

**PIPE MATERIAL POLICY**

Policy: This policy will replace all previous policies regarding the selection of pipe material for cross drains, drive pipe, drop pipe, storm sewers, and railroad pipe. Under this policy, designers will select the allowable pipe material options for each installation. The contractor will choose the final pipe material from the list of options provided.

The following topics are discussed in more depth:

- Types of pipe specified in this policy
- Maximum permissible diameter of standard pipe
- Design values for Manning Coefficient, (n)
- Flared end sections
- Minimum and maximum fill heights
- Excavation, bedding, and backfill requirements
- Functional use of different pipes
- Connections

**TYPES OF PIPE SPECIFIED IN THIS POLICY**

<b>RCSP</b>	Reinforced Concrete Sewer Pipe
<b>RCP</b>	Reinforced Concrete Pipe
<b>MCCMP</b>	Metallic Coated Corrugated Metal Pipe, which includes: Galvanized (Zinc) Coated Corrugated Metal Pipe and Aluminum Coated Corrugated Metal Pipe
<b>GCCMP</b>	
<b>ACCMP</b>	
<b>PCCMP</b>	Polymer Coated Corrugated Metal Pipe
<b>HDPE</b>	High Density Polyethylene Pipe, which includes: HDPE-CI (Corrugated Interior) and HDPE-SI (Smooth Interior)
<b>PVC</b>	Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe

The numerical designations shown below will be used by designers for specifying the various types of pipe:

<b>Type</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>RCSP</b>	<b>RCP</b>	<b>GCCMP</b>	<b>ACCMP</b>	<b>PCCMP</b>	<b>HDPE</b>	<b>HDPE</b>	<b>PVC</b>
						<b>CI</b>	<b>SI</b>	

Designers shall identify all pipes by their corresponding Type number. For example, if RCSP, PCCMP and PVC are appropriate options, the designation would be 1-5-8. The Type “1” in this example is a RCSP.

Note: Normally, the contractor has the option of selecting the class of pipe, and type of installation in accordance with the fill height tables shown on the plans. However, for fill heights less than one foot, the designer must specify the class of pipe required. Refer to the Drainage Design and Erosion Control Manual for live load information. Use Attachment 2 for maximum fill height data.

### **MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE DIAMETER OF STANDARD PIPE**

The maximum allowable inside diameter for the various pipes are shown in Attachment 2. These pipes are standard manufactured sizes. Sizes other than those shown are considered special designs that must be submitted to NDOR for approval.

### **DESIGN VALUES FOR MANNING COEFFICIENT, (n)**

The selected (n) value for design purposes when using corrugated pipe (MCCMP, PCCMP, and HDPE-CI) is 0.024. The design (n) value for smooth interior pipes (RCSP, RCP, PVC, and HDPE-SI) is 0.012. When it is necessary to determine the true magnitude of the pipe outlet flow velocity, designers should use the actual (n) value recommended by the manufacturer to perform computations. When designing for outlet control and *both* corrugated and smooth pipe are selected, the designer will use an (n) value of 0.024. A Manning (n) value of 0.012 shall be used when *only* smooth interior pipe are specified.

### **FLARED END SECTIONS**

Use concrete flared end sections (CFES) for all concrete pipes. Specify metal flared end sections (MFES) for metal and plastic pipes when flared end sections are required. Flared end sections are not required for drive pipes unless they are to be installed within the clear zone. Safety flared end sections manufactured with a 10:1 slope and equipped with protective cross bars must be provided for the approach end of all drive pipes placed within the lateral obstacle clearance area.

### **MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM FILL HEIGHTS**

Fill height determines the amount of dead load (or live load) that is imposed upon a culvert pipe. Minimum fill height is defined as the vertical distance measured from the top of the conduit to the bottom of the pavement or shoulder surfacing at its lowest point. Maximum fill height is defined as the vertical distance measured from the top of the conduit to the top of the pavement at its highest point. Minimum fill height for all culverts is one foot. The designer should review the live load computations as shown in the Drainage Design and Erosion Control Manual for special circumstances when this one foot minimum cannot be maintained. The maximum fill height that a pipe can withstand depends greatly on the type of bedding and backfill, pipe size, and pipe material. Refer to Attachment 2, along with the appropriate Special Plans, for guidelines in specifying various types of pipe.

### **EXCAVATION, BEDDING, AND BACKFILL REQUIREMENTS**

Refer to Special Plan 4110, “Bedding and Backfill Requirements for Concrete Pipe”, for installation details. Special Plan 4110, Sheet 4, “Bedding and Backfill Requirements for MCCMP, PCCMP, and Plastic Pipe”, shows details for installing flexible pipe. Granular material is required for all flexible MCCMP, PCCMP, and plastic pipe installed under surfaced roadways. Unless special circumstances exist, granular material is not required for drive pipe, drop pipe, or temporary pipe installed outside the surfaced roadway prism.

