

4.8 CONCRETE WORK. This section defines the materials to be used and the requirements for mixing, placing, finishing and curing all Portland cement concrete work.

4.8.1. MATERIALS. Concrete materials shall conform to the following requirements.

4.8.1.1 PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE MATERIAL. Concrete shall be composed of coarse aggregate, fine aggregate, Portland Cement and water, air entrainment and add mixtures and shall conform to the requirements of this section. A concrete mix design shall be prepared by the supplier, certified by an independent testing lab and submitted to the City for review and approval prior to concrete being used in City projects.

A. **PORTLAND CEMENT.** ANSI/ASTM C 150, Type V, shall be used unless otherwise indicated, or approved by the City Engineer. Only one brand of cement shall be used throughout a project, unless otherwise approved by City's Representative. Certified copies of the mill test for the cement shall be furnished upon request of the City's Representative.

B. **AGGREGATE.** Except as otherwise specified herein, concrete aggregate shall conform to all applicable provisions of the latest revision of ASTM Standard Specification C 33.

B.1 Fine Aggregate. Fine aggregate shall consist of natural sand having clean, hard, durable, uncoated grains and shall conform to the requirements of these standards. Other inert materials with similar characteristics shall not be used unless approved by the City Engineer. The amount of deleterious substances shall not exceed the following limits.

**DELETERIOUS MATERIALS
MAXIMUMS**

MATERIAL	PERCENT (by weight)
Clay Lumps	1.00
Coal and lignite	0.50
Material passing No. 200 sieve	3.00
Other deleterious substances such as shale, alkali, mica, coated grains, soft and flaky particles, etc.	3.00
Gypsum	1.00

The combined sum of the percentage of all deleterious substances in fine aggregate listed above shall not exceed three percent by weight.

Fine aggregate shall be well graded and shall range in size from fine to coarse within the following percentages by weight:

FINE AGGREGATE GRADATION REQUIREMENTS

SIEVE SIZE	PERCENT PASSING (by weight)
3/8 inch	100
No. 4	95-100
No. 8	80-90
No. 16	50-75
No. 30	30-50
No. 50	10-20
No. 100	2-5

B.2 Coarse Aggregate. Coarse aggregate shall consist of crushed or natural stone, gravel, slag or other approved inert material with similar characteristics or combination thereof, having clean, hard, durable, uncoated particles free from deleterious matter. Deleterious substances shall not be present in the aggregate in excess of the following limits:

**COARSE AGGREGATE DELETERIOUS MATERIAL
MAXIMUMS**

MATERIAL	PERCENT (by weight)
Soft fragments	2.00
Coal and lignite	0.30
Clay Lumps	0.25
Material passing No. 200 sieve	1.00
Other deleterious substances such as shale, alkali, mica, coated grains, soft and flaky particles, etc.	3.00
Gypsum	1.00

The combined sum of the percentages of deleterious substances (in both coarse and fine aggregate), shall not exceed five percent, by weight.

Coarse aggregate shall be rejected if it fails to meet the following test requirements:

- a. Los Angeles Abrasion Test. If the percent of loss by weight exceeds ten percent at one hundred revolutions, or forty percent at five hundred revolutions.
- b. Sodium Sulfate Test for Soundness. If the weighted average loss after five cycles is more than twelve percent by weight.

c. Gradation. Coarse aggregate shall be graded by weights as follows:

**COURSE AGGREGATE GRADATION
REQUIREMENTS**

SIEVE SIZE	PERCENT PASSING (by weight)
1 inch	100
3/4 inch	90-100
3/8 inch	20-55
No. 4	0-10
No. 8	0-5

d. Aggregate Size. The maximum size of the aggregate shall be not be larger than one-fifth of the narrowest dimension between forms within which the concrete is to be encased, and in no case larger than three-fourths of the minimum clear spacing between reinforcing bars or between reinforcing bars and forms. For non-reinforced concrete slabs, the maximum size of aggregates shall not be larger than one-fourth the slab thickness.

