

ITEM 559.23----11 - GRAFFITI REMOVAL FROM TREATED SURFACES

DESCRIPTION: This work shall consist of the removal of graffiti from surfaces treated with Graffiti-Resistant Coating, as indicated in the contract documents and where directed by the Engineer. This item cannot be used on highway signs with a reflective surface.

MATERIALS: One of the following products may be used, as approved by the Engineer, for the graffitied surface:

3M Citrus Base Natural Cleaner, by 3M Adhesives, Coating & Sealers Div., St. Paul, Minnesota 55144

Enviro-Solutions Paint Stripper & Graffiti Remover, by RCI Trading, P.O. Box 1789, Englewood, Co.80150-1789

SOYsolv, 6154 N CR 33, Tiffin, OH 44883

Graffiti Free Cleaner, by Enviro-Northeast, P.O. Box 975, Highland Lakes, N.J., 07422

Any product approved by the Engineer shall be non-toxic and biodegradable and comply with the volatile organic compound (VOC) requirements of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regulation 6 NYCRR Part 205, Architectural Surface Coatings. The graffiti cleaning product selected shall be consistent with the recommendations of the anti-graffiti coating manufacturer.

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS:

1. The graffiti removal material shall be applied as per manufacturer's specification. The contractor shall provide product data and manufacturer's recommendations for use to the Engineer for approval at least two weeks prior to starting of work.
2. The thoroughness of the graffiti removal from the graffitied surface is subject to the approval of the Engineer. Any sign of the original graffiti shall be removed at no additional cost to the State.
3. The exact graffiti removal procedure shall be consistent with the recommendations of the anti-graffiti coating manufacturer.
4. If the graffitied surface is a sacrificial anti-graffiti coating, after removal of the graffiti, a new sacrificial anti-graffiti coating similar to the original one shall be applied under the item for anti-graffiti coating.
5. Unless otherwise noted or directed by the Engineer, graffiti shall be removed within five (5) working days of written notification to remove that graffiti.
6. Graffiti of a particularly offensive nature, in the opinion of the Engineer, shall be removed by the contractor within one (1) day after written notification to remove that graffiti. This shall be called "PRIORITY GRAFFITI REMOVAL."

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POWER WASHING GRAFFITI OFF SACRIFICIAL WAX COATED SURFACES

Graffitied surfaces coated with a sacrificial wax coating shall be cleaned of all graffiti using a power wash of plain water, at the temperature and pressure recommended by the coating manufacturer. The Contractor shall repeat the cleaning process in areas where graffiti or paint is still visible. If the second cleaning process fails to remove the graffiti or paint to the Engineer's satisfaction, the equipment and methods used by the Contractor will again be subject to review and approved by the Engineer. Cleaned surfaces shall bear no evidence of graffiti paint layers.

If after cleaning is completed, the cleaned surface becomes soiled as a result of the Contractor's operations, it shall be re-cleaned, at the expense of the Contractor, prior to the re-application of an anti-graffiti coating.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT: This item shall be measured per square meter of area cleaned. Measurement shall be taken as a flat plane. No allowance will be made for depths of joints, overhangs, stone faces or concrete patterns.

BASIS OF PAYMENT: The unit price bid, per square meter, for this item shall include the cost of all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the work.

No payment will be made for repair of, or replacement of damaged materials, which was made necessary due to the contractor's operations.

There will be no payment for removing graffiti that is not done within the time limitations stated in this specification.

Particularly offensive graffiti designated by the Engineer for PRIORITY GRAFFITI REMOVAL will be paid at twice the bid price.