On trench installations, the trench width depends on the outside diameter of the pipe and the side clearance requirement on each side of the pipe as shown on the Special Plans. Trench depth depends on the size of the pipe and the flow line location relative to the ground surface. On embankment installations, where the flowline of the pipe is above the natural ground, the culvert contractor is required to raise the ground along the centerline of the pipe to an appropriate elevation above the flowline (See Special Plan 4110). This embankment must be wide enough to excavate to the proper depth and install the pipe at the flowline shown on the cross sections. A contractor may choose to provide an embankment deep enough to use a trench installation. All excavations will be determined as established quantities using the method of measurement as shown in the current Nebraska Standard Specifications for Highway Construction.

### **FUNCTIONAL USE OF DIFFERENT PIPES**

The functional usage of the various pipes that designers specify is summarized in Attachment 3. The plus sign shown in the Functional Usage table signifies that the use of a particular pipe material is acceptable for that function. The minus sign indicates where material use is prohibited. Designers may refer to the flow chart in Attachment 1 for assistance in the pipe selection process.

### **CONNECTIONS**

All RCP and RCSP connections under the roadway prism (or back-to-back of curb-line on urban projects) shall be Tongue and Groove (T&G) or modified T&G type, and have watertight joints (using cement mortar, fibered roof coating, or gaskets) in accordance with the Nebraska Standard Specifications for Highway Construction. All plastic and CMP pipe under the roadway prism (or back-to-back of curb-line) must be installed with approved watertight joints. CMP and plastic pipe outside the roadway prism (or back of curb-line) may be installed with soil tight connecting bands or other approved soil tight joints. All pipe used for sewer applications must be installed with approved watertight connections.