C. WATER. Sufficient potable water shall be added to the mix to produce concrete with the minimum practical slump, the slump shall not be greater than four inches. However, a higher slump may be allowed with plasticizers, providing there is no loss of strength or durability and prior approval for use is obtained from the City's Representative.

The maximum permissible water-cement ratio (including free moisture in the aggregate) shall be five gallons per bag of cement (0.44) for Class A and five and three-quarter gallons per bag of cement (0.51) for Class C concrete.

D. ENTRAINING AGENT. An air-entraining agent shall be used in all concrete exposed to the weather. The agent shall conform to ASTM designation C 260. Air content for air-entrained concrete shall be five percent by volume (plus or minus one percent). The air-entraining agent shall be added as a liquid to the mixing water by means of mechanical equipment capable of accurate measurement and control.

E. ADMIXTURES

- E.1. **Pozzolan.** When authorized by the City Engineer, pozzolan conforming to the requirements of ASTM C 618 Class F may be added to the concrete mix as outlined below:
- a. Pozzolan may be used as a replacement to the required Portland Cement content provided no other supplemental specification prevents its use. The maximum percentage of Portland Cement replacement on a weight basis is **15 percent.**
 - b. Pozzolan/cement replacement ratio is 1.25 to 1 (pozzolan/cement).
 - c. Water/cement ratio is established before Portland Cement is replaced with pozzolan.
 - d. Loss of ignition of pozzolan is less than 1 percent.
 - e. Trial batches for each aggregate source and concrete class have been run for each mix design.
 - f. All other requirements and references to testing procedures and specifications of Section 4.8 "Concrete Work" shall apply.

Pozzolan shall be sampled and tested as prescribed in ASTM C 618 and ASTM C 311. The Concrete Supplier shall obtain and deliver to the City's Representative a certification of compliance signed by the pozzolan supplier identifying the pozzolan and stating that the pozzolan delivered to the batching site complies with applicable specifications.

Pozzolan material shall be handled and stored in the same manner as Portland Cement. When facilities for handling bulk pozzolan are not available, the pozzolan shall be delivered in original unopened sacks bearing the name and brand of supplier, the type and source of the pozzolan, and the weight contained in each sack plainly marked thereon.

Different brands or types of pozzolan shall not be mixed together unless written permission has first been obtained from the Owner's Representative. All pozzolan used in the manufacture of concrete for any individual structure shall be of the same type, and from the same source unless otherwise approved by the City's Representative.

COMPLIANCE ANALYSIS. During the course of concrete testing, the City may require, at random, additional concrete cylinders for the purpose of performing a "Petrographic Examination" in accordance with ASTM C 856.

The "Petrographic Examination" may be initiated when compressive strength tests show inconsistencies, when batch tickets show indications that material is batched which is not in accordance with approved mix designs, or when there are other indicators that the concrete may not meet Standards.

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The "Petrographic Examination" will be performed by a Certified Testing Laboratory qualified to perform such testing. In the event that the sampled concrete is not in compliance with these standards, the supplier of the concrete will be required to pay for the "Petrographic Examination" and will no longer be allowed to supply concrete for use in any improvements for which City Standards apply until acceptable adjustments are made. If the sampled concrete is found to be in compliance with these standards, the City will pay the cost for the "Petrographic Examination". Additional testing may be required by the City Engineer, at the suppliers expense, to determine the extent of the non-compliant concrete. All work on a project, affected by the non-compliant concrete, will be suspended until the non-compliant concrete work is brought into compliance.

The "Petrographic Examination" will determine the quantity of cementitious matrix including mineral admixture (pozzolan/fly ash) in the mix, proportions of the mix, and other properties of the sampled concrete to verify compliance with the approved mix design. The acceptability of the concrete represented by the examination shall be established by comparing the proportions determined by the examination with those indicated on the batch tickets. When this comparison shows that the pozzolan proportions are within 2% +/- of the approved mix design the admixture proportions will be considered to be in compliance. When comparisons of other proportions of the mix indicate that the concrete is not within acceptable allowable deviation limits the concrete may be rejected even though the pozzolan proportion is acceptable.

