

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 SPECIAL PROVISION TO THE  
 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, EDITION 2007**

**Add a new SECTION in DIVISION 1500:**

**STRIP SEAL ASSEMBLY**

**1.0 DESCRIPTION**

This specification covers materials for a bridge expansion joint system using a strip seal assembly as shown in the Contract Documents.

**2.0 REQUIREMENTS**

**a. Type I.**

(1) Provide a Type I Strip Seal assembly that consists of a single continuous neoprene strip or diaphragm seal element inserted into 2 wedge grips of extruded or rolled steel that are anchored to the bridge. The Engineer will consider other configurations of locking devices or grips to retain the diaphragm in place if the Contractor provides detailed information on the alternate device.

(2) Unless shown otherwise in the Contract Documents, provide grips that comply with ASTM A 36. The anchoring system for the grips must comply with the details shown in the Contract Documents.

(3) Provide a Polychloroprene (Neoprene) diaphragm that complies with ASTM D 2628 (except for recovery requirements), or alternately, ASTM D 2000 3BC 615 A14 B14 C12 F17 (250% minimum ultimate elongation). In the preceding "line call-out", the "15" in 615 refers to minimum tensile strength in hundreds of psi.

(4) Provide a sealant for bonding the neoprene diaphragm to the steel grips that complies with the recommendations of the manufacturer of the assembly.

**b. Type II.**

(1) Provide a Type II assembly that consists of separate units of elastomer and metal or integrally molded components cast under heat and pressure, and anchored to the bridge by bolts or studs.

(2) The assembly must contain a flexible convolution or diaphragm, with or without fabric reinforcement, which links the pads and spans the expansion joint. The diaphragm must be a continuous strip, molded in an upstanding arch, which will retain its shape during the expansion cycle and must permit horizontal, vertical and skewed movements while still maintaining a watertight seal.

(3) Provide an elastomer manufactured from neoprene that complies with **TABLE 1**.

<b>TABLE 1: TYPE II ELASTOMER</b>		
<b>Property</b>	<b>ASTM Test Method</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
Tensile Strength	D 412	1500 psi, minimum
Elongation at Break	D 412	200% minimum
Hardness	D 2240	45±10 points, Durometer A
Compression Set, 22 hrs @ 70°C	D 395, Method B	35% maximum
Low Temperature	D 746 or D 2137	Not Brittle @ -40°C
Ozone Resistance, exposure @ 100 PPHM ozone for 70 hrs. @ 40°C, sample under 20% strain	D 1149	No Cracks
Oil Deterioration, volume increase after immersion in IRM 903 Oil for 70 hrs. @ 100°C	D 471	120% maximum

PPHM = Parts Per Hundred Million

- (4) Provide a sealant that complies with the recommendations of the manufacturer of the assembly.
- (5) Fasten the assembly to the bridge with bolts or studs that complies with details in the Contract Documents and are of a length recommended by the assembly manufacturer.
- (6) Provide internal reinforcement plates that comply with ASTM A 1011 SS Grade 36, A 36 or similar structural steel.

**c. Type III.**

- (1) Provide a Type III assembly that consists of a continuous cellular or strip type neoprene seal, geometrically designed to fasten to or be clamped by the extruded aluminum frames anchored to the bridge by bolts or cast-in-place anchors.
- (2) Provide aluminum frame components that comply with ASTM B 221 (Alloy 6061-T6).
- (3) Fasten the assembly to the bridge with bolts or studs that complies with details in the Contract Documents and are of a length recommended by the assembly manufacturer.
- (4) Provide an elastomer manufactured from preformed neoprene that complies with **TABLE 2**.

<b>TABLE 2: TYPE III ELASTOMER</b>		
<b>Property</b>	<b>ASTM Test Method</b>	<b>Requirement *</b>
Tensile Strength	D 412	2000 psi, minimum
Elongation at Break	D 412	175% minimum
Hardness	D 2240	70±10 points, Durometer A
Compression Set, 22 hrs @ 70°C	D 395, Method B	25% maximum
Low Temperature	D 746	Not Brittle @ -40°C
Ozone Resistance, exposure @ 300 PPHM ozone for 70 hrs. @ 40°C, sample under 20% strain	D 1149	No Cracks
Oil Deterioration, volume increase after immersion in IRM 903 Oil for 70 hrs. @ 100°C	D 471	80% maximum

\* All test sections taken for the extruded section.  
 PPHM = Parts Per Hundred Million

**3.0 TEST METHODS**

Test the materials in accordance with the ASTM standards referenced above.

**4.0 PREQUALIFICATION**

None required.

**5.0 BASIS OF ACCEPTANCE**

Receipt and approval of a Type D Certification as specified in **DIVISION 2600**, and visual inspection for condition at the point of usage.