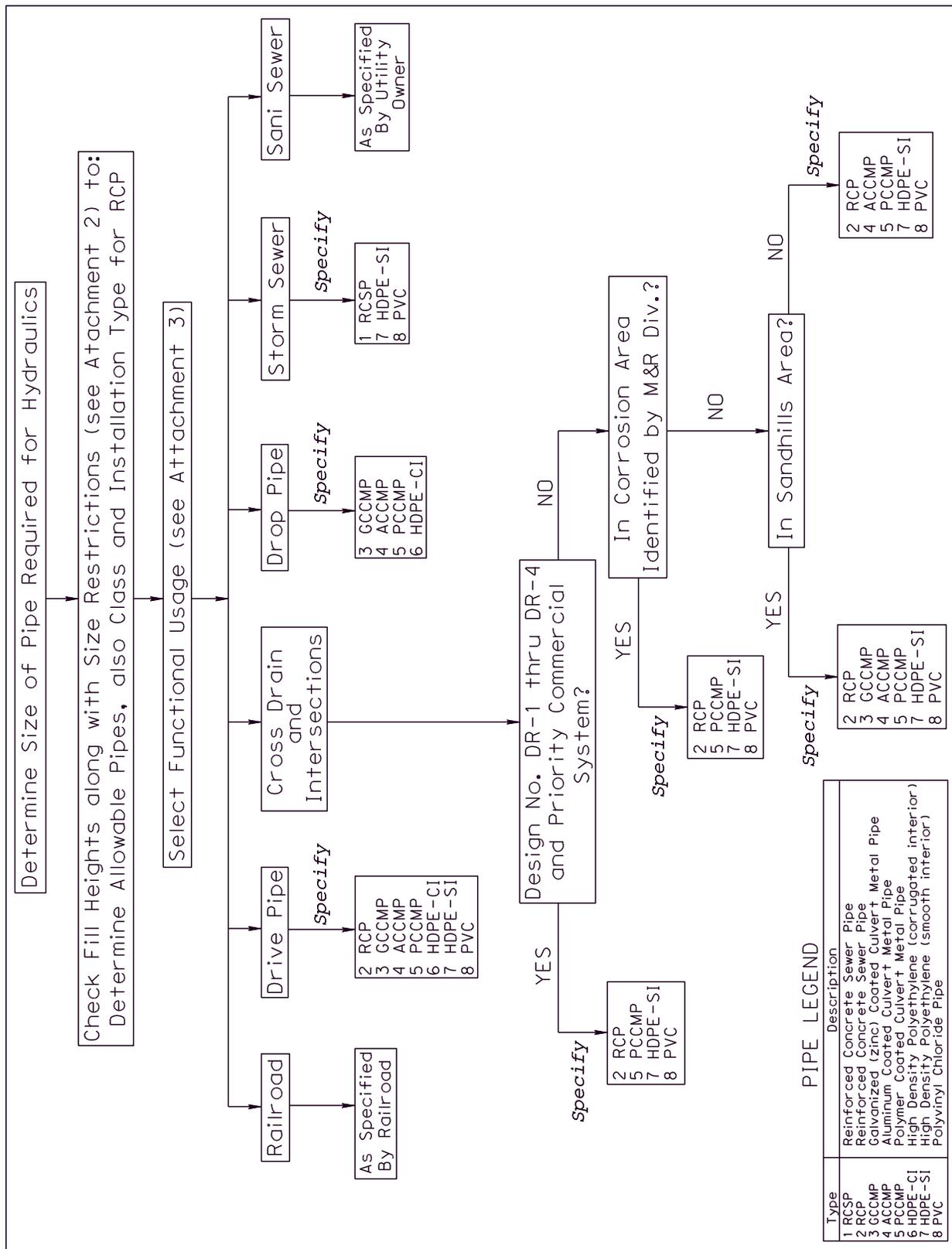
### **CULVERT EXTENSIONS**

Existing culverts will be extended using the same material as the existing structure. If the plans call for extension of Corrugated Metal Pipe Culvert, the pipes shall be connected by the contractor with an approved connecting band. When the plans designate the extension of a Concrete Pipe Culvert, the connection shall be made by enclosing the connecting joint with a concrete collar.

### TEMPORARY PIPE

The designer should contact the District to determine culvert type when temporary pipe is to be placed under a temporary (2 years or less) facility such as a temporary road or median crossover. If the pipe is to be furnished by the State, the construction note will call for INSTALLING the pipe. If the pipe is to be furnished by the contractor, the construction note will call for BUILDING the pipe. The District will also determine if the pipe will be salvaged to the State when the temporary roadway is removed. Corrugated metal pipe (Type 3, 4 or 5) will be allowed for temporary roadways. Granular backfill for temporary structures Type 3, 4 or 5 is not required.

**ATTACHMENT 1 PIPE SELECTION FLOW CHART**



**ATTACHMENT 2 PIPE SIZE AND FILL HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS**

**Maximum Permissible Diameters Of Standard Pipe**

The following interior pipe diameters (in inches) are considered maximum standard sizes. Larger sizes may be allowed by special design approved by NDOR.

Type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	RCSP		RCP	GCCMP	ACCMP	PCCMP	HDPE		PVC
	III	IV	V				CI	SI	
	108	72	48	84	84	84	36	36	36

**Maximum Fill Heights (feet) For Round Concrete Pipe**

Pipe Size (in)	Installation Type 3			Installation Type 2			Installation Type 1		
	Class III	Class IV	Class V	Class III	Class IV	Class V	Class III	Class IV	Class V
15	12	15	21	15	19	26	23	28	40
18	12	17	24	16	22	30	24	32	45
21	13	19	26	16	24	32	25	37	48
24	13	19	26	17	24	33	25	32	45
27	13	17	26	17	21	34	23	26	51
30	12	14	25	15	17	32	20	21	49
36	10	16	24	13	21	31	20	31	47
42	10	15	23	13	19	29	20	29	44
48	10	14	22	13	18	29	20	28	43
54	10	14		13	17		20	27	
60	9	14		12	18		19	28	
66	9	14		12	18		19	28	
72	9	14		12	18		19	28	
78	9			12			19		
84	9			12			19		
90	9			12			20		
96	9			12			19		
102	10			13			20		
108	10			14			22		

The Type 3 Installation (shaded) is the NDOR Standard. See Special Plan 4110 (Bedding and Backfill for Concrete Pipe) for additional information about table development and usage.

**Maximum Fill Heights For Flexible Pipe**

The maximum dead load fill height for HDPE, PVC, and CMP is set at 40 feet, using the bedding and backfill requirements as shown in Special Plan 4110. Consult with the pipe manufacturer when designing for fills greater than 40 feet, or when special situations are encountered that are beyond the scope of this policy. When installing flexible pipe outside the roadway prism (or back of curb-line on urban projects), and when granular materials are not used as shown in this policy, the maximum fill height is set at 20 feet (standard proctor test density for non-granular material must be greater than 95%).

**ATTACHMENT 3 PIPE DESIGN APPLICATIONS AND EXAMPLES**

**Functional Usage**

Type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Functional Usage	RCSP (All Classes)	RCP (All Classes)	GCCMP Galvanized (Zinc) Coated CMP	ACCMP Aluminum Coated CMP	PCCMP Polymer Coated CMP	HDPE-CI Corrugated Interior	HDPE-SI Smooth Interior	PVC
Cross Drain & Intersections	+	+	See Footnotes		+	-	+	+
Drive Pipes	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Drop Pipe	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
Railroad	As Specified by the Railroad							
StormSewer	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Sani. Sewer	As Specified by the Utility Owner							

Cross Drain and Intersection Footnotes:

- Corrugated metal pipe will not be permitted in the southeast counties of Gage, Nemaha, Richardson, Pawnee, Johnson, Otoe or any other locations that are designated by M&R as unsuitable for corrugated metal pipe.
- Galvanized CMP---Allowed for Design No. DR-5, DR-6 and DR-7 in the Sandhills, unless identified corrosion areas exist.
- Aluminum Coated CMP---Allowed for Design No. DR-5, DR-6 and DR-7, unless identified corrosion areas exist.