The City may use the results of the "Petrographic Examination", inspection records, observation of batch plant operation, compressive strength test results, or any other pertinent information to determine compliance. If any portion of a project is found to be in non-compliance, additional testing shall be required to verify full compliance of all concrete within the project. If the City Engineer has reasonable cause, he may require removal and replacement of any concrete which has been found to be in non-compliance. (For the purpose of demonstrating the acceptability of this admixture specification, compressive strength alone shall not be considered as justification for acceptance).

Repeated violations of these admixture standards may subject the offending concrete supplier to be prohibited from providing concrete that is used in public or private infrastructure improvements within the City of St. George.

E.2. **Calcium Chloride.** Calcium Chloride shall not be added to any concrete mix. Non-chloride accelerators may be used upon approval of the City Engineer or his Representative.

F. CONCRETE MIX. For the purpose of practical identification, concrete has been divided into classes. The basic requirements of class A and class C concrete and the use for each is defined in Table 4.16 of the City Standard Specifications.

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F.1. **Submittals.** The following information must be included with all concrete mix designs submitted for review and approval by the City as per subsection 4.8.1.1 "Portland Cement Concrete Material".

- a. Test results on coarse and fine aggregates to verify compliance with applicable specifications.
- b. Trial batch test results and past history test information on proposed mix designs, which support compliance with the requirements for compressive strength, durability, etc. Performance curves used to verify 28 day, 56 day, and 90-day strengths must be submitted with trial batch tests or history information.
- c. Certification of compliance from the cement supplier, the pozzolan supplier, and the air-entraining agent supplier, stating that the materials being delivered are in compliance with applicable specifications.
- d. All mix designs shall be certified by a Certified Testing Laboratory.

G. **BATCH PLANT TICKET.** All concrete produced and delivered to a job site within St. George City, will be accompanied by a batch plant ticket. The ticket will state the time manufactured or batched and accurately show all components used for that particular load or batch. Sufficient copies shall be provided for testing personnel and St. George City representatives, if requested.

**TABLE 4.16
CONCRETE MIX SPECIFICATIONS**

Class	Minimum Cement Content		Maximum Water Content** (gal./bag of cement)	Maximum Slump	Minimum 28-day Comp. Strength (psi)	Primary Use
	(Bags/ C.Y.)	(pounds/ C.Y.)				
A	6	564	5	4" 1 1/2"	4000	Reinforced structural concrete; sidewalks; curbs & gutters; cross gutters; pavements; unreinforced footings
C	5	470	5.75	4"	3000	Minor non-structural items such as thrust blocks; anchors, mass concrete, etc.

* For machine placement only.

** Including free moisture in aggregate.

NOTE: Unless otherwise specifically designated by the City Engineer all concrete placed shall be Class "A", six-bag mix, with a minimum allowable compressive strength of 4000 p.s.i at the age of twenty eight days. r, r.1 02/03

4.8.1.2 CONCRETE REINFORCING MATERIALS. Concrete reinforcing materials shall conform to the following requirements.

A. STEEL BARS. All bar material used for reinforcement of concrete shall be hard grade deformed round steel conforming to the requirements of ASTM Designation A 615. All reinforcing steel shall be minimum grade sixty (60) unless approved otherwise by the City Engineer. All bars shall be deformed, round and have a net section equivalent to that of plain bar of equal nominal size. Only hard grades will be used. Twisted bars will not be accepted.

All rebar shall be clearly marked with identifying markings in accordance with industry standards.

All reinforcing steel, at the time concrete is placed, shall be free from flaws, cracks, rust, oil, dirt, paint, or other coatings that will destroy or reduce the bond.

B. WIRE OR WIRE FABRIC REINFORCEMENT. Welded wire fabric for concrete reinforcement shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A 185. Wire for concrete reinforcement shall conform to the requirements of the "Standard Specification for Cold Drawn Steel Wire for Concrete Reinforcement" ASTM A-82. All wire reinforcement, wire fabric, or expanded metal shall be of the type designated unless an alternate type is approved by the City Engineer.

