

All Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for Glare Screen

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Safety Engineering and the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research to update the specifications and eliminate the list of producers for glare screens. These revisions replace Sections 638 and 1085, and Check Sheet #22 in their entireties.

It should be inserted in contracts using glare screens.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the January 17, 2014 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory September 27, 2013.

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GLARE SCREEN (BDE)

Effective: January 1, 2014

Replace Section 638 of the Standard Specifications with the following:

“SECTION 638. GLARE SCREEN

638.01 Description. This work shall consist of furnishing and constructing permanent glare screens, consisting of concrete glare screens or a modular glare screen system, mounted on concrete medians; or furnishing, installing, maintaining, and removing a temporary modular glare screen system on top of temporary concrete barriers.

638.02 Materials. Materials shall be according to the following.

Item	Article/Section
(a) Portland Cement Concrete (Note 1)	1020
(b) Reinforcement Bars	1006.10
(c) Modular Glare Screen System	1085
(d) Nonshrink Grout	1024.02
(e) Chemical Adhesive	1027

Note 1. Concrete shall be Class SI concrete.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

638.03 Modular Glare Screen System. The modular glare screen system shall be installed according to the details shown on the plans and according to the manufacturer's specifications. The same size and type of modules shall be used throughout the project. The modules shall be installed along the top of the concrete barrier, and centered across the width. The maximum length and width of the base rails or modules shall not exceed the dimensions of the top of the individual concrete barrier sections. Base rails or modules shall be placed true to line and shall be firmly attached to the concrete barrier with the type, size, and number of anchor studs, bolts, or self-tapping screws as specified by the manufacturer. Anchor studs, bolts, or self-tapping screws shall be at least 3 in. (75 mm) from contraction, expansion, or construction joints in the barrier. The base rails or modules shall not extend over the joints between the concrete barrier sections. The base rails or modules shall be installed so the combination of glare screen blade width and spacing provide for a minimum 22 degree sight cut-off angle or as shown on the plans.

The Contractor shall load test four percent of all anchor studs, bolts, or self-tapping screws in the presence of the Engineer. The equipment and method used shall meet the approval of the Engineer. The minimum test load shall be 4000 lb (18 kN) in direct pull. For each anchor that fails the test requirement, two more anchor studs, bolts, or self-tapping screws picked by the Engineer, shall be tested. Each anchor stud, bolt, or self-tapping screw that fails to meet the

test requirement shall be reset, or removed and the hole drilled deeper and reset, and retested until it meets the test requirements.

When the modules are used for temporary application, the Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining the modules or parts, and shall replace damaged blades or modules with the same size and type as those used throughout the project.

All construction operations whether for permanent or temporary application shall be performed on one side of the concrete barrier. Any damage done to the concrete barrier by the Contractor's operation shall be repaired.

638.04 Concrete Glare Screen. Concrete glare screen shall be constructed according to the applicable portions of Section 637.

When concrete glare screen is constructed on an existing concrete barrier, the vertical reinforcement bars shall be anchored in place in drilled holes in the barrier with nonshrink grout or chemical adhesive. Joints in the concrete glare screen shall be a continuation of joints in the existing concrete barrier and shall be of the same configurations. In addition, if there is a crack in the barrier that is working as a joint, a joint shall be placed over it in the glare screen and the reinforcement shall be cut.

When concrete glare screen is constructed on new concrete barrier, it may be constructed integrally with the barrier. Joints in the glare screen shall be according to Article 637.08.

638.05 Method of Measurement. Glare screen modules will be measured for payment in feet (meters) in place, along the centerline of the modules.

Concrete glare screen will be measured for payment in feet (meters) in place, along the centerline of the concrete glare screen.

638.06 Basis of Payment. Glare screen modules will be paid for at the contract unit price per foot (meter) for MODULAR GLARE SCREEN SYSTEM, PERMANENT; and/or MODULAR GLARE SCREEN SYSTEM, TEMPORARY.

The work of constructing concrete glare screen will be paid for at the contract unit price per foot (meter) for CONCRETE GLARE SCREEN.”

Replace Section 1085 of the Standard Specifications with the following:

“SECTION 1085. MODULAR GLARE SCREEN SYSTEM

1085.01 Description. The modular glare screen system shall be according to the following.

(a) Glare Screen Blades. The glare screen blades shall be constructed of durable, impact resistant, polymeric material meeting the following requirements.

- (1) Wall thickness of the blades shall be 0.10 in. (2.5 mm) minimum, except at corners where it shall be 0.06 in. (1.5 mm) minimum.
 - (2) Specific gravity of the blade walls shall be 0.89 minimum as determined by ASTM D 792.
 - (3) The blades shall be green in color.
 - (4) The blades shall withstand a sharp bend test (90 degree bend without mandrel) at 0 °F (-18 °C) without cracking.
- (b) Base Plates and Rails. Base plates and rails shall be according to the following.
- (1) Polymeric Base Plate and Rails. Polymeric base plate and rails shall meet the same specific gravity and tensile requirements as the glare screen blades.
 - (2) Metal Base Plates and Rails. Metal base plates and rails shall be according to ASTM A 36 (A 36M) and shall be galvanized according to AASHTO M 111 after fabrication.
- (c) Anchor Studs, Bolts, or Self-Tapping Screws. Anchor studs, bolts, or self tapping screws, with nuts, flat washers, or lock washers, shall be as specified by the manufacturer and shall be galvanized or stainless steel according to Article 1006.29.”