**Examples of Culvert Types Specified**

Pipe Dia. (in.)	Max. Fill Height (f.)	Pipe Function	Location	Type Specified
48	20	Cross drain pipe	S. Hills/DR-5/no corrosive areas	1
54	20	Cross drain	DR-6/corrosive area	2-5
36	24	Cross drain	Statewide/DR-3	2-5-7-8
30	5	Cross drain	Statewide/Priority/Commercial System	2-5-7-8
42	25	Cross drain	Not Sandhills/DR-7/no corrosion	2-4-5
54	5	Storm sewer	Statewide	1
36	5	Storm sewer	Statewide	1-7-8
48	15	Drive pipe	Statewide	2-3-4-5
24	15	Drive pipe	Statewide	2-3-4-5-6-7-8
24	5	Drop pipe	Statewide	3-4-5-6

**Pipe Legend**

Type	Description
1 RCSP	Reinforced Concrete Sewer Pipe
2 RCP	Reinforced Concrete Pipe
3 GCCMP	Galvanized (zinc) Coated Culvert Metal Pipe
4 ACCMP	Aluminum Coated Culvert Metal Pipe
5 PCCMP	Polymer Coated Culvert Metal Pipe
6 HDPE-CI	High Density Polyethylene (corrugated interior)
7 HDPE-SI	High Density Polyethylene (smooth interior)
8 PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe

## COMMENTARY

Following is a summary of the major changes, additions and improvements incorporated in the 1997 Pipe Material Policy:

### **Plastic Pipe**

Past policy and Specifications limited the use of plastic pipe primarily for driveway, underdrain and sewer applications. As a result of research and field testing, the use of plastic pipe (HDPE and PVC) has been broadened to include roadway cross drain as well as other drainage applications. The new Special Plans for flexible pipe show: installation, material, and backfill requirements. Also, due to the non-corrosive nature of these materials, plastic pipe is included for use in areas where corrosion of metallic coated culverts is a concern.

### **Pipe Installations under Pavement**

In order to extend the design life (by improving structural performance, reducing settlement and joint movement etc.) of surfaced roadways, improved cross section details for all pipes (concrete, metal and plastic) have been developed. Flexible pipes require a granular material envelope to improve in-place structural performance, while reducing compaction effort and pipe movement during installation. Use of granular bedding and backfill with metallic coated pipes also has the benefit of reducing soil-side corrosion. Use of polymer coated CMP effectively reduces interior corrosion as well as exterior soil-side corrosion, and therefore, is allowed for use under all roadways.

New Special Plans for concrete pipe installations have been developed in order to provide more options for the designer, contractor, and pipe manufacturer in regard to pipe class selection and installation. Under this policy, the contractor will be allowed to select the type of installation, and class of pipe based upon available fill height information shown on the plans. Previous specifications required the culvert contractor to place concrete pipe upon a carefully shaped trench bottom. The new plans provide more options for bedding and backfill in order to utilize different classes of pipe, or to reduce labor during installation.

NDOR concrete pipe design procedures are currently being upgraded in order to take advantage of concrete pipe computer programs such as SIDD and PIPECAR. These programs are already being used by the concrete pipe industry, and are acceptable programs developed through the efforts of ANSI, FHWA, and the Concrete Pipe Association. The new Special Plans for concrete pipe incorporate detailing to support and complement these industry accepted programs.



TABLE 3  
SOIL CLASSIFICATION FOR BEDDING & BACKFILL

ASTM SOIL GROUP SYMBOL, D 2487	DESCRIPTION	PERCENTAGE PASSING SIEVE SIZES		
		1/2 IN. (12.5 mm)	NO. 4 (4.75 mm)	NO. 200 (0.075 mm)
SW	WELL GRADED SANDS AND GRAVELLY SANDS; LITTLE OR NO FINES, NON PLASTIC.	> 50% OF "COARSE FRACTION"	100%	< 5%
ML	INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY-FINE SANDS, SILTS WITH SLIGHT PLASTICITY.	100%	100%	< 5%
CL	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY; GRAVELLY-CLAYS, SANDY-CLAYS, SILTY-CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS.	100%	100%	> 50%

NOTES FOR EMBANKMENT INSTALLATIONS:

1. COMPACTION AND SOIL SYMBOLS, I.E. 95% SW, REFER TO SW SOIL MATERIAL WITH A MINIMUM STANDARD PROCTOR COMPACTION OF 95%.
2. SOIL IN THE OUTER BEDDING, HAUNCH, AND LOWER SIDE ZONES, EXCEPT WITHIN THE DO/3 MIDDLE BEDDING, SHALL BE COMPACTED TO AT LEAST THE SAME COMPACTION AS THE MAJORITY OF THE SOIL IN THE OVERFILL ZONES.
3. SUBTRENCHES
  - 3.1 A SUBTRENCH IS DEFINED AS A TRENCH WITH ITS TOP AT AN ELEVATION LOWER THAN 1 FT. BELOW THE BOTTOM OF THE PAVEMENT BASE MATERIAL.
  - 3.2 THE MINIMUM WIDTH OF A SUBTRENCH SHALL BE 1.3000, OR WIDER IF REQUIRED FOR ADEQUATE SPACE TO ATTAIN THE SPECIFIED COMPACTION IN THE HAUNCH AND BEDDING ZONES.
  - 3.3 FOR SUBTRENCHES WITH WALLS OF NATURAL SOIL, ANY PORTION OF THE LOWER SIDE ZONE IN THE SUBTRENCH WALL SHALL BE AT LEAST AS FIRM AS AN EQUIVALENT SOIL PLACED TO THE COMPACTION REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED FOR THE LOWER SIDE ZONE, AND AS FIRM AS THE MAJORITY OF SOIL IN THE OVERFILL ZONE, OR SHALL BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH SOIL COMPACTED TO THE SPECIFIED LEVEL.

GENERAL NOTES:

- WHEN IN-SITU LATERAL SOIL RESISTANCE IS NEGLIGIBLE, E.G. PEAT, MUCK, OR HIGHLY EXPANSIVE SOIL, EMBANKMENT SHALL BE PLACED AND COMPACTED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE ENGINEER.
- TO PROTECT THE PIPE AND BACKFILL DURING CONSTRUCTION, PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 36 IN. OF COMPACTED FILL MATERIAL OVER THE TOP OF THE PIPE BEFORE ALLOWING ANY HEAVY EQUIPMENT TO TRAVERSE OVER THE PIPE. EXTREMELY HEAVY EQUIPMENT MAY REQUIRE LARGER COVER AS DETERMINED BY THE CONTRACTOR.
- THE PIPE VOLUME SHOULD NOT BE SUBTRACTED FROM THE VOLUME OF EXCAVATION.
- THESE DESIGN STANDARDS ARE MINIMUM. IF A MORE RESTRICTIVE DESIGN IS REQUIRED BY THE ENGINEER OR CULVERT MANUFACTURER, THEN THESE STANDARDS SHALL BE MODIFIED. CHANGES TO PAY ITEM QUANTITIES DUE TO UNFORSEEN SITE CONDITIONS SHALL BE CALCULATED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE CONTRACT THRU A CHANGE ORDER.
- BOTH ENDS OF THE PIPE SHALL BE SEALED WITH COHESIVE SOIL (AROUND THE PIPE EXTENDING 3 FT. TO 4 FT. FROM EACH END) TO PROTECT AGAINST INFILTRATION AND EROSION.
- BEDDING AND BACKFILL MATERIAL IS NOT PAID FOR DIRECTLY, BUT IS SUBSIDIARY TO THE LINEAR FEET OF CULVERT.
- BEDDING AND BACKFILL MATERIAL SHALL MEET ASTM D 2487 SOIL GROUPS AS SHOWN IN TABLE 3.
- PERCENT COMPACTION SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOOR STANDARD TEST METHOD T 99.

TABLE 1  
STANDARD INSTALLATIONS, SOILS AND MINIMUM COMPACTION REQUIREMENTS

INSTALLATION TYPE	BEDDING THICKNESS	HAUNCH AND OUTER BEDDING	LOWER SIDE
TYPE 1	DO/24 MINIMUM, NOT LESS THAN 3 IN. IF ROCK FOUNDATION, USE DO/12 MINIMUM, NOT LESS THAN 6 IN.	95% SW	90% SW, 95% ML, OR 100% CL.
TYPE 2	DO/24 MINIMUM, NOT LESS THAN 3 IN. IF ROCK FOUNDATION, USE DO/12 MINIMUM, NOT LESS THAN 6 IN.	90% SW OR 95% ML	85% SW, 90% ML, OR 95% CL.
TYPE 3	DO/24 MINIMUM, NOT LESS THAN 3 IN. IF ROCK FOUNDATION, USE DO/12 MINIMUM, NOT LESS THAN 6 IN.	85% SW, 90% ML, OR 95% CL	85% SW, 90% ML, OR 95% CL.

TABLE 1 NOTES:

- THE TYPE 3 INSTALLATION SHOWN IS THE MOOR MINIMUM STANDARD, USING EITHER A SHARPED TRENCH ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, OR AT THE OPTION OF THE CONTRACTOR, THE BEDDING WITH COMPACTIONS AS SHOWN.
- ALLOWABLE FILL HEIGHTS FOR THE TYPE 1, 2, AND 3 INSTALLATIONS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 4.