C. STEEL FIBER REINFORCEMENT. Deformed steel fiber for concrete reinforcement shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A-820, type I, deformed fiber, except that the average tensile strength shall be not less than 150,000 psi.

D. SYNTHETIC REINFORCING FIBERS. Engineered synthetic reinforcing fibers shall be 100% polypropylene collated, fibrillated fibers. Fiber length, and amount per manufacturer's recommendations shall correspond with the concrete mixture (generally 1.5 pounds per cubic yard of concrete).

Physical property of the fibers shall be as follows:

Specific Gravity	0.91
Modulus of elasticity	500,000 to 700,000 psi
Tensile strength	70,000 to 110,000 psi
Length	0.25 to 2.50 inches

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The fiber manufacturer shall certify that all polypropylene fibers meet the physical properties, and are specifically manufactured for use in concrete from virgin polypropylene, containing no reprocessed olefin materials. If the fiber manufacturer is other than the brand name listed on the literature and packaging, the certification must be from the original manufacturer of the fibers.

Fiber-mesh shall be added only at the concrete batch plant to assure uniform and complete dispersion of the collated-fibrillated fiber bundles into single mono-filaments within the concrete.

4.8.1.3 CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK AND BASE MATERIALS. Concrete and base materials shall conform to the following requirements.

A. **GENERAL.** This subsection defines materials, practices and designs to be used in the construction of all public curb, gutter and sidewalk.

All curb, gutter and sidewalk shall consist of air-entrained Type V Portland Cement Concrete and shall be constructed on a prepared subgrade in accordance with these specifications. All work shall conform to the lines and grades, thickness, and typical cross sections shown on the approved plans or established by the City's Representative.

B. **SUBGRADE.** The subgrade shall be excavated and filled with suitable material, as specified in Section 4.3.2.3 of these standards. All soft, yielding and otherwise unsuitable material shall be removed and replaced with suitable materials as outlined above. Filled sections shall be compacted and extend to a minimum of one (1) foot outside the form lines according to Section 4.3.2.3 of these standards.

C. **GRAVEL BASE COURSE.** A gravel base course consisting of crushed road base gravel shall be placed under all curbs, gutters, driveways, waterways, sidewalks and other miscellaneous flatwork. The gravel base material shall conform to the requirements contained in Section 4.5.7 of these specifications. Where the foundation material is found to be unstable, the Contractor shall furnish and place sufficient additional gravel or other suitable material as directed by the City's Representative to provide an adequate foundation upon which the concrete will be placed.

4.8.2. CONSTRUCTION METHODS AND EQUIPMENT. The methods employed in performing the work, all equipment, tools and machinery, and other appliances used in handling the materials and executing the work shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall make such changes in the methods employed and in the equipment used as are necessary whenever the concrete being installed does not meet the specifications herein established. These methods shall include, but are not limited to the following:

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4.8.2.1 GENERAL CONCRETE PLACEMENT. Generally, concrete shall be placed as follows.

A. FORMS. Forms shall be properly built and adequately braced to withstand the liquid weight of concrete being placed in the forms. All linings, studding, whaling and bracing shall be such as to prevent bulging, spreading, loss of true alignment or displacement while placing and during setting of concrete.

B. PREPARATIONS. Prior to batching and placing concrete, all equipment for mixing and transporting the concrete shall be cleaned. All debris and ice shall be removed from the areas to be occupied by the concrete. All forms shall be oiled with a form-release agent. Masonry support or filler units that will be in contact with concrete shall be well drenched with water (except in freezing weather). Reinforcement shall be thoroughly cleaned of ice or other coatings. Water shall be removed from areas to receive concrete.

Reinforcement that has become too hot, due to sun exposure, in the opinion of the City Representative, will be cooled with water prior to concrete being placed.

