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### SECTION 501

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**Note: PCCP is considered QC/QA when the bid item Quality Control Testing is included in the contract.**

##### 501.1 DESCRIPTION

Construct PCCP on a prepared subgrade or base course. Develop and perform quality control testing.

##### BID ITEMS

Concrete Pavement (\*Uniform) (AE) (\*\*)  
Concrete Pavement (\*Variable) (AE) (\*\*)  
Early Strength Concrete Pavement (\*Uniform) (AE) (\*\*)  
Early Strength Concrete Pavement (\*Variable) (AE) (\*\*)  
Quality Control Testing (PCCP)  
Concrete Core (Set Price)

##### UNITS

Square Yard  
Square Yard  
Square Yard  
Square Yard  
Square Yard  
Each

\* Thickness

\*\* No entry denotes PCCP with mesh and dowel assemblies. "Plain" denotes PCCP without mesh and dowel assemblies. "NRDJ" denotes non-reinforced dowel jointed PCCP.

##### 501.2 CONTRACTOR QUALITY CONTROL PLAN (QC Plan)

**a. General.** Prepare a QC Plan addressing how the Contractor will meet all requirements detailed in this subsection. Submit the QC Plan to the Engineer in writing a minimum of 2 weeks before beginning work above the subgrade.

**b. Quality Control Organization.** Provide a quality control organization or private testing firm having personnel certified according to the Policy and Procedures Manual for The Certified Inspection and Testing (CIT<sup>2</sup>) Training Program. The testing for this type of construction will require personnel certified in AGF, PO, CF, NUC and CS classification. Only persons certified in the appropriate classifications covering the specific tests required shall perform such testing. Provide a minimum of 1 employee on the project certified in the "QC/QA Con Spec" classification.

Include a listing of names and phone numbers of individuals and alternates responsible for quality control administration and inspection.

Provide an organizational chart showing the specified lines of authority relating to both mix design and quality control operations during production. Identify the company official acting as liaison with KDOT, and the Certified Technician who will direct inspection and testing. Post the chart in the test facility.

**c. Required Duties of Certified Technicians.** Be available on the project site whenever concrete for pavement is being produced and being placed on the project site. Perform and utilize quality control tests and other quality control practices to assure that delivered materials and proportioning meet the requirements of the mix designs, including temperature, slump, air content and strength.

Certified Technicians shall periodically inspect all equipment utilized in transporting, proportioning, mixing, placing, consolidating, finishing and curing to assure it is operating properly and that placement, consolidation, finishing and curing comply with the mix design and other contract requirements.

**d. Contractor's Testing Facilities.** Describe the testing facility and its accreditation.

Locate the testing facility either at the plant site or at the project. Obtain approval of the testing facilities and location from the DME before the commencement of mixture production.

Provide suitable space for the required testing equipment. Also, equip the testing facility with these items for the exclusive use of the testing facility's quality control personnel and the Engineer:

- A telephone with a private line;

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- A copying machine; and
- A facsimile machine

Provide laboratory equipment that complies with the AASHTO Accreditation Program (AAP). If the Contractor's QC laboratory is not participating in the AAP, the Contractor's laboratory equipment shall be inspected annually by an AAP approved laboratory. The inspection shall include all equipment required to perform testing on specified types of material related to this specification.

Maintain a Quality Manual in the field laboratory showing the calibrations performed on all test equipment and when the next calibration is due for that equipment. As a minimum, follow the calibration/verification interval established in Table 1: Concrete Materials Test Equipment, 5.17.10.02, Part V. Appendix A of that Section provides an example of a laboratory quality manual.

**e. Testing Requirements.** Identify test methods, procedures and equipment proposed for use. Use standard KDOT test methods and properly calibrated measuring and testing equipment as outlined in Part V. Detail any alternative sampling method, procedure or inspection equipment proposed to be used. Such alternatives are subject to review and approval by the DME.

Take all samples for tests and perform in-place tests at random locations, selected according to the Contractor's QC Plan and at the rates specified in the Sampling and Testing Frequency Chart for Portland Cement Concrete Pavement for Quality Control/Quality Assurance Projects in Appendix B, Part V. Retain the latest 10 gradation samples for use by the Engineer.

**f. Documentation.** Include procedures, charts and forms to be used to provide the required documentation.

At all times, have complete records of all inspections and tests available on site for the Engineer. All records documenting the Contractor's quality control inspections and tests become the property of KDOT upon completion of the work.

Indicate the nature and number of observations made, the number and type of deficiencies found, the quantities approved and rejected, and the corrective action taken in the records. Examples of quality control forms and charts are available in Part V, or Contractors may design their own. Documentation procedures are subject to approval by the Engineer before the start of the work and to compliance checks during the progress of the work.

(1) Record and document all test results and calculations. Record specific test results on a Daily Quality Control Summary sheet designed to facilitate the computation of moving test averages. Base moving averages on 4 consecutive test results. Include a description of quality control actions taken (such as adjustment of aggregate or additive proportions in the mix, moisture adjustments) in the Daily Quality Control Summary Sheet.

(2) Post and keep all quality control charts current. Show both individual test results and moving average values. As a minimum on approved control charts, plot the single test values and the 4 test moving average values for these properties:

- Percent air in concrete mixture;
- Slump of concrete mixture;
- Concrete unit weight;
- In-place concrete density on plastic concrete as a percentage of determined unit weight; and
- Gradation of individual aggregates.

(3) Plot data according to **subsection 106.4d.(2)**.

(4) Charts and Forms. Provide forms on a computer-acceptable medium, where required. Document batch tickets and gradation data according to KDOT requirements.

Complete testing and charting within 1 working day after sampling.

**g. Corrective Action.** Identify procedures for notifying the Engineer when corrective measures must be implemented, and for halting production.

Notify the Engineer when the moving average test result trend line for any property approaches the specification limits. Cease operations if 2 consecutive moving average points fall outside the specification limits. Ceasing operations is the Contractor's responsibility. Quality control tests for this determination include aggregate

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gradation, compliance with the mix design band, percent air content, concrete unit weight and density of fresh concrete in-place.

Failure to cease operations for the conditions cited above will subject all subsequent material to rejection, or acceptance at a reduced price, as determined by the Engineer.

The Engineer may examine materials represented by individual test results, which lie beyond the Contractor's normal quality control testing variation. The investigation may be based on either Contractor or KDOT test results. The information from additional testing (including testing of in-place pavement) may be used to define unacceptable work according to **subsection 105.5d**. The Engineer will apply appropriate price reductions or initiate corrective action.

If a dispute exists between the Engineer and Contractor about the validity of any test results other than compressive strengths or thickness determination, the KDOT District Materials Laboratory or MRC will perform referee testing. If 1 of the disputed KDOT test results was generated at the MRC, then an independent laboratory agreeable to both parties will be selected. The AASHTO Accreditation Program shall have approved the selected laboratory for the appropriate test procedure. If referee testing indicates that KDOT test results are correct, the Contractor is responsible for the cost of additional testing, including referee testing performed at the MRC. If the referee testing indicates that the Contractor test results are correct, KDOT is responsible for the cost of additional testing.

Follow the procedures outlined in **subsection 501.5g.(4)** if a dispute arises for any test determining compressive strengths or thickness.

**h. Non-Conforming Materials.** Specifically address how non-conforming materials will be controlled and identified.

Establish and maintain an effective and positive system for controlling non-conforming material, including procedures for its identification, isolation and disposition. Reclaim or rework non-conforming materials according to procedures acceptable to the Engineer.

Identify all non-conforming materials and products to prevent use, shipment and intermingling with conforming materials and products. Provide holding areas, mutually agreeable to the Engineer and Contractor.

**i. Concrete Information.** List the grades of concrete involved in the project separately. For each grade of concrete to be used, include, but do not limit to:

- Mix designs. List mix design numbers if using existing mixes.
- Aggregate production.
- Quality of components.
- Stockpile management.
- Proportioning, including added water.
- Mixing and transportation.
- Initial mix properties.
- Placement and consolidation.
- Concrete yield.
- Compressive strength.
- Finishing and curing.
- Frequency of sampling and testing.
- How duties and responsibilities are to be accomplished and documented, and if more than 1 Certified Technician is required.
- The criteria used by the Certified Technician to correct or reject unsatisfactory materials.