TABLE 2  
PIPE DIMENSIONS

MINIMUM DIAMETER (INCHES)	STANDARD ROUND PIPE	STANDARD ELLIPTICAL PIPE	STANDARD ELLIPTICAL PIPE	STANDARD ELLIPTICAL PIPE
	PIPE	PIPE	PIPE	PIPE
18	23	27	28.5	
21	26.5	31.5		
24	30	34.5	36.5	
27	33.5		41	
30	37	41.25	45.5	
36	44	51.75	54	38
42	51	60.13	63	44
48	58	68.5	71	49
54	65	76	80	55
60	72	85	89	61
66	79	92	97	67
72	86	102	106	73
78	93	110	114	79
84	100	118	123	85
90	107			
96	114			
102	121			
108	128			
114	135			
120	142			
126	149			
132	156			
138	163			
144	170			
150	177			
156	184			
162	191			
168	198			
174	205			
180	212			
186	219			
192	226			
198	233			
204	240			
210	247			
216	254			
222	261			
228	268			
234	275			
240	282			
246	289			
252	296			
258	303			
264	310			
270	317			
276	324			
282	331			
288	338			
294	345			
300	352			
306	359			
312	366			
318	373			
324	380			
330	387			
336	394			
342	401			
348	408			
354	415			
360	422			
366	429			
372	436			
378	443			
384	450			
390	457			
396	464			
402	471			
408	478			
414	485			
420	492			
426	499			
432	506			
438	513			
444	520			
450	527			
456	534			
462	541			
468	548			
474	555			
480	562			
486	569			
492	576			
498	583			
504	590			
510	597			
516	604			
522	611			
528	618			
534	625			
540	632			
546	639			
552	646			
558	653			
564	660			
570	667			
576	674			
582	681			
588	688			
594	695			
600	702			
606	709			
612	716			
618	723			
624	730			
630	737			
636	744			
642	751			
648	758			
654	765			
660	772			
666	779			
672	786			
678	793			
684	800			
690	807			
696	814			
702	821			
708	828			
714	835			
720	842			
726	849			
732	856			
738	863			
744	870			
750	877			
756	884			
762	891			
768	898			
774	905			
780	912			
786	919			
792	926			
798	933			
804	940			
810	947			
816	954			
822	961			
828	968			
834	975			
840	982			
846	989			
852	996			
858	1003			
864	1010			
870	1017			
876	1024			
882	1031			
888	1038			
894	1045			
900	1052			
906	1059			
912	1066			
918	1073			
924	1080			
930	1087			
936	1094			
942	1101			
948	1108			
954	1115			
960	1122			
966	1129			
972	1136			
978	1143			
984	1150			
990	1157			
996	1164			
1002	1171			
1008	1178			
1014	1185			
1020	1192			
1026	1199			
1032	1206			
1038	1213			
1044	1220			
1050	1227			
1056	1234			
1062	1241			
1068	1248			
1074	1255			
1080	1262			
1086	1269			
1092	1276			
1098	1283			
1104	1290			
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1164	1360			
1170	1367			
1176	1374			
1182	1381			
1188	1388			
1194	1395			
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1206	1409			
1212	1416			
1218	1423			
1224	1430			
1230	1437			
1236	1444			
1242	1451			
1248	1458			
1254	1465			
1260	1472			
1266	1479			
1272	1486			
1278	1493			
1284	1500			
1290	1507			
1296	1514			
1302	1521			
1308	1528			
1314	1535			
1320	1542			
1326	1549			
1332	1556			
1338	1563			
1344	1570			
1350	1577			
1356	1584			
1362	1591			
1368	1598			
1374	1605			
1380	1612			
1386	1619			
1392	1626			
1398	1633			
1404	1640			
1410	1647			
1416	1654			
1422	1661			
1428	1668			
1434	1675			
1440	1682			
1446	1689			
1452	1696			
1458	1703			
1464	1710			
1470	1717			
1476	1724			
1482	1731			
1488	1738			
1494	1745			
1500	1752			
1506	1759			
1512	1766			
1518	1773			
1524	1780			
1530	1787			
1536	1794			
1542	1801			
1548	1808			
1554	1815			
1560	1822			
1566	1829			
1572	1836			
1578	1843			
1584	1850			
1590	1857			
1596	1864			
1602	1871			
1608	1878			
1614	1885			
1620	1892			
1626	1899			
1632	1906			
1638	1913			
1644	1920			
1650	1927			
1656	1934			
1662	1941			
1668	1948			
1674	1955			
1680	1962			
1686	1969			
1692	1976			
1698	1983			
1704	1990			
1710	1997			
1716	2004			
1722	2011			
1728	2018			
1734	2025			
1740	2032			
1746	2039			
1752	2046			

TABLE 4  
 MAXIMUM FILL HEIGHTS (FEET) FOR STANDARD  
 DESIGN (AASHTO M 170) ROUND CONCRETE PIPE

PIPE SIZE (IN.)	INSTALLATION TYPE 1 (DOOR STANDARD)			INSTALLATION TYPE 2			INSTALLATION TYPE 3		
	CLASS III	CLASS IV	CLASS V	CLASS III	CLASS IV	CLASS V	CLASS III	CLASS IV	CLASS V
15				15	19	26	23	28	40
18				16	22	30	24	32	45
21				16	24	32	25	37	48
24				17	24	33	25	32	45
27				17	21	34	23	26	51
30				15	17	32	20	21	49
36				13	21	31	20	31	47
42				13	19	29	20	29	44
48				13	18	29	20	28	43
54				13	17		20	27	
60				12	18		19	28	
66				12	18		19	28	
72				12	18		19	28	
78				12	18		19	28	
84				12	18		19	28	
90				12	18		20	29	
96				12	18		19	28	
102				13	18		20	29	
108				14	18		22	30	

