed by the Engineer. Additional compensation or a time extension will not be approved for repair or removal and replacement of cracked concrete when the Engineer determines the cause to be the responsibility of the Contractor.

400-21.5.1 Nonstructural Cracks: Repair each crack using the method as determined by the Engineer for each LOT in accordance with Table 1 or 2. When further investigation is required to determine repair or rejection, either remove and replace the cracked concrete or provide a structural evaluation signed and sealed by the Contractor's Engineer of Record that includes recommended repair methods and a determination of structural capacity and durability to the Engineer. Upon approval by the Engineer, repair the cracked concrete. Upon approval by the Engineer use epoxy injection in accordance with Section 411 to repair cracks in a member inside a dry cofferdam prior to flooding of the cofferdam. "Reject and Replace" in Table 1 or 2 means there is no acceptable repair method.

400-21.5.2 Structural Cracks: Provide a structural evaluation signed and sealed by the Contractor's Engineer of Record that includes recommended repair methods and a determination of structural capacity and durability to the Engineer. Upon approval by the Engineer, repair the cracked concrete. Complete all repairs to cracks in a member inside a cofferdam prior to flooding the cofferdam.