

ITEM 04555.02 M - CONCRETE FOR STRUCTURES CLASS MP (MASS PLACEMENT)

DESCRIPTION.

Furnish and place Portland cement concrete with a minimum compressive strength of 35 MPa where specified on the Plans for mass concrete placements of structural elements. Follow '555, except as noted below.

MATERIALS.

§555-2, except as modified herein.

Using materials meeting the requirements of §501-2.02 and as indicated below, design a concrete mixture(s) based on the following criteria:

- Strength - 56 day minimum compressive strength of 35 MPa.
- Slump - 80 mm +/- 25 mm. A high range water reducing admixture may be used upon prior written approval from the Director, Materials Bureau. If adding a high range water reducing admixture, slump will be limited to 80 mm maximum before the addition. After the addition, slump will be limited to 200 mm maximum.
- Entrained Air - 5 to 8%.
- Water/Total Cementitious Material Ratio - 0.40 maximum.
- Microsilica - 6 to 10% by weight of cementitious materials.
- Class F Fly Ash or Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag - 20% to 50% by weight of cementitious materials

Engage a qualified independent testing laboratory, subject to approval of the Materials Bureau, to perform mix development testing in accordance with ASTM C143, C231, C192 and C39, to assure all performance criteria can be achieved during production and placement.

At least 1 month prior to the start of any concrete placement, provide a copy of the proposed mixture design(s) and trial batch test results to the Director, Materials Bureau, submitted through the Regional Materials Engineer, for evaluation. Submit sufficient data to permit the Director to offer an informed evaluation. Include at least the following:

- Concrete mix proportions.
- Material sources. Also include fineness modulus and specific gravity for all aggregates.
- Air content of plastic concrete.
- Slump of plastic concrete.
- Compressive strength at 7, 14, 28, and 56 days, and at any other age tested or deemed necessary.

Do not interpret having a valid mixture design as approval of the mixture. Also, resubmit any proposed mixture design change to the Director, Materials Bureau, for evaluation. Multiple mixture designs may be used to address performance and placement issues as deemed necessary by the Contractor. Submit each mixture for evaluation, as indicated above, prior to use.

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS.

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Follow §555-3, except as modified herein:

Replace §555-3.01 - Concrete Manufacturing and Transporting with:

§501-2.03 Concrete Batching Facility Requirements,
§501-2.04 Concrete Mixer and Delivery Unit Requirements,
§501-3.02 Handling, Measuring, and Batching Materials, and
§501-3.03 Concrete Mixing, Transporting, and Discharging except that the maximum concrete temperature at the point of discharge shall be 21°C.

Prior to placing any concrete required by this specification, do a trial placement of at least 5 cubic meters using the proposed mixture design(s). This trial placement(s), when approved by the Engineer, may be incorporated into the project as a substitute for the placement of another Class of concrete shown on the plans. The Department will make and test concrete cylinders from the trial placement(s) to verify laboratory test results.

Modify §555-3.07 - Concrete Joints: Structural elements may be constructed in stages using construction joints if permission is granted by the Deputy Chief Engineer for Structures Design and Construction.

Modify §555-3.09 - Curing: After the minimum curing period, concrete may receive construction loads after reaching a compressive strength of 15 MPa and superstructure loads after reaching the minimum 35 MPa compressive strength.

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All concrete for this item shall achieve 35 MPa prior to opening the structure to traffic. Compressive strengths shall be determined from cylinders stored and cured in the same manner as the concrete it represents. The average compressive strength of each cylinder set shall be greater than the desired compressive strength, with no individual cylinder less than 90% of the desired compressive strength.

Modify §555-3.11 - Damaged or Defective Concrete: The contractor shall control materials, placement, and curing of the concrete to prevent cracking. Any cracks in the structural element greater than 0.40 mm shall be repaired using epoxy injection at no additional cost to the Department. The effectiveness of repairs shall be determined by the contractor using evaluation methods acceptable to the Department.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT.

Cubic meter as per §555-4.

BASIS OF PAYMENT.

§555-5, except also include the cost of the mix design, laboratory testing and approval in the unit bid price per cubic meter.