When placing concrete on earth surfaces, the surfaces shall be free from frost, ice, mud, water and other deleterious materials. When the subgrade is dry or pervious, it shall be sprayed with water prior to the placing of concrete or shall be covered with water-proof sheathing paper or a plastic membrane. No concrete shall be placed until the preparatory work (i.e. forms, reinforcement, etc) has been inspected and approved by the City's Representative.

C. CONCRETE MIXING. The concrete shall be mixed until there is a uniform distribution of the materials. Sufficient water shall be used in concrete in which reinforcement is to be imbedded, to produce a mixture which will flow sluggishly when worked and can be conveyed from the mixer to the forms without separation of the coarse aggregate from the mortar. In no case shall the quantity of water used be sufficient to cause the collection of a surplus in the forms.

Ready-mixed concrete shall be mixed and delivered in accordance with the requirements set forth in Specifications for Ready-Mixed Concrete (ASTM C-94). Concrete shall be delivered and deposited in its final position within sixty (60) minutes after the cement and water have been added to the mixture.

D. DEPOSITING. Concrete shall be deposited as nearly as practical in its final position to avoid segregation due to rehandling or flowing. Concrete

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placement shall be carried on at such a rate that the concrete is at all times plastic and flows readily into the corners of forms and around reinforcing bars. Concrete that has partially hardened or is contaminated by foreign material shall not be deposited in the work. Re-tempered concrete shall not be used.

Temperature of the mixed concrete shall be maintained between 60°F and 90°F at time of placement.

All concrete in structures shall be compacted by means of high-frequency internal vibrators of approved type and design during the operation of placing, and shall be thoroughly worked around reinforcement and embedded fixtures and into the corners of the forms. Care must be taken not to over use vibrators causing separation of cement and aggregates.

E. FINISHING. After the concrete for slabs has been brought to the established grade and screeded, it shall be worked with a magnesium float and then given a light "broom" finish. In no case shall dry cement or a mixture of dry cement and sand be sprinkled on the surface to absorb moisture or hasten hardening. Surface edges of all slabs shall be rounded to a radius of one quarter to one half (1/2) inch with standard concrete finishing tools. Additional water shall not be sprinkled on the surface to aid finishing.

F. CURING AND PROTECTION. As soon as the concrete has hardened sufficiently, it shall be protected and cured in accordance with ACI Standards. The finished surface shall be kept moist for a minimum of seven days, or a chemical curing agent used to prevent the concrete from premature drying.

The freshly finished surface shall be protected from hot sun and drying winds until it can be sprinkled or covered as above specified. The concrete surface shall not be damaged or pitted by rain. The Contractor shall provide and use, when necessary, sufficient tarpaulins to completely cover all sections that have been placed within the preceding twelve (12) hours. The Contractor shall erect and maintain suitable barriers to protect the finished surface. Any section damaged from traffic, weather, people or other causes occurring prior to its final acceptance, shall be repaired or replaced by the Contractor in a manner satisfactory to the City's Representative.

G. WEATHER LIMITATIONS. Concrete shall not be poured where the air temperature is lower than thirty five (35^o)degrees F. unless approved by the City's Representative. When there is likelihood of freezing during the curing period, the concrete shall be protected by means of an insulating covering to prevent freezing of the concrete for a period of not less than seven

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days after placing. Equipment for protecting the concrete from freezing shall be available at the job site prior to placing concrete. Particular care shall be exercised to protect edges and exposed corners from freezing. Cold weather placement shall generally follow the requirements of ACI 306.1

Hot weather placement shall generally conform to the requirements of ACI 305.

4.8.2.2 CONCRETE REINFORCEMENT INSTALLATION. Concrete reinforcement shall be installed in accordance with ACI (American Concrete Institute) standard requirements for reinforced concrete and generally as follows.

A. **BENDING.** Reinforcing bars shall be accurately formed to the dimensions indicated on the plans. Bends for stirrups and ties shall be made around a pin having a diameter not less than two (2) times the minimum thickness of the bar. Bends for other bars shall be made around a pin having a diameter not less than six (6) times the minimum thickness of the bar, except that for bars larger than one (1) inch, the pin shall be not less than eight (8) times the minimum thickness of the bar.