### 501.3 MATERIALS

Provide materials that comply with the applicable requirements.

Concrete and Grout .....	<b>DIVISION 400</b>
Reinforcing Steel .....	<b>DIVISION 1600</b>
Epoxy Coated Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement .....	<b>DIVISION 1600</b>
Joint Sealants .....	<b>DIVISION 1500</b>

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Expansion Joint Filler .....	<b>DIVISION 1500</b>
Concrete Curing Materials .....	<b>DIVISION 1400</b>
Preformed Elastomeric Compression Joint Seals .....	<b>DIVISION 1500</b>
Cold Applied Chemically Cured Joint Sealant .....	<b>DIVISION 1500</b>
Hot Type Joint Sealing Compound .....	<b>DIVISION 1500</b>
Epoxy Resin-Base Bonding System for Concrete .....	<b>DIVISION 1700</b>

Use the appropriate Type, Grade and Class of Epoxy as detailed in **SECTION 1705**.

### 501.4 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

**a. Preparation of the Subgrade.** Before placing any surfacing material on any section, complete the ditches and drains along that section to effectively drain the highway. Trim the base or subgrade to the line, grade and typical cross-section as shown in the Contract Documents. Maintain the subgrade or base to the as-constructed condition under other bid items, repairing any encountered defects to the specifications of those bid items. Maintain the subgrade surface to readily drain at all times. Protect the subgrade from damage when handling materials, tools and equipment. Do not store or stockpile materials on the subgrade. Do not place material or lay pavement on a frozen or muddy subgrade, or when it is raining or snowing.

Lightly spray the subgrade or base with water to obtain a thoroughly moistened condition when the concrete is deposited on it. Do not puddle water on the grade.

Do not deposit any material until the subgrade or base has been checked and approved by the Engineer.

**b. Slip Form Paving.** When paving is performed with a slip form paving unit, use equipment as described in **subsection 154.5**.

Pave 24 feet wide mainline pavement in a single operation. Do not exceed 24 feet paving width in a single operation except as follows:

- The Contractor may pave a maximum of 2 lanes plus a 6-foot shoulder (30 feet maximum) in a single operation.
- For pavements of 3 lanes or more, pave a minimum of 2 lanes mainline (with the option of including a single shoulder for a maximum of 30 feet) in a single operation.
- Approval will be based on satisfactory performance of the Contractor's operation.

Place ramps and auxiliary lanes/shoulders as shown in the Contract Documents.

Once the paving operation has started, provide adequate equipment and supply of materials to maintain continuous placement for any given working period. Keep all concrete conveying equipment clean.

Do not apply any tractive forces to the slip form paver, except that which is controlled from the machine.

Trim to grade the subgrade or surface of the base over which the tracks of the paver will travel. Do not disturb this surface with other equipment. If the equipment or method of operation requires the subbase to be wider than shown in the Contract Documents, place additional material to provide an adequate surface for the tracks of the paver. Upon completion of the paving operations, remove or repair any base material damaged by the slip form paver's tracks. All necessary construction and removal of this additional base material is subsidiary to other items of the contract.

Operate the paver continuously, stopping only when absolutely necessary. If the forward motion of the paver is stopped, immediately stop the vibrator and tamping elements.

Deposit the concrete on the grade in successive batches to minimize re-handling. Place concrete over and against any joint assemblies so the joint assembly is retained in its correct position. Spread the concrete using approved mechanical spreaders to prevent segregation and separation of the materials.

After striking the concrete off with the spreader, leave sufficient concrete in place to allow the final shaping by the use of screeds, templates and pans, depending on make, model and type of machines approved for use in the paving train. Adjust the paving units to meet the required final cross-section, minimizing the need to carry back concrete to fill voids or depressions. Adjust each screed or template so a uniform roll of concrete extends the full length of the screed or template and allows just enough concrete to pass under the unit to properly feed the next machine. Do not shove large volumes of concrete with the screed or template. Adjust the screed or template to maintain a uniform cross-section.

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Use multiple spreaders for single and multiple lift operations. Place concrete ahead of the initial spreader strikeoff no more than 30 minutes ahead of the final spreader strikeoff.

The use of any paving machine in the paving train is contingent on its ability to finish the pavement satisfactorily to the required grade, section and specified degree of consolidation. The Engineer may at any time require the adjustment, repair or replacement of the machine for unsatisfactory performance.

Correct any edge slump of the pavement in excess of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, exclusive of edge rounding, before the concrete hardens. Excessive edge slumping will be sufficient reason to discontinue paving until machinery (or mix) is properly adjusted or removed from the project.

When the machine finishing has been completed, check the surface with a straightedge a minimum of 10 feet in length before texturing. Operate the straightedge parallel to the pavement centerline, starting at the center and progressing outward. Advance in successive stages of less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the length of the straightedge. At the Contractor's option, this requirement may be eliminated when smoothness is to be determined by the profilograph.

**c. Placing Reinforcement.** Place pavement reinforcement at the locations shown in the Contract Documents. Use a sufficient number of approved metal, bar supports or pins to hold all dowel bars and tie bars in proper position as required by the Contract Documents.

Longitudinal joint tie bars and dowel bars may be installed mechanically if approved by the Engineer. The satisfactory placement of the bars depends on the ability of the Contractor's operation to place and maintain the bars in their true position. When satisfactory placement is not obtained by mechanical means, the Engineer may require the tie bars and dowel bars be installed ahead of placing the concrete, and that they be securely held in their exact position by staking and tying.

Thoroughly coat each dowel with hard grease or other approved bond breaker as shown in the Contract Documents. The bond breaker coating shall not exceed 15 mils  $\pm$  5 mils in thickness when averaged over 3 points measured at the  $\frac{1}{4}$  points on the bar at 90° intervals around the bar.

When reinforced concrete pavement is placed in 2 layers, strike off the entire width of the bottom layer to such length and depth that the sheet of fabric or bar mat may be laid full length on the concrete in its final position without further manipulation. Place the reinforcement directly on the concrete, then place the top layer of concrete, strike it off and screed it. Remove any portion of the bottom layer of concrete that has been placed more than 30 minutes, and replace it with fresh mixed concrete at the Contractor's expense. When reinforced concrete is placed in 1 layer, the reinforcement may be positioned in advance of the concrete placement or it may be placed in the plastic concrete after initial spreading, by mechanical or vibratory means.

Place the wire mesh reinforcement in the pavement at the locations shown in the Contract Documents. When 2 layers of wire mesh reinforcement are required, support the bottom layer in the required position with bar chairs. Use separators for the top layer if the strike-off can not be used properly for the operation. Lap the reinforcement as shown in the Contract Documents. Laps parallel to the centerline of the pavement are prohibited except for unusual width of pavement lanes or for irregular areas. If the Contract Documents do not show dimensions for laps, the minimum lap either perpendicular or parallel to the centerline of the pavement is 6 inches. Fasten or tie adjacent wire mesh sheets together to hold all parts of the wire mesh sheets in the same plane.

If a "wire pattern" appears on the surface of the fresh pavement, immediately modify placement procedures to eliminate the problem.

Use reinforcing steel free from detrimental materials that could impair the bond between the steel and concrete.

**d. Consolidation and Finishing.** Perform hand spreading with shovels, not rakes. Do not allow workers to walk in the fresh concrete with boots or shoes coated with earth or foreign substance.

Do not apply moisture to the surface of the concrete pavement unless the Engineer approves the use of additional water on the fresh concrete surface to lubricate the float of the longitudinal finisher. If unusual weather conditions require the addition of superficial water to the concrete surface, apply it only in the form of a fine, fog mist.

Consolidate and finish the concrete to the cross-section and elevation shown in the Contract Documents.

