

State of Illinois  
Department of Transportation  
Division of Aeronautics

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**POLICY MEMORANDUM**

January 1, 2004

Springfield, Illinois

Number 97-2

TO: CONSULTING ENGINEERS

SUBJECT: PAVEMENT MARKING PAINT ACCEPTANCE

I. SCOPE

The purpose of this policy memorandum is to define the procedure for acceptance of pavement marking paint.

II. RESIDENT ENGINEER'S DUTIES

The Resident Engineer shall follow the acceptance procedure outlined as follows:

- A. Require the painting contractor to furnish the name of the paint manufacturer and the batch number proposed for use prior to beginning work. Notify the I.D.A. Materials Certification Engineer when this information is available.
- B. Require the manufacturer's certification before painting begins. Check the certification for compliance to the contract specifications.
  1. The certification shall be issued from the manufacturer and shall include the specification and the batch number.
  2. The paint containers shall have the manufacturer's name, the specification and the batch number matching the certification.
- C. If no batch number is indicated on the certification or containers, sample the paint according to the procedure for the corresponding paint type.
- D. If the I.D.A. Engineer of Materials indicates that batch number has not been previously sampled and tested, sample the paint according to the procedure for the corresponding paint type. The Division of Aeronautics will provide paint cans upon request by the Resident Engineer. Samples will only be taken in new epoxy lined cans so that the paint will not be contaminated. It is important to seal the sample container immediately with a tight cover to prevent the loss of volatile solvents.

Mark the sample cans with the paint color, manufacturer's name, and batch number. The paint samples and manufacturer's certification shall be placed in the mail within 24 hours after sampling. Address the samples to the Materials Certification Engineer at:

Illinois Department of Transportation  
Division of Aeronautics  
One Langhorne Bond Drive  
Springfield, Illinois 62707

Sampling Procedures for Each Paint Type:

1. Waterborne or Solvent Base Paints
  - a. Take the paint sample from the spray nozzle when the contractor begins marking. A sample consists of two one-pint cans taken per batch number.
  - b. Be sure to indicate to the contractor that acceptance of material is based upon a passing test of the paint material.
  
2. Epoxy Paint
  - a. Take separate one-pint samples of each paint component prior to marking. Before drawing samples, the contents of each component's container must be thoroughly mixed to make certain that any settled portion is fully dispersed. **Do not combine the two components or sample from the spray nozzle.**
  - b. Be sure to indicate to the contractor that acceptance of material is based upon a passing test of the paint material.

III. TESTING

The paint will be tested for acceptance by the IDOT Bureau of Materials and Physical Research for conformance to the contract specifications.

Steven J. Long, P.E.  
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