B. **SPLICING.** Splicing of bars at points other than where shown on the plans will be permitted only by approval of the City's Representative. Splices of reinforcement at points of maximum stress shall be avoided wherever possible, and when used shall be staggered and in accordance with ACI Standards. The minimum overlap for a lapped splice shall be twenty four (24) bar diameters, but not less than twelve (12) inches and properly tied together.

C. **PLACING.** All reinforcing bars shall be placed accurately in the position shown on the plans, and shall be securely held in position by annealed iron wire ties of not less than sixteen (16) gauge or suitable clips at intersections. All reinforcing bars shall be supported by metal supports, spacers or hangers, in such a manner that there will not be any displacement while placing concrete.

D. **EMBEDMENT AND PROTECTION.** All reinforcing steel shall be protected by concrete embedment and protective cover as shown in Table 4.17, such cover in each case being the shortest distance between the face of the form or concrete surface, and the nearest edge or face of the reinforcement.

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**TABLE 4.17
REINFORCING BAR CLEARANCE**

LOCATION OF REINFORCEMENT	COVER
Bottom bars - where concrete is deposited against ground without use of forms.	Not less than 3"
Main bars - where concrete is exposed to the weather, or exposed to the ground but placed in forms.	Not less than 2"
Bars in slabs and walls not exposed to the ground or weather.	Not less than 1"

4.8.2.3 CURB, GUTTER AND SIDEWALK CONCRETE PLACEMENT. The concrete shall be placed either by an approved slipform/extrusion machine, by the formed method, or by a combination of both methods. Curb and gutter shall be placed as follows:

A. MACHINE PLACEMENT. The slipform/extrusion machine shall place, spread, consolidate, screed, and finish the concrete in one complete pass to provide a dense and homogeneous concrete section. A minimum amount of hand finishing should be necessary. The machine shall shape, vibrate, and/or extrude the concrete for the full width and depth of the concrete section being placed. It shall be operated with as nearly a continuous forward movement as possible. All operations of mixing, delivery, and spreading concrete shall provide for uniform progress, with stopping and starting of the machine held to a minimum.

B. FORMED METHOD. The forms shall be of wood, metal, or other suitable material straight and free from warp, having sufficient strength to resist the pressure of the concrete without displacement and sufficient tightness to prevent the leakage of mortar. Flexible or rigid forms of proper curvature shall be used for curves having a radius of one hundred feet, or less.

Forms shall be cleaned and coated with an approved form-release agent before concrete is placed against them.

The concrete shall be deposited into the forms without segregation and then tamped and spaded or mechanically vibrated for thorough consolidation. Front and back forms shall be removed without damage to the concrete after it has set.

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C. FINISHING. The concrete shall be finished smooth, by a wood or magnesium float and then given a final surface texture using a light broom or burlap drag unless otherwise specified or directed. Concrete that is adjacent to forms and formed joints shall be edged with a standard jointer or edging tool as shown in the standard drawings. The top, face, and flow-line of the curb, and the top of driveway apron, shall be finished true to line and grade without any noticeable surface irregularities.

The Contractor shall be responsible for neatly stamping an "S" in the curb face at all sewer lateral locations and a "W" in the curb face at all water lateral locations along the curb.

The gutter shall not pond water. The surface of the curb and gutter shall not exceed more than one fourth (1/4) of an inch in ten (10) feet. No part of the exposed surface shall present a wavy appearance.

D. JOINTING.

D.1 Contraction Joints. Transverse weakened-plane contraction joints shall be constructed at right angles to the curb line at intervals not exceeding the values in accordance with standard drawings. Where the sidewalk abuts the curb and gutter, joints should align unless otherwise approved by the City's Representative. Joint depth shall at least be one quarter (1/4) of the cross section depth of the concrete. Generally, surface areas shall not exceed fifty square feet without contraction joints unless otherwise approved by the City's Representative.