Use vibrators or other approved equipment to consolidate each layer of concrete, when placed in more than 1 lift, or full depth if placed in 1 lift. Uniformly vibrate the concrete across the full width and depth of the pavement so that the density of pavement concrete is a minimum of 98% of the vibrated unit weight. The 98% density requirement may be eliminated on miscellaneous areas such as entrance pavement, median pavement and gore areas.

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Vibrators, either of the surface type (pan or screed) or the immersion type (tube or spud) may be attached to the spreader, paver or finishing machine, or may be mounted on a separate carriage. Only operate the vibrators when the machine they are mounted on is moving forward. Do not operate hand vibrators more than 15 seconds, or less than 5 seconds in any one location unless approved otherwise by the Engineer. Place vibrators in and withdraw from concrete vertically in a slow deliberate manner. Check vibrator frequencies with the vibrator under load to comply with the frequencies shown in **subsection 154.2d**.

Maintain a uniform, continuous roll of concrete over the vibrators ahead of the strike-off. The height of the roll shall be approximately the same height as the thickness of the pavement being vibrated.

In order to obtain concrete consolidation in the vicinity of joint assemblies, the Engineer may require that these areas be hand vibrated with an immersion spud vibrator.

In the event the specified density is not attained, cease paving operations and make necessary adjustments to produce concrete to conform to the density requirements.

Use an approved nuclear density measuring device to monitor in-place density. Provide a moveable bridge and move it to test locations as required to allow the Inspector to work over the fresh concrete.

On projects or areas within projects where the use of conventional equipment is impracticable, other consolidation and finishing equipment may be used with approval of the Engineer.

**e. Fixed Form Paving.** At the Contractor's option, the fixed form paving method may be used.

(1) Forms. Use straight, metal forms having adequate strength to support the equipment. Each section shall be a minimum of 10 feet in length. Use forms with a depth equal to the prescribed edge thickness of the concrete, a base width at least equal to the depth of the forms and without a horizontal joint. Use flexible or curved forms of proper radius for curves of 150 foot radius or less, except approved straight forms of 5 foot lengths may be used for curves of a radius from 75 to 150 foot. Flexible or curved forms must be approved by the Engineer. The Engineer may approve the use of wood forms in areas requiring hand finishing. Secure the forms in place to withstand the impact and vibration of the consolidating and finishing equipment without visible spring or settlement. Extend flange braces outward on the base a minimum of  $\frac{2}{3}$  the height of the form. Remove forms with battered top surfaces or bent, twisted or broken forms. Do not use repaired forms until they have been inspected and approved by the Engineer. Do not use buildup forms, except where the total area of pavement of any specified thickness on the project is less than 2,000 square yards. Do not vary the top face of the form from a true plane more than  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch in 10 feet, and do not vary the vertical face of the form by more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. The forms shall contain provisions for locking the ends of abutting form sections together tightly, and for secure setting.

(2) Base Support. Provide a foundation under the forms that is compact and true to the specified grade so that the whole length of the form will be set firmly in contact with the grade.

(3) Form Setting. Set forms sufficiently in advance of the point where concrete is being placed so that line and grade may be checked. After the forms have been correctly set, thoroughly tamp the grade mechanically at both the inside and outside edges of the base of the forms. Stake forms into place with a minimum of 3 pins for each 10 foot section. Place a pin at each side of every joint. Tightly lock form sections, free from play or movement in any direction. Do not deviate the form from true line by more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch at any point. No excessive settlement or springing of forms under the finishing machine is permitted. Clean and oil forms before the placing of concrete.

(4) Grade and Alignment. Check the alignment and grade elevations of the forms immediately before placing the concrete and make any necessary corrections. When any form has been disturbed or any grade has become unstable, reset and recheck the form.

(5) Placing Reinforcement and Consolidating and Finishing Concrete. Meet the requirements in **subsections 501.4c. and d.**

(6) Removing Forms. Unless otherwise provided, do not remove forms from freshly placed concrete until it has set for a minimum of 12 hours, except auxiliary forms used temporarily in widened areas. Remove forms carefully to avoid damage to the pavement.

**f. Texturing.** Use texturing equipment and devices as described in **subsection 154.7**.

Use a burlap drag as soon as all excess moisture has disappeared and while the concrete is still plastic enough to make a granular surface possible.

Following the dragging operation, use a mechanical device to make a final finish or texture by giving the surface of the plastic pavement a transverse or longitudinal tining as shown in the Contract Documents. Perform the operation at such time to minimize displacement of larger aggregate particles and before the surface permanently sets.

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Small or irregular areas may be tined by hand methods.

On projects of less than 5,000 square yards, or projects with longitudinal tining, the tining and curing devices may be mounted on the same carriage when approved by the Engineer. Operations of this type will be based on satisfactory performance.

Before final texturing, finish the exposed edge of the pavement to a radius of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch with an edger. Edge the interior longitudinal joints on multiple-lane pavement to a radius of  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch. Eliminate any tool marks appearing on the slab adjacent to the joints or edge of the slab. Do not disturb the rounding of the corner of the slab.

### **g. Joints.**

(1) General. Construct joints according to the Contract Documents. Failure to construct the joints in the best possible manner will be cause for suspension of work until the cause of the defective work is remedied.

If existing pavement of any type is required to abut with the new pavement, and the termination of the removal is not at an existing joint, make the new joint by sawing the existing pavement full depth with a diamond saw before removal.

The objective is to create or form a plane of weakness in the fresh concrete before uncontrolled or erratic cracking occurs. The following methods are acceptable:

- Use concrete saws to saw all contraction joints no wider than the initial saw cut and to a depth of  $D/3 \pm \frac{1}{4}$  inch. Extreme conditions could exist which make it impracticable to prevent erratic cracking by sawing the joints early. At the onset of the project, devise methods, with the approval of the Engineer, to control this cracking.
- Make a "plastic concrete cut" straight and well defined so it can be sawed out by the saw crew. The "plastic concrete cut" would replace the specified initial saw cut. Suggested procedures could be the use of a stiff metal parting strip, with or without handles that would be gently inserted in the fresh concrete and removed, thereby parting the interlocking coarse aggregate and providing a plane of weakness.
- Cut the fresh concrete with a mason's trowel and straightedge from a worker's bridge. It is imperative that the "plastic concrete cut" joint and the second stage saw cut are in the same exact location.
- At the Contractor's option, "early entry" saws may be used based on satisfactory performance and depth of cut recommended by the equipment manufacturer.
- Procedures to control erratic cracking are not limited to these examples.

Edge any transverse joint requiring hand finishing and edging with a tool having a radius of  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch. Do not indent the surface of the pavement with the horizontal face of the edger.

(2) Pressure Relief Joints. Install pressure relief joints according to the bridge approach details in the Contract Documents.

Form or saw openings for the joint material approximately  $1 \frac{3}{4}$  inches wide for the 2-inch joint and approximately  $3 \frac{3}{4}$  inches wide for the 4-inch joint at the locations shown in the Contract Documents. Use the lubricant adhesive as recommended by the manufacturer of the pressure relief joint material.

Just before the installation of the joint material, clean the faces of the joint by sandblasting, followed by an air blast to clean all dust from joint faces.

The Engineer may approve pre-positioning of the 2-inch material if adequate means are taken to obtain proper placement and retention, and if deformation of the material does not occur when the fresh concrete is placed against it.

Use a foam spacer block beneath the 4-inch joint filler material to maintain the specified grade. The spacer block is an easily compressed foam material cut to fill the void beneath the joint filler.

(3) Contraction Joints. Install contraction joints of the type, dimensions and spacing shown in the Contract Documents.

Stretch a stringline along the centerline of the joint, or otherwise adequately mark it to assure dowel bar joint assembly alignment.

Install the dowel bar joint assembly so the centerline of the assembly is perpendicular to the centerline of the slab, and the dowels lie parallel to the slab surface and slab centerline. Place concrete so it will not displace or disarrange the joint assembly. Mark the location of contraction joints to assure the joints are sawed in the proper location.

