

## **10-1. POLYESTER CONCRETE OVERLAY**

This work shall include furnishing, testing, and application of methacrylate resin prime coat and polyester concrete overlay as shown on the plans and as specified in these special provisions.

Before starting deck overlay work, the Contractor shall submit plans in conformance with Section 5-1.02, "Plans and Working Drawings," of the Standard Specifications and these special provisions for the following:

- A. Public safety plan for the use of methacrylate resin and polyester concrete
- B. Placement plan for the construction operation

The plans shall identify materials, equipment, and methods to be used.

The public safety plan for the use of methacrylate resin and polyester concrete shall include details for the following:

- A. Shipping
- B. Storage
- C. Handling
- D. Disposal of residual methacrylate resin, polyester concrete, and the containers

When overlay work is to be conducted within 100 feet of a residence, business, or public space, including sidewalks under a structure, the Contractor shall notify the public at least 7 days before starting work and monitor airborne emissions during the work. Public notification and monitoring of airborne emissions shall conform to the following:

- A. The public safety plan shall include a copy of the notification letter and a list of addresses and locations where the letter will be delivered and posted. The letter shall state the overlay work locations, dates, times, and what to expect. The letter shall be delivered to each residence and each business within 100 feet of the overlay work. The letter shall be delivered to local fire and police responders, and it shall be posted at the job site.
- B. The public safety plan shall include an airborne emissions monitoring plan prepared by a certified industrial hygienist and a copy of the hygienist's certification. Airborne emissions shall be monitored at a minimum of 4 points including the point of mixing, the point of application, and the point of nearest public contact, as determined by the Engineer. At the completion of overlay work, a report by the certified industrial hygienist with results of the airborne emissions monitoring plan shall be submitted to the Engineer.

The placement plan for construction shall include the following:

- A. Schedule of overlay work for each bridge. The schedule shall be consistent with "Maintaining Traffic" of these special provisions and shall include time for the Engineer to perform California Test 342.
- B. Methods and materials to be used, including the following:
  - 1. Description of equipment for applying the methacrylate resin
  - 2. Description of equipment for measuring, mixing, placing, and finishing the polyester concrete overlay
  - 3. Cure time for the polyester concrete
  - 4. Description of equipment for applying the sand

If the measures proposed in the safety plan are inadequate to provide for public safety associated with the use of methacrylate resin and polyester concrete, the Engineer will reject the plan and direct the Contractor to revise the plan. Directions for revisions will be in writing and include detailed comments. The Engineer will notify the Contractor of the approval or rejection of a submitted or revised plan within 15 days of receipt of that plan.

In the event the Engineer fails to complete the review within the time allowed, and if, in the opinion of the Engineer, completion of the work is delayed or interfered with by reason of the Engineer's delay in completing the review, the Contractor will be compensated for any resulting loss, and an extension of time will be granted, in the same manner as provided for in Section 8-1.09, "Right of Way Delays," of the Standard Specifications.

For projects where new portland cement concrete decks are cast-in-place, those new cast-in-place portland cement concrete decks shall conform to the provisions in Section 51-1.17, "Finish Bridge Decks," of the Standard Specifications before polyester deck overlay work is started.

For concrete decks that are existing before the start of the project, the smoothness of existing decks that are to be covered with polyester concrete overlay will be tested by the Engineer with a bridge profilograph. Changing the smoothness of these existing bridge decks will be as directed by the Engineer and will be paid for as extra work as provided in Section 4-1.03D, "Extra Work," of the Standard Specifications.

Before beginning polyester deck overlay work, the cast-in-place portland cement concrete deck surface shall be prepared as specified in "Prepare Concrete Bridge Deck Surface," "Remove Unsound Concrete," and "\_\_\_\_\_ " of these special provisions.

Completed polyester concrete deck overlay shall conform to the provisions in Section 51-1.17, "Finishing Bridge Decks," of the Standard Specifications.

## MATERIALS

Before using methacrylate resin and polyester concrete, a Material Safety Data Sheet shall be submitted for each shipment of methacrylate and polyester resins.

Before placing polyester concrete, the deck shall receive a methacrylate resin prime coat. Methacrylate resin shall be low odor, wax free, and have a high molecular weight. Before adding initiator, the resin shall have a maximum volatile content of 30 percent when tested in conformance with the requirements in ASTM Designation: D 2369, and shall conform to the following:

METHACRYLATE RESIN PRIME COAT		
PROPERTY	REQUIREMENT	TEST METHOD
* Viscosity	25 cP, maximum, (Brookfield RVT with UL adaptor, 50 RPM at 77°F)	ASTM D 2196
* Specific Gravity	0.90 minimum, at 77°F	ASTM D 1475
* Flash Point	180°F, minimum	ASTM D 3278
* Vapor Pressure	1.0 mm Hg, maximum, at 77°F	ASTM D 323
PCC Saturated Surface-Dry Bond Strength	3.5 MPa, minimum at 24 hours and 21 ± 1°C	California Test 551
* Test shall be performed before adding initiator.		

