



Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

To: Regional Engineers
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Subject: Special Provision for Bituminous Surface Treatment with Fog Seal
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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Research and Central Bureau of Materials to replace Check Sheet #28 of the Recurring Special Provisions, "Preventative Maintenance - Bituminous Surface Treatment (A-1)", with "Bituminous Surface Treatment with Fog Seal", to include A-2 and A-3 treatments, as well as add a fog seal.

This special provision should be inserted in lieu of Check Sheet #28 for contracts involving bituminous surface treatment (preventive maintenance).

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the January 17, 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 September 27, 2019.

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BITUMINOUS SURFACE TREATMENT WITH FOG SEAL (BDE)

Effective: January 1, 2020

Description. This work shall consist of constructing a single or multiple course bituminous surface treatment with fog seal.

- (a) A-1. A-1 shall consist of a bituminous seal coat material and a seal coat aggregate with a bituminous fog seal material.
- (b) A-2. A-2 shall consist of a bituminous cover coat material and a cover coat aggregate, and a bituminous seal coat material and seal coat aggregate with a bituminous fog seal material.
- (c) A-3. A-3 shall consist of two separate applications of a bituminous cover coat material and cover coat aggregate, and a bituminous seal coat material and seal coat aggregate with a bituminous fog seal material.

Materials. Materials shall be according to the following.

Item	Article/Section
(a) Cover Coat Aggregate.....	1003, 1004.03
(b) Seal Coat Aggregate (Note 1)	1003, 1004.03
(b) Bituminous Materials (Note 2) (Note 3)	1032

Note 1. The seal coat aggregate shall be either fine or coarse aggregate.

When fine aggregate is used, it shall be stone sand, wet bottom boiler slag, slag sand, or steel slag sand. The aggregate gradation shall be FA 1 (Special), FA 4 (Special), or FA 22 as specified on the plans and shall meet the following.

FINE AGGREGATE GRADATIONS						
Grad. No.	Sieve Size and Percent Passing					
	3/8 in. (9.5 mm)	No. 4 (4.75 mm)	No. 8 (2.36 mm)	No. 16 (1.18 mm)	No. 40 (425 µm)	No. 200 (75 µm)
FA 1 (Special)	100	90 ± 10	62.5 ± 17.5	32.5 ± 7.5	7.5 ± 7.5	1.5 ± 1
FA 4 (Special)	100	--	--	2 ± 2	--	1.5 ± 1
FA 22	100	1/	1/	8 ± 8	--	2 ± 2

- 1/ For the fine aggregate gradation FA 22, the aggregate producer shall set the midpoint percent passing, and the Department will apply a range of ± 10 percent. The midpoint shall not be changed without Department approval.

When coarse aggregate is used, it shall be crushed gravel, crushed stone, wet bottom boiler slag, crushed slag, crushed sandstone, or crushed steel slag. The coarse aggregate material shall be selected from the table in Article 1004.03(a) based upon the friction aggregate mixture specified. The aggregate quality shall be Class B and the total chert count shall be no more than 25.0 percent by weight (mass) as determined by the ITP 203. The aggregate gradation shall be CA 15, CA 16, or CA 20 as specified on the plans.

Note 2. The bituminous material shall be either a CRS-2P or an HFRS-2P polymer modified emulsified asphalt meeting the requirements of Article 1032.06(f)(2).

Note 3. The bituminous material used to construct the fog seal shall be either a SS-1h or a CSS-1h according to Article 1032.06.

Equipment. Equipment shall be according to the following.

Item	Article/Section
(a) Self-Propelled Pneumatic-Tired Roller (Note 1)	1101.01
(b) Mechanical Sweeper (Note 2)	1101.03
(c) Aggregate Spreaders (Note 3)	1102.04
(d) Pressure Distributor (Note 4)	1102.05
(e) Heating Equipment	1102.07

Note 1. There shall be a minimum of two rollers, with the final number of rollers determined by the rollers' abilities to maintain proper spacing with the aggregate spreader as directed by the Engineer.