(4) Longitudinal Joints. Construct longitudinal joints according to the Contract Documents. When sawed joints are specified or used, provide approved guide lines or devices to cut the longitudinal joint on the true line as

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shown in the Contract Documents. Perform the sawing of longitudinal joints at a time that will prevent erratic or uncontrolled cracking. When “plastic concrete cut” methods are used, no sawing or widening of the joint will be required to make a sealant reservoir.

(5) Construction Joints. Make a butt construction joint perpendicular to the centerline of the pavement at the close of each day’s work, or when the process of depositing concrete is stopped for a length of time sufficient for the concrete to take its initial set. Form this joint by using a clean header having a nominal thickness of 2 inches, and minimum cross-sectional area equal to pavement thickness by pavement width. Cut the header true to the crown of the finished pavement. Accurately set and hold it in place in a plane at right angles to centerline and perpendicular to the surface of the pavement.

Protect the top surface of the header with steel. Securely fasten a trapezoidal piece of metal or wood approximately 2 inches wide and a minimum of 1 inch in depth on the face of the header, along the center of the header to form a grooved or keyed joint.

With approval of the Engineer, the Contractor may pave beyond the joint location a distance to maintain the line and grade. Saw the construction joint when the concrete has hardened. Drill holes for reinforcing tie bars and epoxy the bars in-place. Place fresh concrete against the previously placed concrete taking care to avoid injury to the edge. Vibrate the concrete to obtain an interlocking joint and prevent a honeycombed face of the joint. The additional concrete, removal of debris and other work created by this alternative is at the Contractor’s expense.

Unless shown otherwise in the Contract Documents, do not place any construction joint within 5 feet of an expansion, contraction or other construction joint.

(6) Special Joint Construction. Construct special joints as shown in the Contract Documents or as ordered by the Engineer around drainage, utility and other structures located within the concrete pavement boundaries. Hold temporary forms securely in place during the concrete placement operation.

(7) Joint Construction. Construct all joints as shown in the Contract Documents. Repair or replace any curing medium damaged during joint construction. Construct joints as follows:

(a) Induced Plane of Weakness. The first saw cut is a relief cut at the proper joint location, approximately  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch wide and to the full joint depth as shown in the Contract Documents ( $D/3 \pm \frac{1}{4}$  inch). Make the relief cut as soon as the concrete has hardened enough so that no excess raveling or spalling occurs, but before any random cracks develop. The sequence of the relief sawing is at the Contractor’s option, provided all relief sawing is completed before random cracking develops. Use suitable guide lines or devices to cut the joint straight and in the correct location. Repair curing membrane damaged during sawing as directed by the Engineer. See **subsection 501.4g.(1)** for alternate methods to the first stage sawing.

(b) Reservoir Construction. Do not perform widening of the relief joints to full width until the concrete is a minimum of 48 hours old. Delay it longer if the sawing causes raveling of the concrete. If second stage sawing is performed before completion of the curing period, maintain the cure by use of curing tapes, plastic devices or other materials approved by the Engineer. Center the joint groove over the relief cut, and saw it to the dimensions shown in the Contract Documents. Should any spalling of the sawed edges occur that would detrimentally affect the joint seal, patch it with an approved epoxy patching compound and allow it to harden before installing the joint material. Make each patch true to the intended neat lines of the finished cut joint.

(8) Cleaning Joints.

(a) Immediately clean freshly cut sawed joints by flushing with a jet of water under pressure and other necessary tools to remove the resulting slurry from the joint and immediate area.

(b) To clean joints, use air compressors equipped with suitable traps capable of removing all surplus water and oil from the compressed air. The Engineer will check the compressed air for contamination, daily. When contaminated air is found to exist, work will be stopped until suitable adjustments are made, and the air stream is found to be free of contaminants.

(c) Just before applying the hot or cold joint sealant, complete a final cleaning by air blasting to clean incompressibles from the joint.

(d) Before installing preformed elastomeric joint seals, use water or sandblasting equipment to clean the seal reservoir of the transverse joint a minimum of the vertical height of the installed elastomeric joint material plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch measured from the pavement surface. Use a multiple pass technique until the surfaces are free of dirt, curing compound or any residue that might prevent ready insertion of the seal, or uniform contact with the concrete. (Note: These seals are held in

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place by compressive forces and friction acting on the faces of the joint, not chemical bonding as with other joint sealants.) After final cleaning, and immediately before installing the seal, blow out the joint seal reservoir with compressed air until it is free of debris and visible water.

(9) Sealing Joints. The joint location, size and configuration is shown in the Contract Documents. Use applicable materials to obtain the required joint sealant configuration. Seal transverse pavement joints with preformed elastomeric compression joint seals, unless shown otherwise in the Contract Documents. Seal longitudinal pavement joints full depth with either a cold applied chemically cured joint sealant or a hot joint sealing compound. Use only 1 type of longitudinal joint sealant on a project, unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Seal joints before opening to traffic. For opening to construction traffic, see **subsection 501.4i.(3)(a)**.

When using cold applied chemically cured joint sealant, hot joint sealing compound or preformed elastomeric compression joint seals, arrange for a technical representative of the manufacturer to be present during installation of the joint seal to provide guidance on cleaning, preparation of the joint and installation of the seal. Keep the manufacturer's technical representative on the project until Contractor and KDOT personnel have been thoroughly trained in the proper installation of the material. The Engineer may waive this requirement for Contractors that are experienced in installing the type and brand of material being used. Provide the Engineer with a resumé of experience for evaluation.

(a) Cold Applied Chemically Cured Joint Sealants. Do not seal joints until they are clean and dry, and the pavement has attained the age recommended by the manufacturer of the sealant. Do not apply sealant to damp concrete, or install it during inclement weather. Place the sealer full depth in close conformity with dimensions shown in the Contract Documents. Any deviation will be cause for rejection of the joint until satisfactory corrective measures are taken. Do not apply joint sealant when the ambient air temperature is below 40°F, or as specified by the manufacturer.

Apply the joint sealant by an approved mechanical device. Any failure of the joint material in either adhesion or cohesion will be cause for rejection. Repair the joint to the Engineer's satisfaction.

Some cold applied, chemically cured sealants are not self-leveling and will not position properly in the joint under its own weight. Tool the sealant surface as shown in the Contract Documents. Accomplish tooling before a skin forms on the surface. The use of soap or oil as a tooling aid is prohibited.

After a joint has been sealed, promptly remove all surplus joint sealer from the pavement or structure surfaces.

Do not permit traffic over sealed joints until the sealer is tack free, or until debris from traffic can not imbed into the sealant.

(b) Hot Applied Joint Sealing Compound. Do not seal joints until they are clean and dry, and the pavement has attained the age recommended by the manufacturer of the joint sealing compound. Install joint sealing compound according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Completely clean out the application unit when changing brands of materials, or if the material exhibits any sign of changes in application characteristics, polymer or oil separation, balling or any signs of jelling. If the application unit contains compatible material from a previous project at start-up, provide the Engineer a certification covering the material in the application unit, including the manufacturer, type, etc. Material that can not be identified and certified shall be completely cleaned out before start-up.

After a joint has been sealed, promptly remove all surplus joint sealer from the pavement or structure surfaces.

Do not permit traffic over sealed joints until the sealer is tack free, or until debris from traffic can not imbed into the sealant.

(c) Preformed Elastomeric Joint Seals. Concrete that has reached an age that permits proper sawing and cleaning without causing deterioration of the joint edges and joint faces, is considered acceptable for seal installation.

Under normal construction procedures, seal transverse joints full width with no splices made in the preformed joint seal. However, under phased construction of widenings, where the lanes placed earlier have been opened to traffic, the preformed joint seal may be spliced at the construction joint. When the existing seal is peeled back to saw the construction joint, clean it, reapply the lubricant/adhesive and reinstall as soon as possible. After the new seal is installed, place the longitudinal joint sealant through the intersection with the transverse joint, with the

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transverse seals butted in. Place the longitudinal sealant to encase and seal the ends of the preformed seals.

