



Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

To: Regional Engineers
From: Jack A. Elston 
Subject: Special Provision for Portland Cement Concrete Pavement Patching
Date: April 17, 2020

This special provision was developed by the Central Bureau of Materials to allow Class PP-1 patches to be opened to traffic at the same opening strengths as the other Classes of PP concrete. It also updates rapid hardening cement in accordance with ASTM C 1600 without compromising the strength needs for Class PP-4 concrete.

This special provision should be inserted into contracts requiring Pavement Patching, Class A Patches, Class B Patches or Class C Patches.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the July 31, 2020 and subsequent lettings. The Project Coordination and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory April 17, 2020.

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PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT PATCHING (BDE)

Effective: July 1, 2020

Revise Article 701.17(e)(3)b. of the Standard Specifications to read:

- “b. Strength Tests. For patches constructed with Class PP-1, PP-2, PP-3, PP-4, or PP-5 concrete, the pavement may be opened to traffic when test specimens have obtained a minimum flexural strength of 250 psi (1725 kPa) or a minimum compressive strength of 1600 psi (11,000 kPa) according to Article 1020.09. However, the concrete mixture shall obtain a minimum flexural strength of 600 psi (4150 kPa) or a minimum compressive strength of 3200 psi (22,100 kPa) in the time specified in Table 1 of Article 1020.04.

With the approval of the Engineer, concrete strength may be determined according to Illinois Modified AASHTO T 325.”

Revise Article 1001.01(d) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(d) Rapid Hardening Cement. Rapid hardening cement shall be used according to Article 1020.04 or when approved by the Engineer. The cement shall be on the Department’s qualified product list, and shall be according to ASTM C 1600 in addition to the following.

- (1) The cement shall have a minimum final set of 10 minutes, according to Illinois Modified AASHTO T 131.
- (2) The cement shall have a minimum compressive strength of 2000 psi (13,800 kPa) at 3.0 hours, 3200 psi (22,100 kPa) at 6.0 hours, and 4000 psi (27,600 kPa) at 24.0 hours, according to Illinois Modified AASHTO T 106.
- (3) The cement shall have a maximum drying shrinkage of 0.07 percent at 28 days, according to Illinois Modified ASTM C 596.
- (4) The cement shall have a maximum expansion of 0.04 percent at 14 days, according to Illinois Modified ASTM C 1038.”

Revise the first paragraph of Article 1020.05(b)(5) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(5) For Class PP-4 concrete, a high range water-reducing admixture shall be used in addition to the air-entraining admixture. The Contractor has the option to use a water-reducing admixture with the high range water-reducing admixture. An accelerator shall not be used. A mobile portland cement concrete plant shall be used to produce the patching mixture.”