Note 2. The mechanical sweeper shall be power driven and self-propelled with the broom located between the axles. The mechanical sweeper shall not use a cantilever-mounted broom and the broom rotation shall not be operated by forward movement.

Note 3. The aggregate spreader shall be a self-propelled mechanical type with the receiving hopper in the rear and shall pull the aggregate truck. The spreader shall be fitted with an automated system which provides positive interconnected control of the aggregate flow with the forward speed of the spreader. The automated system shall provide uniform and consistent aggregate application at the rate specified.

The Engineer will check the spread roll of the aggregate spreader for straightness each day before operations begin. Should the surface of the spread roll vary off a straight line along its longitudinal dimension by more than 1/16 in. (1.5 mm), the Engineer will inspect the application of aggregate for corrugations and, should these occur, the machine shall be repaired or replaced. The forward speed of the spreader during calibration shall be the same as is to be used during construction. The equipment required for aggregate spreader calibration may consist of several sheets of canvas, each being exactly 1 sq yd (0.8 sq m), and a weight scale. By making several runs at different gate openings over the sheets of canvas, placed to cover the full width applied by the spreader, and carefully

measuring the aggregate on each canvas sheet, the gate opening at the pre-established speed required to apply aggregate at the specified rate may be determined.

Note 4. The pressure distributor shall have a minimum capacity of 3000 gal (11,500 L). The application rate control shall be automated and shall control the application rate regardless of ground speed or spray bar width. The computer shall have the capability of recording the application rate, gallons sprayed, square yards, and feet traveled. The pressure distributor shall be capable of maintaining the asphalt emulsion at the specified temperature. The spray bar nozzles shall produce a uniform triple lap application fan spray, and the shutoff shall be instantaneous, with no dripping. The pressure distributor shall be capable of maintaining the specified application rate within ± 0.015 gal/sq yd (± 0.070 L/sq m) for each load. The spray-bar nozzles shall be turned to make the same angle with the longitudinal axis of the spray bar as recommended by the manufacturer.

Application rates shall be determined by the procedures listed in ASTM D 2995, except the sample may be taken on three 8 x 12 in. (200 x 300 mm) metal plates. The three plates shall be positioned as directed by the Engineer.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Weather Limitations. This work shall be done between May 1 and August 31. Bituminous materials shall be applied only when the temperature of the air in the shade is above 55 °F (13 °C). No work shall be started if local conditions indicate that rain is imminent.

Fog seal operations shall be performed during daylight hours and not during foggy weather. The road surface may be damp but shall be free of standing water.

This work may be done between September 1 and September 15 provided both of the following conditions are met:

- (a) The temperature of the air in the shade is above 70 °F (20 °C) and the temperature of the surface to which the asphalt will be applied is 70 °F (20 °C) or above, and
- (b) The National Weather Service forecast for the area does not show any rain or any temperatures below 55 °F (13 °C) for the day the work is to be done or for the following five days.

Repair and Preparation of Base or Existing Surface. The base or existing surface shall be prepared according to Section 358.

Calibration. At least three days prior to starting the work, the Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a copy of the manufacturer's recommendations for the equipment to be used. The working day prior to starting construction, the pressure distributor and aggregate spreader shall be calibrated and adjusted according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Calibrations and adjustments shall be made in the presence of the Engineer on a level surface at a location

approved by the Engineer. The Contractor shall maintain proper calibration and adjustment of the equipment and the Engineer reserves the right to check application rates as the work progresses. Should the equipment fail to consistently apply the specified rates, the work shall be stopped, and the Contractor shall recalibrate and readjust the equipment.

Application Rates. Based upon the aggregate gradation to be used, the Contractor shall determine the application rates of bituminous material and seal coat aggregate. The application rates along with the seal coat gradations shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval prior to the start of work. Application rates shall be according to the following table for the aggregate type shown on the plans and shall result in aggregate embedment between 50 and 70 percent behind the roller. Changes in the application rate of greater than 15 percent shall be resubmitted to the Engineer for approval.