GENERAL NOTES:  
 FILL HEIGHTS SHOWN IN TABLE 4 WERE DEVELOPED USING ASCE STANDARDS FOR DIRECT DESIGN OF BURIED PRECAST CONCRETE PIPE. MANUFACTURED SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ASSE TABLE 4 FOOTNOTE FOR EXCEPTIONS. FILL HEIGHTS SHOWN APPLY ONLY TO ROUND PIPE (UNDER FILL FLOW CONDITIONS), USED UNDER RIGID AND FLEXIBLE PAVEMENTS. CIRCULAR REINFORCING UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE PAVEMENT IS NOT USED AND LIVE LOAD BECOMES CRITICAL, OR DIFFERENT SOIL DENSITY IS ENCOUNTERED, OR THE ONE FOOT MAINTAINED TO THE TOP OF THE PIPE CANNOT BE MAINTAINED, DEEPER FILL HEIGHTS MAY BE USED BY SUBMITTING A SPECIAL STANDARD INSTALLATION DIRECT DESIGN (SDDI) FOR HOOR APPROVAL.  
 CONCRETE PIPE DESIGNS THAT ARE NOT SHOWN IN APPLICABLE AASHTO SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED SPECIAL DESIGNS THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO HOOR FOR APPROVAL.

STANDARD INSTALLATIONS, SOILS AND  
 MINIMUM COMPACTION REQUIREMENTS

INSTALLATION TYPE	BEDDING THICKNESS	HANCH AND OUTER BEDDING	LOWER SIDE
TYPE 1	00/24 MINIMUM, 3 IN. IF ROCK FOUNDATION USE 00/12 MINIMUM, NOT LESS THAN 6 IN.	95% SW	90% SW, 95% ML, OR 100% CL.
TYPE 2		90% SW OR 95% ML	85% SW, 90% ML, OR 95% CL.
TYPE 3		85% SW, 90% ML, OR 95% CL	85% SW, 90% ML, OR 95% CL.

NOTES:

- THE TYPE 3 INSTALLATION (SHADE) IN TABLE 4 IS THE HOOR STANDARD, USING EITHER A SHAPED TRENCH ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, OR AT THE OPTION OF THE CONTRACTOR, THE BEDDING WITH COMPACTIONS AS SHOWN.
- INSTALLATION TYPE 2 AND TYPE 1 ARE IMPROVED METHODS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT HIGHER FILL HEIGHTS USING CLASS III, IV, AND V CIRCULAR CONCRETE PIPE. INSTALLATION TYPE 1 WILL PROVIDE THE BEST IN-SITU PERFORMANCE USING GREATER COMPACTION. CONTRACTOR WILL CHOOSE THE INSTALLATION TYPE AND CLASS OF PIPE. ACTUAL PROJECT FILL HEIGHTS MUST BE KNOWN IN ORDER TO USE TABLE 4.
- ROUND EQUIVALENT, NON-CIRCULAR PIPE, SUCH AS ARCH OR ELLIPTICAL PIPE, MAY BE SELECTED, PROVIDED SUCH PIPE ARE DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED TO THE SAME D-LOADS AND ULTIMATE STRENGTHS (SEE TABLE 5) AS THE SELECTED CIRCULAR PIPE FROM THE FILL HEIGHT TABLE.

TABLE 4 NOTES:

AASHTO M 170 SPECIFICATIONS ARE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:  
 ONLY SINGLE INNER CAGE, CIRCULAR REINFORCING IS ALLOWED FOR CLASS III, 15, 18, 21, AND 24 IN. ROUND RCP AS SHOWN:

PIPE SIZE (IN.)	MINIMUM CIRCUMFERENTIAL REINFORCING (IN. 2/FT. OF PIPE WALL)	
	CLASS	REINFORCING
15	III	0.08
18	III	0.10
21	III	0.12
24	III	0.14

APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS:

- AASHTO M 170---ROUND RCP
- AASHTO M 206---ARCH RCP
- AASHTO M 201---ELLIPTICAL RCP

TABLE 5  
 D-LOADS FOR CONCRETE PIPE

PIPE CLASS	III	IV	V
D-LOAD TO PRODUCE THE ULTIMATE LOAD	1350	2000	3000
D-LOAD TO PRODUCE THE ULTIMATE LOAD	2000	3000	3750

NOTES:

LOAD ON PIPE IN ROUNDS PER LINEAR FOOT = D-LOAD X INSIDE DIAMETER OF PIPE. LOADS ARE EXPRESSED IN POUNDS-FORCE PER LINEAR FOOT PER FOOT OF DIAMETER

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**TYPICAL TRENCH INSTALLATION**

TRENCHES SHALL BE EXCAVATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED SAFETY PRACTICE.