Install the joint seal with a machine especially designed to compress and install the sealant in an upright position, without cutting, nicking, distorting or otherwise damaging the seal. Apply lubricant to the concrete or the preformed seal (or both), and install the seal in a substantially compressed condition. Place the top of the seal at a depth below the finished surface of the pavement, recommended by the manufacturer.

Use a method of installation such that the joint seal will not be stretched or compressed longitudinally more than 3% of the length, unless stated otherwise in the manufacturer's instructions. The method of installation will be checked for stretching or compression by comparing the distance between 2 marks on the surface of the seal measured before and after the installation. If the check indicates stretching or compression beyond the limits stated above, modify the method of installation to correct the situation. The Contractor may proceed slightly out of specification for a short distance under the supervision of the manufacturer's technical representative, while making corrections and adjustments to return to specification limits. This material may remain in place, provided the stretching does not exceed 5%, and the Contractor makes a good faith effort to correct the problem. Once the machine is in proper adjustment and the installation is proceeding satisfactorily, further checks (approximately every 100 joints) will be made to assure proper installation.

Remove any joint seal not conforming to the above stated limits of installation and replace with new material. No seal may be reused after being removed for any reason.

**h. Hand Finishing.** Hand finishing methods shall be held to a minimum. Generally, hand methods of placement and finishing will be permitted as follows:

- For pavement when a breakdown of some portion of the paving train occurs, making the hand finishing of that portion of the concrete already in place necessary.
- For pavement lanes that may be too narrow or a length too short to accommodate a full paving spread.
- For all irregular shaped areas.
- For special approach sections to bridges, widened portions at bridges, intersections and sections widened beyond traffic lanes.
- When the dimensions of the work make the use of a complete power operated paving impossible, or impracticable.

For uniform width areas or transition width areas using false forms, finish handwork with a mechanical finishing machine or approved vibrating screed, whenever possible.

Use spud hand vibrators on any area considered impracticable to vibrate with a vibrating screed. Approved metal or wood floats may be used if needed to help close an open or porous surface condition.

Continue the operation of consolidation and screeding or striking off the concrete until the concrete is uniformly consolidated and the surface is true to line, grade and cross-section.

After the pavement has been properly struck off, straightedge the pavement for trueness and finish it. Use a burlap drag to remove surface straightedge marks. The burlap drag may be pulled by hand, but the results shall be similar to that on the mainline pavement.

Manual methods may be used for texturing hand finished pavement areas. Where applicable, the tined texture applies. Use a metal comb with dimensions and spacing shown in **subsection 154.7b**. Obtain a finished textured surface similar to that produced mechanically.

On miscellaneous areas such as entrance pavement, median pavement and gore areas, texturing with the metal comb may be eliminated. Final finish may be attained by the use of a drag that consists of a seamless strip of damp burlap, cotton fabric or other suitable material capable of producing a uniform surface of gritty texture.

**i. Protection and Curing of Concrete.** Cure the pavement by using burlap, liquid membrane-forming compounds, white polyethylene sheeting, concrete curing blankets or reinforced white polyethylene sheeting. Failure to provide proper curing is cause for immediate suspension of the concreting operations.

(1) Burlap, Concrete Curing Blankets, White Polyethylene Sheeting and Reinforced White Polyethylene Sheeting.

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Place the curing material on the pavement immediately after the pavement has been finished, and the concrete has hardened sufficiently to avoid harmful marring of the surface, yet early enough to prevent undue loss of moisture from the concrete. If the pavement becomes dry before the curing material is placed, moisten the concrete with a fine spray of water. Dampen burlap and place on the surface. Place burlap-polyethylene blankets with the dampened burlap side down. Keep burlap damp throughout the entire curing period.

Lap adjacent units of curing materials approximately 18 inches. Upon removal of the forms, extend the material to completely cover the full depth of the exposed pavement.

Weight the curing material down using continuous windrows of earth placed along the sides and edges of the pavement and transversely across the pavement on the laps to cause the material to remain in contact with the covered surface throughout the curing period. Other methods may be used with approval of the Engineer.

Walking on the pavement surface to place the curing material is prohibited. Walking on the curing material is prohibited until the pavement has cured sufficiently to prevent damage to the surface.

Leave the curing material in place for a minimum of 4 days, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. Immediately repair any tears or holes appearing in the material during the curing period, or replace it with material in good condition.

The material may be reused, provided it is kept serviceable by proper repairs, and if in the judgment of Engineer it will provide water retention during the curing period.

(2) Liquid Membrane-Forming Compounds. After finishing operations have been completed and immediately after the free water has left the surface, completely coat and seal the surface of the slab with a uniform layer of white membrane curing compound. Apply the compound in 1 application at a minimum rate of 1 gallon per 150 square feet of surface. Thoroughly mix the curing compound at all times during usage. Do not thin the white membrane curing compound.

Protect the treated surface from injury a minimum of 4 days, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. If the newly coated film is damaged in any way, apply a new coat of material to the affected areas equal in coverage to that specified for the original coat. A minimum of foot traffic will be permitted on the dried film as necessary to properly carry on the work, provided any damage to the film is immediately repaired by application of an additional coat of compound.

Immediately after the forms are removed (fixed form and slip form), coat the entire area of the sides of the slab with white membrane curing compound at the rate specified for the pavement surface, regardless of whether or not further concrete placement will be made against the pavement edge. Approved hand spray equipment will be permitted only for the application of curing compound on the sides of the slab, for repairing damaged areas and for hand finished areas. Repair any damaged areas caused by joint sawing.

(3) Opening to Traffic. No motorized traffic is allowed on the pavement until all of the following conditions are met.

(a) Construction Traffic Only.

- The flexural strength of the pavement shall meet or exceed 450 psi. Determine the flexural strength of the pavement by testing flexural strength specimens utilizing the third point loading method, or by use of a calibrated maturity meter.
- If testing is not done, observe a 4 day curing period before allowing motorized traffic on the pavement.
- Provide protection to keep foreign material out of the unsealed joints by an approved method.

(b) All Traffic. In addition to **subsection 501.4i.(3)(a)**, the joints shall be sealed according to **subsection 501.4g.(9)**.

The Contractor may, at own expense, increase the cement content from the minimum shown in **SECTION 401** to accelerate the strength gain of the PCCP.

(4) Cold Weather Curing. Maintain the concrete pavement at a minimum temperature of 40°F, as measured along the surface of the concrete, for a minimum of 4 days after placing. When the ambient air temperature is expected to drop below 35°F, anytime during the curing period, take precautions to maintain the concrete temperature. Keep a sufficient supply of approved moisture barrier material, other than liquid curing compound, and suitable blanketing material, such as straw, hay and burlap close by. Be prepared to cover the pavement with a moisture barrier and protect all pavement less than 4 days old with blanketing material. Remove, dispose of and replace concrete damaged by cold weather, as determined by the Engineer.

(5) Early Strength Concrete Curing. The curing period shall conform to the requirements specified for regular concrete pavement in **subsection 501.4i.(3)**. Construct joints according to the manufacturer's recommendations for early strength concrete pavement.

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**j. Cold Weather Limitations.** If concrete is placed in cold weather, comply with **DIVISION 400**.

**k. Repair of Defective Pavement Slabs.**

(1) The following applies to both new reinforced and non-reinforced concrete pavement.

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to repair any spalled, cracked or broken panels as specified hereinafter at no cost to KDOT. Properly seal the joints of the repaired or replaced panels.