Aggregate Type	Bituminous Material Rate	Aggregate Rate
CA 15	0.38 – 0.46 gal/sq yd (1.7 – 2.1 L/sq m)	22 – 30 lb/sq yd (12 – 16 kg/sq m)
CA 16	0.36 – 0.40 gal/sq yd (1.6 – 1.8 L/sq m)	18 – 26 lb/sq yd (8 – 14 kg/sq m)
CA 20	0.36 – 0.40 gal/sq yd (1.6 – 1.8 L/sq m)	18 – 26 lb/sq yd (8 – 14 kg/sq m)
FA 1 (Special)	0.26 – 0.30 gal/sq yd (1.2 – 1.4 L/sq m)	16 – 20 lb/sq yd (9 – 11 kg/sq m)
FA 4 (Special)	0.28 – 0.36 gal/sq yd (1.3 – 1.6 L/sq m)	18 – 24 lb/sq yd (10 – 13 kg/sq m)
FA 22	0.32 – 0.40 gal/sq yd (1.5 – 1.8 L/sq m)	15 – 22 lb/sq yd (8 – 12 kg/sq m)

Preparation of Bituminous Material. The temperature of the bituminous material at the time of application shall be such that it shall spray uniformly without clogging the spraying nozzles and shall be applied within the temperature ranges of 150 – 190 °F (65 – 90 °C).

Preparation of Aggregate. The aggregate shall be stockpiled near the jobsite according to Article 1003.01(e) or 1004.01(e). The aggregate used shall contain no free moisture. Slightly damp aggregate may be used with the approval of the Engineer.

Application of Bituminous Material. The bituminous material shall be applied with a pressure distributor. The entire length of the spray bar shall be set at the height above the surface recommended by the manufacturer for even distribution of the bituminous material. A hand spray bar shall be used at locations not covered by the distributor.

The distributor shall be operated in a manner such that missing or overlapping of transverse joints shall be avoided. To prevent overlapping of successive applications of bituminous material at transverse joints, heavy paper shall be spread over the previously applied bituminous material and aggregates. In order to obtain a uniform application of the bituminous material, the distributor shall be traveling at the speed required for the specified rate of application when the spray bar crosses the paper.

Adjacent construction, such as concrete pavement, curb and gutter, bridge floors, raised reflective pavement markers, and bridge handrails, shall be protected by shields, covers or other means. If bituminous material is applied to adjacent construction, the Contractor shall remove such material to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

The emulsified asphalt shall not be applied when the wind conditions will inhibit uniform coverage from the fans of asphalt being applied.

Application of Aggregates. The cover and seal coat aggregates shall be spread evenly with an aggregate spreader over the entire surface being treated. When treating one-half of the pavement width at a time, an inside strip of uncovered emulsified asphalt 3 in. (75 mm) wide shall be left during construction of the first half to provide center joint overlap when the second half of the treatment is placed. In all cases, the aggregate shall be applied ahead of the truck or spreader wheels. Hand spreading will be permitted only when approved by the Engineer and, when so permitted, the aggregate shall be spread uniformly and at the approximate rate specified. Any ridges of aggregate left by the aggregate spreader shall be smoothed out with hand brooms immediately behind the aggregate spreader.

Equipment involved in the work shall operate as close to each other as practical. The aggregate spreader shall be within 150 ft (45 m) of the pressure distributor and the aggregate shall cover the asphalt emulsion within 30 seconds of application to ensure proper asphalt/aggregate adhesion.

Each aggregate truck shall be equipped with a suitable hitch for connection to the aggregate spreader while unloading. The trucks shall avoid contact between the truck body or bed and the aggregate spreader. The body or bed of the truck shall be modified, if necessary, to empty cleanly and completely into the receiving hopper of the aggregate spreader. No aggregate shall be allowed to spill onto the road surface when the truck is emptying into this hopper.

Cover Coat. Bituminous material for the cover coat shall not be applied until the previous application is acceptable to the Engineer.

At the beginning of each day's work, no bituminous material shall be applied until there is sufficient cover coat aggregate in the trucks at the work site to completely cover the first application of bituminous material. The amount of surface area covered by each successive application of bituminous material shall be determined by the Engineer. In no case shall this area be greater than can be covered with cover coat aggregate and given the initial rolling while the bituminous material is still in condition to hold aggregate.