Contraction joints may be sawed, hand-formed, or made by placing division plates in the form-work. Sawing shall be done within twenty four hours after the concrete has set to prevent the formation of uncontrolled cracking. The joints may be hand-formed either by using an appropriate jointing tool, or a thin metal blade to impress a plane of weakness into the plastic concrete, or by inserting one eighth (1/8) inch thick steel strips into the plastic concrete temporarily. Steel strips shall be withdrawn before final finishing of the concrete. Where division plates are used to make contraction joints, the plates shall be removed after the concrete has set while the forms are still in place.

D.2 Expansion Joints. Expansion joints for curb and gutter shall be constructed at right angles to the curb line at no greater than one hundred fifty (150) foot intervals, at immovable structures and at points of curvature for short-radius curves. Spacing for sidewalk expansion joint shall not exceed twenty (20) feet. Filler material for expansion joints shall conform to requirements of ASTM D-994, D-

1751, or D-1752 and shall be furnished in a single one half inch thick piece for the full depth and width of the joint.

Expansion joints in a slipformed curb and gutter shall be constructed with an appropriate hand tool by raking or sawing through partially set concrete for the full depth and width of the section. The cut shall be only wide enough to permit a snug fit for the joint filler. After the filler is placed, open areas adjacent to the filler shall be filled with concrete and then troweled and edged. Contaminated concrete shall be discarded.

Alternately, an expansion joint may be installed by removing a short section of freshly extruded curb and gutter, immediately installing temporary holding forms, placing the expansion joint filler, and replacing and reconsolidating the concrete that was removed. Contaminated concrete shall be discarded.

D.3 Other Jointing. Construction joints may be either butt or expansion-type joints. Curbs and gutters constructed adjacent to existing concrete shall have the same type of joints as in the existing concrete with similar spacing, however, contraction joint spacing shall not exceed ten feet.

A silicone joint sealer as defined in ASTM C 962 shall be applied to all form-plate expansion joints. The silicone joint sealer shall be applied under pressure to a depth of not less than two inches from the outside surface of the curb and gutter.

E. **PROTECTION.** At all times during the construction of the project, the Contractor shall have materials available at the site to protect the surface of the plastic concrete against rain or other detrimental elements. These materials shall consist of waterproof paper, plastic sheeting or other approved material. For slip-form construction, materials to protect the edges shall also be required.

When concrete is being placed in cold weather and the temperature is expected to drop below 35 degrees F., suitable protection shall be provided to keep the concrete from freezing until it is at least seven (7) days old. Concrete damaged by frost action shall be removed and replaced.

F. **CURING.** Concrete shall be cured for at least three days after placement to protect against loss of moisture, rapid temperature change, and mechanical damage. Liquid membrane curing compound, or other approved methods, or a combination thereof may

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be used as the curing material. Membrane curing shall not be permitted in frost-affected areas when the concrete will be exposed to de-icing chemicals within thirty days after completion of the curing period.

G. BACKFILLING. At least three days after placement and after form removal, the concrete shall be backfilled to the lines and elevations as shown on the drawings or as required by the City's Representative. The length of time may be shortened if it can be demonstrated that the concrete has reached design strength. Any concrete damaged during backfill or other operations, shall be removed and replaced as directed by the City's Representative.

H. CONCRETE REPAIR. In lieu of removing and replacing concrete containing minor cracks, the City's Representative may direct the Contractor to repair the affected sections by sawing, routing, cleaning and sealing the cracks. All cracks repaired shall be sealed with a polyurethane TTS-230 type II crack filler or an approved silicone base joint sealer. Where modifications are to be made to existing concrete, the edges to be poured against shall be sawcut in neat, straight lines and the new concrete shall be edged with a standard edging tool.

I. WEATHER LIMITATIONS. Concrete shall not be poured when there is likelihood of freezing. During the curing period, the concrete shall be protected by means of insulating covers to prevent freezing of the concrete for a period of not less than seven days after placing. Equipment for protecting the concrete from freezing shall be available at the job site prior to placing concrete. Particular care shall be exercised to protect edges and exposed corners from freezing.