Repair spalls, not addressed in **subsection 501.4g.(7)(b)**, by making a saw cut a minimum of 1 inch outside the spalled area to a minimum depth of 2 inches. In no case shall an individual patch of a spall be less than 1 square foot with no dimension less than 1 foot. The interior angles formed by the intersection of adjacent sides of the patch shall be a minimum of 60°. When the spalled area abuts a joint, make the saw cut to a depth of 2 inches or 1/6 the slab thickness, whichever is greater. Chip out the concrete between the saw cut and the joint or primary crack to solid concrete. Do not use chipping hammers greater than 15 pounds. Thoroughly clean all loose material from the formed cavity. Apply a coat of an approved concrete bonding epoxy to the dry, cleaned surface of all sides of the cavity, except the joint. Apply the epoxy by scrubbing the material into the surface with a stiff bristle brush. Place portland cement concrete, epoxy resin concrete or mortar, immediately following application of the epoxy, according to the manufacturer's recommendations. If the spalled area to be patched abuts a working joint, use an insert or other bond breaking medium during the repair work to maintain working joints.

As required, determine the depth of crack penetration by inspection of cores drilled at the Contractor's expense.

Remove and replace major honeycombed areas found after removal of the forms. Removed areas or sections so removed shall be a minimum of 6 feet in length if less than full width of the lane involved. When it is necessary to remove a section of pavement, also remove and replace any remaining portion of the slab adjacent to the joints that is less than 6 feet in length.

(2) The following applies to new reinforced, dowel jointed PCCP.

When a single full-depth transverse crack falls within the middle 1/3 of the panel, no corrective work will be required.

Should a second full-depth crack develop within the middle 1/3 of the panel, remove and replace the panel to the nearest planned contraction joint, eliminating both cracks.

If the location of the mid-panel full-depth crack is within 6 feet of the boundaries of the area to be repaired, extend the area to be repaired to include the mid-panel crack.

When any portion of a full-depth crack falls outside the middle 1/3 of the panel, remove and replace the portion of panel between the contraction joint and the crack. Make 1 full-depth saw cut parallel to the contraction joint on the mid-panel side of the crack to be removed. Make another cut in the adjacent panel, parallel to the contraction joint, clear of the basket assembly, but not less than 6 feet from the first cut. Remove the cracked section and basket assembly. Drill holes in both sawed faces, and insert bars to make 2 contraction joints. Use dowels of the same size and spaced the same distance as those shown in the Contract Documents. Drill bar holes 1/4 inch ± 0.05 inch larger than the diameter of the bar and fill them with epoxy or grout and insert the new dowel. Support the free ends of the bars parallel to the pavement surface until the epoxy or grout has set, obtaining proper alignment of the bar. Apply grease or an approved bond breaker to the free ends.

If the boundaries of consecutive areas to be repaired are less than 6 feet apart, also remove and replace the areas between the patches.

Completely remove and replace pavement panels (area between contraction joint and contraction joint) containing both transverse and longitudinal cracks (separating the panel into 4 or more parts) through the full depth of the slab.

Saw off the longitudinal joint tie bars at the longitudinal joint. Drill holes midway between the existing bars and insert tie bars to make a new tied longitudinal hinged joint. Use tie bars of the same size and spacing as those in the Contract Documents. Drill bar holes 1/4 inch ± 0.05 inch larger than the diameter of the bar and fill them with epoxy or grout and insert new tie bars.

(3) The following applies to new non-reinforced dowel jointed PCCP.

(a) Transverse and Diagonal Cracks. Remove and replace pavement panels containing any transverse or diagonal crack according to the following:

- Make a full-depth saw cut in the abutting panel nearest to the crack, parallel to the contraction joint, just clear of the basket assembly (removing the existing dowel basket), and a second cut on the opposite side of the crack.
- The minimum longitudinal length of a patch is 6 feet.

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- Do not permit a patch to fall within 6 feet of a contraction joint.
  - Drill holes and insert dowel bars to make new contraction joints. Use dowels of the same size and spaced the same distance as shown in the Contract Documents. Drill bar holes  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch  $\pm 0.05$  inch larger than the diameter of the bar and fill with epoxy or portland cement grout and insert the new dowel. Support the free ends of the bars until the epoxy or grout has set to obtain proper alignment of the bar. Apply grease or an approved bond breaker to the free ends.
  - The maximum distance between doweled contraction joints is 18 feet.
  - Saw off the longitudinal joint tie bars at the longitudinal joint. Drill holes midway between the existing bars and insert tie bars to make a new tied longitudinal hinged joint. Use tie bars of the same size and spacing as those in the Contract Documents. Drill bar holes  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch  $\pm 0.05$  inch larger than the diameter of the bar and fill them with epoxy or grout and insert new tie bars.
- (b) Longitudinal Cracks. Repair or remove and replace pavement panels that contain longitudinal cracks, according to the following:
- Repair longitudinal cracks that are within 3 inches of the planned longitudinal joint for their entire length with a partial depth patch as specified for spall in **subsection 501.4k.(1)**, except make the transverse dimension of the patch 6 inches and saw cuts to  $D/3 \pm \frac{1}{4}$  inch.
  - For longitudinal cracks between 3 and 6 inches from the planned longitudinal joint, inject the entire planned longitudinal joint full depth with epoxy through the length of the longitudinal crack.
  - Repair longitudinal cracks that are 6 inches or more from the planned longitudinal joint by removing and replacing pavement panels. The Engineer may permit cross-stitching rather than replacing the panels.

**l. Protection of Pavement from Rain.** Before placing PCCP, prepare and submit to the Engineer for approval, a Protection Plan to address the onset of rain during concrete placement. As a minimum, the plan shall include protective covering and side forms available at the project site at all times to protect the surfaces and edges of the newly placed concrete pavement. Polyethylene, burlap or other covering materials may be used. Side forms may be of wood or steel and shall have a depth a minimum of the thickness of the pavement. Specify the location of the storage site in order that a review of the protective materials may be conducted by the Engineer.

Include the type and amount of protective materials as well as the methods proposed to protect the pavement.

When rain appears imminent, stop all paving operations and initiate the Protection Plan. Extend the covering back to the point where the rain will not indent the surface. Exercise care to prevent unnecessary damage to the surface with the covering.

**m. Pavement Smoothness.** Evaluate pavement smoothness for pay according to **SECTION 503**.

### 501.5 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

**a. Plan Quantity Measurement.** The quantities of concrete pavement for which payment will be made are the quantities shown in the Contract Documents for the traveled way lanes and the various paved approaches, exits and interchanges, provided the project is constructed essentially to details shown in the Contract Documents.

When the Contract Documents have been altered, or when a disagreement exists between the Contractor and the Engineer as to the accuracy of the Contract Document quantities in any location or the entire project, either party has the right to request and cause the quantities involved to be measured according to **subsection 501.5b**.

**b. Measured Quantities.** The quantity to be paid for under this item will be the number of square yards of concrete pavement as measured in-place. The width for measurement will be the width of the pavement shown on the typical cross-section of the Contract Documents, additional widening where added, or as otherwise directed in writing by the Engineer. The length will be measured horizontally along the centerline of each roadway or ramp.

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**c. Excavation Included in Contract.** On projects where the grading and the pavement or base construction is included in the same contract, the Engineer will not measure additional excavation required to obtain the specified subgrade elevation.

**d. Sawing and Sealing Joints.** The Engineer will not measure this work for separate payment. All costs of complying with the requirements specified herein are included in the contract price for the concrete pavement in which the joints are located.

**e. Quality Control Testing.** The Engineer will measure the Contractor's quality control testing by the square yard of PCCP placed on the project. The Engineer will measure each concrete core when the results from the core information (required for disputed tests) increases payment to the Contractor. All other cores taken as required by this specification are subsidiary to this item.

**f. Water.** The Engineer will not measure water used in dust control on haul roads, around plant installations, etc.

**g. Pavement Thickness and Compressive Strength Determination.**

(1) General. Make the required corrections for pavement smoothness before making the pavement thickness determinations. Determination of pavement thickness and pavement compressive strength for the purpose of establishing pay adjustments will be based on test results from cores taken from each lot of pavement.

- For mainline pavement, pay adjustments will be made for both thickness and compressive strength.
- For acceleration lane, deceleration lane, frontage road, side road and ramp pavement, pay adjustments will be made for thickness, but not compressive strength, unless the Contract Documents specifically require compressive strength pay adjustments.
- For gore areas, bridge approach slabs, intersection curb returns, entrances, shoulders, medians and widenings, pay adjustments will not be made for thickness or compressive strength, and pavement cores will not be required.