The bituminous material, as specified in Article 1032.06(f)(2), shall be applied uniformly over the surface at the rate specified in the table above, the exact rate to be specified by the Engineer. Immediately following the application of the bituminous material, the cover coat aggregate shall be spread over the treated surface at the rate specified in the table above.

The aggregate shall be rolled following spreading. A maximum time of five minutes will be allowed between the spreading of aggregate and completion of the initial rolling of the aggregate. The rollers shall proceed in a longitudinal direction at a speed less than or equal to 5 mph (8 km/h). Each roller will travel over the aggregate a minimum of two times. The entire surface shall be rolled immediately with a self-propelled pneumatic-tired roller. Rolling shall proceed in a longitudinal direction beginning at the edges and progressing toward the center, overlapping on successive trips by at least 1/2 the width of the roller. The aggregate shall then be rolled with a separate pneumatic-tired roller until the aggregate is properly seated in the bituminous material.

Seal Coat. When constructing A-2 or A-3, the seal coat shall not be started until the cover coat immediately preceding the seal coat is completed.

Application of the bituminous material and aggregate and rolling of the seal coat shall be the same as specified above for the cover coat.

During the construction period, the Contractor shall maintain the completed work. If necessary, the Contractor shall apply additional seal coat aggregate to absorb excess bitumen appearing on the surface and shall repair any areas where pickup has occurred.

The Contractor shall use the appropriate sweeping equipment to perform an initial sweeping after a minimum of two hours curing and not less than one hour before sunset on the day the bituminous surface treatment is placed. The initial sweeping shall remove excess aggregate by lightly sweeping each pavement lane. The sweeping shall be sufficient to prevent migration of loose aggregate back onto any part of the pavement.

The Contractor shall sweep the pavement surface as needed to remove excess aggregate.

Application of Fog Seal. The bituminous material for the fog seal shall not be applied to the treated surface until the seal coat has cured for at least one day.

The temperature of the bituminous material shall be as specified in Article 1032.04. The bituminous material shall be applied uniformly and at a rate that will provide a residual asphalt rate on the prepared surface of 0.03 to 0.05 lb/sq ft (0.146 to 0.244 kg/sq m). The Contractor shall demonstrate the application will produce 100 percent coverage of the surface after curing. If the application demonstration does not meet the coverage requirements, the spray pattern shall be adjusted until approved by the Engineer. The bituminous material shall be applied in a manner to minimize the amount of overspray.

A check shall be performed in the first 1,000 ft (300 m) of each project to verify the application rate according to the test procedure for "Determination of Residual Asphalt in Prime and Tack Coat Materials".

Opening to Traffic. The road shall be opened to traffic according to Article 701.17(c)(4).

Method of Measurement. The bituminous surface treatment (A-1, A-2 or A-3) will be measured for payment in place and the area computed in square yards (square meters). The width for

measurement will be the top width of the bituminous surface treatment as shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

The bituminous material for fog seal will be measured for payment by weight of residual asphalt. A weight ticket for each truck load shall be furnished to the Engineer. The truck shall be weighed at a location approved by the Engineer. The ticket shall show the weight of the empty truck (the truck being weighed each time before it is loaded), the weight of the loaded truck, and the net weight of the bituminous material.

The percentage of asphalt residue of the actual certified product shall be shown on the producer's bill of lading or attached certificate of analysis. The weight of extra water added to dilute the emulsion shall also be shown on the bill of lading.

Payment will not be made for bituminous materials in excess of 105 percent of the amount specified by the Engineer.

Basis of Payment. This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per square yard (square meter) for BITUMINOUS SURFACE TREATMENT (PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE).

Fog sealing will be paid for at the contract unit price per pound (kilogram) of residual asphalt applied for BITUMINOUS MATERIALS (FOG SEAL) or POLYMERIZED BITUMINOUS MATERIALS (FOG SEAL).

When provided as a payment item, the preparation of the existing surface will be measured and paid for as specified in Section 358. If not provided as a payment item, preparation of existing surface will be paid for according to Article 109.04.

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