

Construction Memo No. 13-00

MEMO TO: Chief District Engineer
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FROM: Dexter Newman, P. E. Director
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DATE: September 1, 2000

SUBJECT: Thermoplastic Pavement Marking
Beads

We are now allowing the Contractor/Material Supplier to select their bead gradation and coating in order to improve retroreflectivity and durability. Please apply the following method of acceptance to current contracts:

SUBSECTION:	837.01 Pre-Mix Beads.
REVISION:	Replace the subsection with the following: Supply the thermoplastic material with pre-mix beads. The gradation and coating are at the manufacturer's discretion. Include the selected gradation on the product certification so that the Department may analyze the verification samples.
SUBSECTION:	837.02 Drop On Beads.
REVISION:	Replace the subsection with the following: Use beads that will ensure the pavement marking material will meet retroreflectivity requirements. The Department will evaluate the beads as part of the marking system through retroreflectivity readings.

This revision will be listed in the Supplemental Specifications in future proposals.

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