Where coring is not required, ensure that the thickness of the pavement meets or exceeds the Contract Document requirements by use of stringline, survey or other suitable depth measurement. For pavement types not cored for strength, use only concrete mix designs approved for use in the mainline pavement. The Engineer will observe and document the Contractor's measurement or other means of ensuring the appropriate thickness of the plastic concrete, and the Engineer will verify that only approved mixes are used. Prior to placing any pavement not specifically defined above, reach an agreement with the Engineer as to the applicability of pay factors.

(2) Lots and Sublots Defined.

(a) For mainline and other pavement subject to coring for pay adjustments for both thickness and strength, a lot is defined as the surface area of mainline lane placed in a single day. Normally, divide a lot representing a day's production into 5 sublots of approximately equal surface area. For high daily production rates, rates exceeding 6000 square yards per day, the Contractor may choose to divide the day's production into 2 approximately equal lots consisting of 5 sublots each. Prior to taking any core samples, notify the Engineer of the decision to divide a day's production into 2 equal lots. For low daily production rates, the Contractor may choose to divide the lot into a lesser number of sublots as shown in **TABLE 501-1**. When daily production rates are less than 500 square yards, combine the day's production with the next day's production to form a lot. When a day's production involves less than 500 square yards while completing a particular mix design or project, combine with the previous day's production and treat as a single lot.

<b>Daily Production Rate in square yards</b>	<b>Number of Sublots</b>
500 – 2000	3
2001 - 4000	4
4001 or more	5

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(b) For pavement that is to be cored for thickness only, group each continuous section of acceleration lane, deceleration lane, side road, frontage road and ramp pavement of equal plan thickness and contract unit price into a lot a maximum of 5000 square yards in area. Divide each lot into a minimum of 3 sublots of approximately equal surface area. Sublots shall be a maximum of 1000 square yards in size. Sample each subplot in a manner so that each square yard of pavement has a chance of being randomly selected for coring.

(3) Coring. The Engineer reserves the right to generate the random locations. If KDOT plans to generate the random locations, the Contractor will be notified before taking cores for thickness determination.

(a) For mainline and other pavement subject to coring for pay adjustments for both thickness and strength, take 1 core sample having a minimum diameter of 4 inches from a randomly selected site within each subplot. The Contractor has the option of taking an additional core sample having a minimum diameter of 2 inches from a randomly selected site within each subplot for the purpose of making an early determination of the pavement thickness only. Select sites according to the approved QC plan. Additionally, take 1 companion core having a minimum diameter of 4 inches per each lot at a randomly selected site as designated by the Engineer. Repair all core holes in a manner approved by the Engineer. All coring for the purpose of determining strength shall be performed a minimum of 21 days after the pavement has been placed, and in time to determine 28-day compressive strengths. Coring prior to the 21-day minimum will be permitted with approval of the Engineer, when opening to early traffic is desired.

(b) For all other pavement subject to coring for pay adjustment, thickness only, define the lots prior to placement with the Engineer's approval.

After placement, randomly select each subplot location. Take 1 core sample having a minimum diameter of 2 inches. Repair all core holes in a manner approved by the Engineer. Coring may be performed at any time after all pavement in the lot has been placed.

(4) Mark each core with the lot and subplot number from which it was selected. Transport the cores to the laboratory as soon as possible and perform the thickness determination. Take 3 caliper measurements on each core at approximately 120° apart. Record these 3 measurements to the nearest 0.1 inch, and average them to represent the height of that core.

Do not test 2-inch core samples for compressive strength. Do not measure 4-inch cores for pavement thickness determination if a separate 2-inch core sample was taken in a subplot for that purpose.

The measured core height will represent the constructed pavement thickness for each pavement subplot. The Engineer will witness thickness determinations and initial the Contractor's documentation.

Moist cure the 4-inch cores to be tested for compressive strength as required in KT-49, until they are tested. Perform the 28-day compressive strength testing on the entire length of the core after squaring the ends according to KT-49. The compression machine shall be capable of testing cores up to and including 12 inches in length. Remove only the excess length that exceeds compression machine capabilities from the bottom of the cores. Determine length and diameter to the nearest 0.1 inch. Determine the length/diameter ratio (LD), and round the result to the nearest hundredth using the following formula:

$$LD = \text{Length} / \text{Diameter}$$

After performing the strength test, correct the compressive strength using a correction factor determined by using the appropriate formula in **TABLE 501-2**.

<b>TABLE 501-2: COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH CORRECTION FACTOR FORMULAS</b>	
<b>LD</b>	<b>Correction Factor</b>
LD < 2	$\frac{100}{95 + 0.2(1/LD) + 19.5(1/LD)^2}$
LD = 2	1.000
LD > 2	$\frac{100}{110 - 5(LD)}$

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The compressive strength correction factor may also be obtained by using **TABLE 501-3**. If a discrepancy should arise due to rounding numbers or the appropriate value is not shown in the table, the value determined by the above formulas shall govern.

<b>TABLE 501-3: COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH CORRECTION FACTOR</b>			
<b>LD</b>	<b>Compressive Strength Correction Factor</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>Compressive Strength Correction Factor</b>
1.00	0.872	2.60	1.031
1.10	0.898	2.70	1.036
1.20	0.920	2.80	1.042
1.30	0.937	2.90	1.047
1.40	0.952	3.00	1.053
1.50	0.963	3.10	1.058
1.60	0.973	3.20	1.064
1.70	0.982	3.30	1.070
1.80	0.989	3.40	1.075
1.90	0.995	3.50	1.081
2.00	1.000	3.60	1.087
2.10	1.005	3.70	1.093
2.20	1.010	3.80	1.099
2.30	1.015	3.90	1.105
2.40	1.020	4.00	1.111
2.50	1.026		

Correct the compressive strength determined during testing by multiplying that amount by the compressive strength correction factor.

The Engineer will witness all compressive strength tests for each subplot and initial the Contractor's documentation.

Companion cores will be measured and tested at KDOT's laboratory to verify the Contractor's test results. Supply 28-day compressive strength data to KDOT. Acceptance of the pavement and pay adjustments will be on the basis of Contractor quality control test results on random samples taken from a lot, provided the statistical comparison is favorable.

KDOT will routinely compare the variances (F-test) and the means (t-test) of the verification test results with the quality control test results for thickness and compressive strength as appropriate using a KDOT spreadsheet. The F and t-tests, along with the KDOT Spreadsheet used to compare the Contractor's Quality Control (QC) results and KDOT's verification (QA) results, are described in Section 5.17.08, Part V. If KDOT verification test results do not show favorable comparison with the Contractor's quality control test results, KDOT verification test results will be used for material acceptance, material rejection and the determination of any pay adjustment for thickness and compressive strength. Follow the requirements stated in **subsection 501.5h.(6)** for failing t-tests. If the Contractor disputes KDOT's verification test results, and the Contractor and the Engineer can not mutually agree on the use of KDOT test results to determine pay adjustments, the test results for the lot in question will be voided. In such case, new cores to represent each subplot will be taken on a 2-for-1 frequency, tested in the presence of the Engineer, and a new pay factor will be calculated using the KDOT spreadsheet. If the new pay factor results in the same or less pay due the Contractor than the voided pay factor, no payment will be made for the additional coring. If the new pay factor results in greater payment to the Contractor, KDOT will pay for each additional core at the contract set unit price.

(5) When the measurement of any core is deficient by more than 1 inch from plan thickness or has a 28-day compressive strength less than 2900 psi, take exploratory cores at a minimum of 10 foot intervals along a line passing through the deficient core and parallel to the centerline of the pavement unit. Continue along this line until an exploratory core taken in each direction is not deficient in length by more than 1 inch, or the compressive strength is a minimum of 2900 psi, depending on which case is being investigated. Exploratory cores will be used only to determine the length of pavement in a unit that is to be removed and replaced as provided below. Discard the original core representing the subplot. Randomly select another core (outside the defective area if left in place) to represent the remainder of the subplot and use to compute the pay factor for the lot.