Hot weather concreting shall be in accordance with the latest ACI 305 Standards for "Hot Weather Concreting".

4.8.2.4 CONCRETE BASE MATERIALS PLACEMENT. The placement of concrete base materials under curb, gutter and sidewalk shall conform to Section 4.5.7 of these standards.

4.8.3. QUALITY CONTROL. All concrete and base materials shall be placed in accordance with these standards and tested as follows. These are minimum requirements and additional testing may be required by the City's Representative or the Project Geotechnical Engineer.

Testing documentation provided to the City's Representative shall fully address the requirements of these standards.

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4.8.3.1 CONCRETE TESTING. Minimum testing of the concrete shall be as follows:

Mix Design

Certification: One per job. Testing shall be according to the latest ASTM standards.

Compressive

Strength Tests: One set of four cylinders for each fifty cubic yards of concrete placed or portion thereof. Tests shall be according to ASTM C-31.

Air Entrainment:

Tested at beginning of placement until two consecutive loads pass. Others tests shall be taken as required. Tests shall be according to ASTM C-231.

Slump Tests:

Tested at beginning of placement until two consecutive loads pass. Others tests shall be taken as required. Tests shall be according to ASTM C-143.

4.8.3.2 CONCRETE BASE MATERIAL TESTING. Minimum testing of the curb, gutter and sidewalk base materials shall be as follows:

Gradation Tests: One test per five hundred (500) lineal feet of curb & gutter or fraction thereof. One test per one thousand three hundred fifty (1,350) square feet of a combination of sidewalk and driveway, or fraction thereof.

The sieve analysis shall be according to ASTM C-136, C-117.

Proctor:

One determination for each source of base course as necessary to provide required compaction testing. Test shall be according to ASTM D-1557, Method A or D (modified proctor).

Moisture

Density Tests:

One test per three hundred (300) lineal feet of curb & gutter and one test per three hundred (300) lineal feet of a combination of sidewalk and driveway or fraction thereof. Moisture content shall be at plus or minus two percent of optimum. Proper moisture shall be maintained until the concrete is poured. Tests shall be according to ASTM D-1556 or D-2922 and D-3017.

Thickness:

One random boring or test hole per two hundred (200) lineal feet of curb & gutter and one random boring or

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test hole per two hundred (200) lineal feet of a combination of sidewalk and driveway or fraction thereof. If sufficient observation has been made by the City's Representative to verify required thickness, the City's Representative may waive thickness testing. Said waiver must be in writing.

No single measured thickness shall be less than the required thickness.

4.8.3.3 ACCEPTANCE. A total of four (4) concrete test cylinders shall be taken at time of pouring from loads passing the requirements of section 4.8.3.1. One cylinder, shall be broken at seven (7) days and shall be used as an indication of future strength. Two (2) cylinders shall be broken at twenty eight (28) days. If the average of the twenty-eight day breaks is below minimum compressive strength, the concrete may be rejected unless retests prove otherwise. At the Contractor's option, the fourth cylinder (the "hold" cylinder) may be broken at twenty eight (28) days, and included with the average, or it can be held for future testing if additional tests are needed.

Concrete with an average compressive strength below the required strength shall be reviewed by the City's Representative. The "hold" cylinder, if available, may be broken or other specialized tests (such as a spectrum analysis) may be required. If additional tests are required to determine if strength tests are representative they shall be performed by coring in accordance with ASTM C-42 method or other acceptable non-destructive methods. The re-tested strength shall be the average of three cores (or other acceptable method). The City's Representative may accept the concrete as a result of these additional tests, or may require the work to be removed and replaced. The City's Representative shall make the final decision. All costs incurred in resampling and retesting are not the responsibility of the City.

All curb, gutter or sidewalk base material not in compliance with these standards shall be removed and replaced. Any costs for testing the re-work are not the responsibility of the City.

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