

504-R-714 PCCP FINISHING AND CURING

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The Standard Specifications are revised as follows:

SECTION 504, BEGIN LINE 52, DELETE AND INSERT AS FOLLOWS:

504.04 Curing

Curing materials shall be applied to exposed surfaces and sides of newly placed PCCP within 30 minutes after the finishing operations have been completed, or as soon as marring of the concrete does not occur. Paving operations shall be immediately suspended if sufficient curing materials are not available on site.

When forms are used, the edges of the pavement shall be cured immediately upon removal of the forms. The edge shall be covered with curing materials equal to the material used on the surface or banked with soil 12 in. wide or greater.

When conditions arise which prevent immediate application of curing materials, the paving operation shall be suspended and the PCCP shall be kept wet with a fine spray of water. The fine spray of water shall continue until application of curing materials resumes.

When blended portland pozzolan cements, fly ash, or slag cement are used in the concrete mix, the average ambient temperature must be above 50°F for the curing period. The average temperature shall be calculated based on hourly temperature measurements taken at the jobsite or from published weather station data within 10 miles of the jobsite. If the temperature restrictions are not met during placement or during the required curing period, curing shall continue and the PCCP shall not be opened to traffic until the strength requirements are met.

If liquid membrane forming compounds are used as the curing method and open to traffic strength has been achieved, the road may be opened to traffic and the 96 h stipulation stated below will not apply. Except when liquid membrane forming compounds are used, curing shall be continuous for 96 h unless a longer period is ordered and. Curing shall be in accordance with the following.

(a) Liquid Membrane Forming Compounds

~~Immediately after surface water has disappeared, a uniform coating of the liquid membrane forming curing compound shall be applied.~~

~~The compound shall be applied in a continuous uniform film at a rate not less than 1 gal./150 sq ft. It shall be applied in two applications. The curing compound shall be mixed thoroughly within 1 h before use. The rate of application shall be as approved, with a minimum spreading rate per application of 1 gal. of liquid coating for 150 sq ft of concrete surface. Curing compound shall be applied to provide a uniform, solid, white opaque coverage on all surfaces, similar to a white sheet of paper. All concrete cured by this method shall receive two applications of the curing compound. The first application shall be applied immediately after surface water has disappeared and surface texturing has been applied. If formwork has been used, both applications of curing compound shall be applied immediately after the formwork is removed. The second application shall be applied after~~

the first application has set. The curing compound may be warmed in a water bath during cold weather at a temperature not exceeding 100°F. Thinning with solvents will not be allowed. Non-uniform film rates will result in the discontinuance of that application method.

A new coat of curing compound shall be applied to areas damaged by rain or other means during the curing period. The recoating shall be applied as soon as possible and at a rate equal to that specified for the original coat.