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When the Engineer determines that deficient pavement must be removed, the Contractor is required to remove the deficient areas and replace them with pavement of satisfactory quality, strength and thickness. When it is necessary to remove and replace a length of pavement and one end of the deficient pavement is less than 10 feet from an expansion, contraction or construction joint, remove and replace the entire pavement up to the joint. Remove the area so that new joints are a minimum of 10 feet apart. No additional compensation for materials or labor involved in the removal or replacement of the deficient concrete pavement will be made.

(6) For subplot thickness results greater than 1 inch more than design thickness, change the subplot thickness result to 1 inch more than the design thickness. The KDOT spreadsheet will calculate a new lot mean and sample standard deviation based on the corrected value.

### **h. Pay Adjustments for Mainline and Other Specified Pavement.**

(1) General. A single combined pay adjustment for thickness and compressive strength will be made on a lot-by-lot basis and will be based on Contractor quality control test results on all quality control samples representing the lot of the completed pavement provided the statistical check is favorable. Otherwise follow **subsection 501.5g.(4)**. Compute the combined pay factor ( $P$ ) (positive or negative) as shown in Equation 1.

$$\text{Combined Pay Adjustment} = P \times (\text{the number of square yards included in the lot}) \times (\text{the contract unit price per square yard})$$

The thickness component of the combined pay factor will be based on values determined by using the difference between plan thickness and the measured core sample thickness, and the lower specification limit ( $LSL$ ).  $LSL$  is defined as 0.2 inch less than plan thickness. The compressive strength component of  $P$  will be based on the corrected measured compressive strength of core samples taken from the pavement (see **subsection 501.5g.(4)** for LD correction). The pay adjustment amount will be added or subtracted as Concrete Pavement Composite Pay Adjustment on the pay estimate.

Note 1: A lot will normally be comprised of the results of 5 tests performed on a day's placement of a given pavement type. Lot and subplot size is defined in **subsection 501.5g.(2)**.

Note 2: The sample standard deviation ( $S$ ) will be computed as shown in 5.17.09, Part V.

(2) Thickness Quality Index ( $Q_T$ ) Computation. Calculate  $Q_T$  for each lot as shown in 5.17.09, Part V, using the following definitions, and round to hundredths.

Where:  $\bar{X}$  is the average measured core length of all QC samples representing a lot, rounded to the nearest 0.1 inch.

$LSL$  is the lower specification limit for thickness, and equals plan thickness minus 0.2 inch.

$S$  is the sample standard deviation of the measured core lengths of all QC samples representing a lot, rounded to the nearest hundredth.

(3) Compressive Strength Quality Index ( $Q_S$ ) Computation. Calculate  $Q_S$  for each lot as shown in 5.17.09, Part V, using the following definitions, and round to the nearest 0.1 inch.

Where:  $\bar{X}$  is the average measured compressive strength of all QC core samples representing a lot, rounded to 1 psi.

$LSL$  is the lower specification limit for compressive strength and is defined as 3900 psi.

$S$  is the sample standard deviation of the compressive strength of all QC samples representing a lot, rounded to the hundredth.

(4) Determination of the Percent within Limits Values. First, use the computed  $Q_T$  to determine the thickness percent within limits value ( $PWL_T$ ) by locating  $Q_T$  in the left column of the Percent Within Limits (PWL) Table in 5.17.09, Part V. Select the appropriate ( $PWL_T$ ) by moving across the selected  $Q$  row to the column representing the number of samples in the lot. Next, follow the same procedure using the computed  $Q_S$  value to select the appropriate compressive strength percent within limits value ( $PWL_S$ ).

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If either computed  $Q_T$  or  $Q_S$  is a negative value ( $\bar{X}$  is less than  $LSL$ ), the Engineer will determine if the material in the lot may remain in place. If the material is left in place, a value of 50.00 is assigned as  $PWL_T$  or  $PWL_S$ , respectively. If both  $Q_T$  and  $Q_S$  are negative, assign a value of 50.00 for each  $PWL$  component.

If either  $Q_T$  or  $Q_S$  is greater than the largest  $Q$  shown in the table, a value of 100.00 is assigned as  $PWL_T$  or  $PWL_S$ , respectively, or for both should  $Q_T$  and  $Q_S$  both exceed the values shown in the table.

(5) Computation of Combined Pay Factor. Compute  $P$  for thickness and compressive strength using Equation 1 and round to nearest hundredth.

$$\text{Equation 1: } P = \left( \frac{(PWL_T + PWL_S) * 0.60}{200} \right) - 0.54$$

(6) Failing t-test. If the t-test fails, KDOT's test result will be used to calculate that particular pay factor for the lot. Follow the procedures given in **subsection 501.5h.(4)** to determine the pay factor or disposition of the lot.

Use the following values to determine  $Q_T$  or  $Q_S$ :

Where:  $\bar{X}$  will be KDOT's test result for the lot.

$N$  is equal to the number of Contractor's sublots.

$S$  will be 500 psi for strength and  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch for thickness.

$LSL$  will be as stated in **501.5h.(2)** for determining  $Q_T$ , and **501.5h.(3)** for determining  $Q_S$ .

### i. Pay Adjustments for Pavements Cored for Thickness Only.

(1) General. A single pay adjustment for thickness only will be made on a lot-by-lot basis. It will be based on Contractor quality control test results on all quality control thickness samples representing the lot of the completed pavement provided the statistical check is favorable. Otherwise, follow **subsection 501.5h.(4)**. Compute the thickness pay factor ( $P_T$ ) (positive or negative) as shown in Equation 2.

Thickness Pay Adjustment =  $P_T$  x (the number of square yards included in the lot) x (the contract unit price per square yard)

The thickness component will be based on values determined by using the difference between plan thickness and the measured core sample thickness, and the lower specification limit ( $LSL$ ). The pay adjustment amount will be added or subtracted as Concrete Pavement Thickness Adjustment on the pay estimate.

Note: A lot will normally be comprised of the results of tests performed on all sublots within a given pavement type. Lot and subplot size for pavements cored for thickness only is defined in **subsection 501.5g.(4)**.

(2) Determine  $PWL_T$  as shown in **subsection 501.5h.(4)**.

(3) Computation of Thickness Pay Factor. Compute the pay factor for thickness using Equation 2 and round to nearest hundredth.

$$\text{Equation 2: } P_T = \left( \frac{(PWL_T) * 0.30}{100} \right) - 0.27$$

(4) Failing t-test. If the t-test fails, KDOT's test result will be used to calculate that particular pay factor for the lot. Follow the procedures given in **subsection 501.5h.(4)** to determine the pay factor or disposition of the lot.

Use the following values to determine  $Q_T$ :

Where:  $\bar{X}$  will be KDOT's test result for the lot.

$N$  is equal to the number of Contractor's sublots.

$S$  will be  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch for thickness.

$LSL$  will be as stated in **501.5 i.(2)**.

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**j. Computations and Rounding.** KDOT will use a MICROSOFT EXCEL spreadsheet program to calculate pay adjustments for thickness and compressive strength and to compare the Contractor's QC and KDOT's verification test results. KDOT will provide a copy of this program to the Contractor, when requested. Additional information on the program may be obtained from the Bureau of Materials and Research. It is the Contractor's responsibility to obtain the software required to run this program.

Values computed using equations referenced in this specification may vary slightly from the spreadsheet values due to rounding of numbers. In such cases the numbers computed by the spreadsheet take precedence.

**k. General Payment.** Payment for "Concrete Pavement", "Early Strength Concrete Pavement" and "Quality Control Testing" with pay adjustments as specified above is full compensation for the work specified.

Payment for "Concrete Core (Set Price)" at the contract set unit price will be paid when the results from the core information (required for disputed tests) increases payment to the Contractor.

In the event of overruns or underruns of the Contractor quality control testing, the Engineer will not adjust the contract unit price.