**TYPICAL EMBANKMENT INSTALLATION**

**TABLE 1**  
SOIL CLASSIFICATION FOR GRANULAR FILL MATERIAL

SOIL GROUP SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	% PASSING SIEVE SIZES	
		1 1/2 IN.	NO. 4
GW	WELL GRADED GRAVEL AND GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES;	100%	< 50% OF COARSE FRACTION
GP	POORLY GRADED GRAVEL AND GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES; LITTLE OR NO FINES.		< 5%
SW	WELL GRADED SAND AND GRAVEL-SANDS; LITTLE OR NO FINES.	100%	> 50% OF COARSE FRACTION
SP	POORLY GRADED SAND AND GRAVEL-SANDS; LITTLE OR NO FINES.		> 50% OF COARSE FRACTION
GW-CC SP-SM	SAND AND GRAVELS WHICH ARE BORDER LINE BETWEEN CLEAN AND WITH FINES.	100%	VARIES
GM	SILTY GRAVEL, GRAVEL-SAND-SILT MIXTURES.	100%	< 50% OF COARSE FRACTION
GC	CLAYEY-GRAVEL, GRAVEL-SAND-CLAY MIXTURES.	100%	> 50% OF COARSE FRACTION
SM	SILTY SANDS, SAND-SILT MIXTURES.		

MCCMP & PCCMP  
PLASTIC PIPE

**TABLE 2**  
MINIMUM D (INCHES)

MINIMUM DIAMETER (INCHES)	TRENCH INSTALLATION		EMBANKMENT INSTALLATION	
	METAL PIPE	PLASTIC PIPE	METAL PIPE	PLASTIC PIPE
15	8	8	15	15
18	9	9	18	18
24	10	10	24	24
30	11	11	24	24
36	12	12	24	24
42	12	12	24	24
48	12	12	24	24
54	12	12	24	24
60	12	12	24	24
66	12	12	24	24
72	12	12	24	24
78	12	12	24	24
84	12	12	24	24

**NOTES:**

INSTALLATIONS AS SHOWN ARE REQUIRED UNDER ALL SURFACED ROADWAYS, BEDDING AND BACKFILL FOR DRIVE PIPE OR OTHER PIPE OUTSIDE THE ROADWAY PRISM (OR BACK OF CURB-LINE FOR URBAN PROJECTS) MAY BE INSTALLED USING SUITABLE EXISTING SOIL, PLACED AND COMPACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.

WHERE IN-SITU LATERAL SOIL RESISTANCE IS NEGLIGIBLE (E.G. PEAT, MUCK, OR HIGHLY EXPANSIVE SOIL, EMBEDEMMENT SHALL BE PLACED AND COMPACTED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE ENGINEER.

TO PROTECT THE PIPE AND BACKFILL DURING CONSTRUCTION, PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 36" OF COMPACTED FILL MATERIAL OVER THE TOP OF THE PIPE BEFORE ALLOWING ANY HEAVY EQUIPMENT TO TRAVERSE OVER THE PIPE. EXTREMELY HEAVY EQUIPMENT MAY REQUIRE LARGER COVER AS DETERMINED BY THE CONTRACTOR.

PIPE VOLUME SHOULD NOT BE SUBTRACTED FROM THE VOLUME OF EXCAVATION.

THESE DESIGN STANDARDS ARE MINIMUM. IF A MORE RESTRICTIVE DESIGN IS REQUIRED BY THE ENGINEER OR THE CURVEVECT MANUFACTURER, THEN THESE STANDARDS SHALL BE MODIFIED. CHANGES TO PAY ITEM QUANTITIES DUE TO UNFORESEEN SITE CONDITIONS SHALL BE CALCULATED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE CONTRACT BY A CHANGE ORDER.

EXPOSED ENDS OF THE PIPE SHALL BE SEALED WITH COMESIVE SOIL (AROUND THE PIPE EXTENDING 3' TO 4' FROM EACH END) TO PROTECT AGAINST INFILTRATION AND EROSION.

GRANULAR FILL MATERIAL IS NOT PAID FOR DIRECTLY, BUT IS SUBSIDIARY TO THE LINEAR FEET OF CULVERT.

GRANULAR MATERIAL SHALL MEET ASTM D 2487 (SOIL GROUP AS SHOWN IN TABLE 1). MATERIAL SHALL BE COMPACTED TO AT LEAST 90% PROCTOR TEST DENSITY.

PERCENT COMPACTION SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOOR STANDARD TEST METHOD T 99.

**TABLE 3**  
LIMITS OF BEDDING AND BACKFILL

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