Polyester concrete shall consist of polyester resin binder and dry aggregate. The resin shall be an unsaturated isophthalic polyester-styrene co-polymer conforming to the following:

POLYESTER RESIN BINDER		
PROPERTY	REQUIREMENT	TEST METHOD
* Viscosity	75 to 200 cP (RVT, No. 1 Spindle, 20 RPM at 77°F)	ASTM D 2196
* Specific Gravity	1.05 to 1.10 at 77°F	ASTM D 1475
Elongation	35 percent, minimum Type I at 0.45 inch/min. Thickness = 0.25 ± 0.03 inch	ASTM D 638
	Sample Conditioning: 18/25/50 + 5/70	ASTM D 618
Tensile Strength	2500 psi, minimum Type I at 0.45 inch/min. Thickness = 0.25 ± 0.03 inch	ASTM D 638
	Sample Conditioning: 18/25/50 + 5/70	ASTM D 618
* Styrene Content	40 percent to 50 percent by weight	ASTM D 2369
Silane Coupler	1.0 percent, minimum (by weight) of polyester styrene resin)	
PCC Saturated Surface-Dry Bond Strength	3.5 MPa, minimum at 24 hours and 21 ± 1°C	California Test 551
* Static Volatile Emission	60 gram per square meter, loss, maximum	South Coast Air Quality Management District, Standard Method
* Test shall be performed before adding initiator.		

The silane coupler shall be an organosilane ester, gammamethacryloxypropyltrimethoxysilane. The promoter shall be compatible with suitable methyl ethyl ketone peroxide and cumene hydroperoxide initiators.

Aggregate for polyester concrete shall conform to the provisions in Section 90-2.02, "Aggregates," of the Standard Specifications and either of the following combined aggregate gradings:

COMBINED AGGREGATE		
Sieve Size	Percentage Passing	
	3/8 inch Max.	No. 4 Max.
1/2 inch	100	100
3/8 inch	83 - 100	100
No. 4	65 - 82	62 - 85
No. 8	45 - 64	45 - 67
No. 16	27 - 48	29 - 50
No. 30	12 - 30	16 - 36
No. 50	6 - 17	5 - 20
No. 100	0 - 7	0 - 7
No. 200	0 - 3	0 - 3

Aggregate retained on the No. 8 sieve shall have a maximum of 45 percent crushed particles when tested in conformance with California Test 205. Fine aggregate shall consist of natural sand.

The polyester resin binder in the concrete shall be approximately 12 percent by weight of the dry aggregate; the exact percentage will be determined by the Engineer.

The average of coarse and fine aggregate absorption shall not exceed one percent as determined by California Tests 206 and 207.

At the time of mixing with the resin, the moisture content of the aggregate, as determined by California Test 226, shall not exceed one half of the aggregate absorption.

## TESTING

The Contractor shall allow 20 days for sampling and testing by the Engineer of the methacrylate and polyester resins before proposed use. If bulk resin is to be used, the Contractor shall notify the Engineer in writing at least 15 days before the delivery of the bulk resin to the job site. Bulk resin is any resin stored in containers in excess of 55 gallons.

Before constructing the overlay, one or more trial overlays shall be placed on a previously constructed concrete base to determine the initial set time and to demonstrate the effectiveness of the methacrylate resin primecoat and also the polyester concrete mixing, placing, and finishing equipment. Each trial overlay shall be at least 12 feet wide, at least 6 feet long, and the same thickness as the overlay to be constructed. The trial overlay areas shall be within the project limits and at a location approved by the Engineer. Weather and pavement conditions during the test work shall be similar to those expected on the deck for production work. Equipment used for testing shall be similar to those used for deck overlay production work.

All materials used in the trial overlays, including the concrete base, shall become the property of the Contractor and shall be removed and disposed of in conformance with the provisions in Section 7-1.13, "Disposal of Material Outside the Right of Way," of the Standard Specifications.

## CONSTRUCTION

Equipment shall be fitted with suitable traps, filters, drip pans, or other devices as necessary to prevent oil or other deleterious material from being deposited on the deck.

Unsound concrete shall be repaired with the same polyester concrete materials specified within this section.26

Expansion joints shall be adequately isolated before overlaying or may be sawed within 4 hours after overlay placement, as approved by the Engineer. The exact time of sawing will be determined by the Engineer. Before applying the methacrylate resin prime coat, the area to receive the prime coat shall be dry and blown clean by compressed air to remove accumulated

dust and any other loose material. The prepared surface temperature shall be at least 40°F and not more than 100°F, and the relative humidity less than 85 percent when the prime coat is applied.

The prime coat shall be uniformly applied to completely cover the surface to receive the polyester concrete. The rate of spread shall be approximately \_\_\_\_\_ square feet per gallon.

Immediately after the prime coat has been applied, the polyester concrete overlay shall be placed.

Polyester concrete shall be mixed in mechanically operated mixers. The resin binder shall be initiated and thoroughly blended just before mixing with aggregate. The polyester concrete shall be mixed for a minimum of 2 minutes before placing. Mixer size shall be limited to a 9-cubic foot capacity, unless approved by the Engineer.

A continuous mixer, employing an auger screw/chute device, may be approved for use by the Engineer contingent on a demonstration that the device can consistently produce a satisfactory product. The continuous mixer shall (1) be equipped with a metering device that automatically measures and records the aggregate volumes and the corresponding resin volumes, and (2) have a readout gage, visible to the Engineer at all times, that displays the volumes being recorded. The volumes shall be recorded at no greater than 5 minute intervals along with the time and date of each recording. A printout of the recordings shall be furnished to the Engineer at the end of each workshift.

The amount of initiator used in polyester concrete shall be sufficient to produce an initial set time between 30 minutes and 120 minutes during placement. The initial set time will be determined by using an initial-setting time Gillmore needle in conformance with the requirements in ASTM Designation: C 266. Accelerators or inhibitors may be required to achieve proper set times and shall be used as recommended by the resin supplier.

Polyester concrete shall be placed before gelling and within 15 minutes following addition of initiator, whichever occurs first. Polyester concrete that is not placed within this time shall be discarded.

The finishing equipment shall be used to strike off the polyester concrete to the established grade and cross section. Finishing equipment shall be fitted with vibrators or other mechanisms capable of consolidating the polyester concrete to the required compaction.

The polyester concrete shall be consolidated to a relative compaction of not less than 97 percent in conformance with California Test 552.

The smoothness of the polyester concrete surface will be tested with a straightedge. The surface shall not vary by more than 0.02 feet from the lower edge of a 12 foot ± 0.2 feet long straightedge placed in any direction. Any surfaces that fail to conform to the above tolerance shall be ground in conformance with Section 42, "Groove and Grind Pavement" of the Standard Specifications until the above tolerance is met.

Polyester concrete surfaces shall receive an abrasive sand finish. The sand shall be commercial quality aggregate conforming to the quality and dryness requirements for polyester concrete aggregate as specified in these special provisions. A nominal aggregate gradation shall be 8 x 20.

The sand finish shall be uniformly applied immediately after overlay strike-off and before gelling occurs to provide a minimum uniform coverage of 0.8 pounds per square yard.

The surface texture of polyester concrete overlay surfaces shall be uniform and shall have a coefficient of friction of not less than 0.35 as measured by California Test 342. Portions of surfaces that do not meet the above provision shall be ground or grooved parallel to the centerline in conformance with the provisions of Section 42, "Groove and Grind Pavement," of the Standard Specifications until the above tolerance is met.

Traffic and equipment shall not be permitted on the overlay for a minimum of 2 hours following final finishing and a Schmidt Hammer reading of 24 or greater is achieved. Overlays shall be protected from moisture until the surface

The edges of the polyester concrete overlay shall be tapered when the overlay work is not completed within the allowable lane closure and the overlay is greater than 1/2 inch higher in elevation than the adjacent pavement. Edges that are transverse to the direction of traffic shall be tapered at a 20:1 (horizontal:vertical) slope, and edges that are longitudinal to the direction of traffic shall be tapered at a 4:1 (horizontal:vertical) slope. Tapers may remain and be overlaid with subsequent placement of polyester concrete overlay.

## **MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT**

Furnishing polyester concrete overlay will be measured by the cubic foot. The volume to be paid for will be determined from calculations based on the quantity of resin binder used, the percent by weight of resin binder in the polyester concrete, and a unit weight of 135 pcf. The Contractor shall furnish suitable measuring devices to assure correct proportioning of materials and accurate measurements for calculating payment quantities. The payment quantity shall be the calculated quantity of polyester concrete overlay used in the work, exclusive of material used in trial overlays and any wasted or unused material. When the plans show that unsound concrete patching material is polyester overlay, the payment quantity will include the patches.

Placing polyester concrete overlay will be measured by the square foot. The area to be paid for will be based on the dimensions shown on the plans.

The contract price paid per cubic foot for furnish polyester concrete overlay shall include full compensation for furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals, and for doing all the work involved in furnishing polyester concrete, including furnishing methacrylate resin prime coat and furnishing materials for trial overlays, as shown on the plans, as specified in the Standard Specifications and these special provisions, and as directed by the Engineer.

The contract price paid per square foot for placing polyester concrete overlay shall include full compensation for furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals, and for doing all the work involved in constructing the polyester concrete overlay, complete in place, including application of prime coat, constructing and disposing of trial overlays and base, but excluding airborne emissions monitoring work done by the certified industrial hygienist and notification of the public, as shown on the plans, as specified in the Standard Specifications and these special provisions, and as directed by the Engineer.

Full compensation for execution of the public safety plan, but excluding the airborne emissions monitoring work done by the certified industrial hygienist and notification of the public, shall be considered as included in the contract prices paid for the items of work involving polyester concrete overlay, and no additional compensation will be allowed therefor.

For polyester concrete overlay, airborne emissions monitoring with reporting done by the certified industrial hygienist and notification of the public will be paid for as extra work as provided in Section 4-1.03D, "Extra Work," of the Standard Specifications.