

SPECIAL NOTE FOR EPOXY INJECTION CRACK REPAIR

I. DESCRIPTION

Perform all work in accordance with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways current Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction and applicable Supplemental Specifications, the Standard Drawings, this Note, and the Contract Documents. Section references are to the Standard Specifications.

This work consists of the following:

1. Furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidental items necessary to complete the work.
2. Provide safe access to the bridge, in accordance with Section 107.01.01, for the Engineer to sound possible repair areas and for workers to complete the construction.
3. Drill injection port holes.
4. Epoxy injection.
5. Finish the repaired surface.
6. Obtain core samples for the Engineer's visual inspection.
7. Repair core holes.
8. Any other work specified as part of this contract.

II. MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL

A. Type IV Epoxy Resin. Use either Category I or II suitable for epoxy injection applications. See Section 826. All cracks shall be injected using an adhesive suitable for the field conditions (crack width, temperature, humidity, etc.) recommended by the adhesive manufacture as shown on material data sheets.

B. Equipment. Equipment used to inject the epoxy shall meet the recommendations of the epoxy injection material manufacturer.

C. Personnel. Arrange to have a manufacturer's representative at the job site to familiarize him and the Engineer with the epoxy materials, application procedures and recommended pressure practice. The representative shall direct at least one complete crack or area injection and be assured prior to his departure from the project that the personnel are adequately informed to satisfactorily perform the remaining repairs.

Furnish the Engineer a copy of the manufacturer's comprehensive preparation, mixing and application instructions which have been developed especially for use with the proposed epoxy injection system. Ensure that any significant changes to these instructions which are recommended by the representative for an unanticipated situation have been approved by the Engineer prior to the adoption of such changes.

III. CONSTRUCTION

- A. Investigate Remedial Action.** If the crack is larger than or equal to 0.025” wide or has rust stains, repair the crack by epoxy injection. If the crack is less than 0.025” wide, the crack shall be sealed in accordance with the Special Note for Concrete Sealing. Areas of map cracking are to be sounded by the Engineer with a hammer. If the areas are delaminated or spalled, they shall be repaired in accordance with the Special Note for Concrete Patching. Otherwise, the cracks shall be repaired in accordance with this Note.
- B. Drill Injection Port Holes.** Install injection ports or tees in cracks to be injected. Space injection ports or tees at 6 to 12 inches vertically and 6 to 18 inches horizontally but in no case closer together than the thickness of the concrete member if full depth penetration is desired unless otherwise specified or directed. Set ports or tees in dust free holes made either with vacuum drills or chipping hammers.
- C. Epoxy Injection.** Seal all surface cracks in the area to be repaired, after injection ports or tees have been inserted into the holes, with paste epoxy between ports to insure retention of the pressure injection within the confines of the member. An alternate procedure of sealing the cracks before the injection holes have been made can be submitted to the Engineer for approval. Limit the application of paste epoxy to clean and dry surfaces. Limit substrate temperatures to not less than 45°F during epoxy applications.
- Begin the epoxy injection at the bottom of the fractured area and progress upward using a port or tee filling sequence that will ensure the filling of the lowermost injection ports or tees first.
- Establish injection procedures and the depths and spacings of holes at injection ports or tees. Use epoxy with flow characteristics and injection pressure that ensure no further damage will be done to the member being repaired. Ensure that the epoxy will first fill the innermost portion of the cracked concrete and that the potential for creating voids within the crack or epoxy will be minimized.
- D. Finish the Repaired Surface.** Remove the injection ports or tees flush with the concrete surface after the fractured area has been filled and the epoxy has partially cured (24 hours at ambient temperature not less than 60°F, otherwise not less than 48 hours). Roughen the surfaces of the repaired areas to achieve uniform surface texture. Remove any injection epoxy runs or spills from concrete surfaces.
- E. Obtain Core Samples.** Obtain two 4-inch diameter core samples in the first 25 linear feet of crack repaired and one core for each 25 linear feet thereafter. Take the core samples from locations determined by the Engineer and for the full crack depth. Cores will be visibly examined by the Engineer to determine the extent of epoxy penetration.
- F. Repair Core Holes.** Repair core holes in the concrete with non-shrink grout in accordance with Section 601.03.03(B) within 24 hours.

IV. MEASUREMENT

The Department will measure the quantity in linear feet along the centerline of the cracks. The Department will not measure preparation of the site for the Engineer's access or removal and reapplication of repairs that do not satisfy the Engineer's approval for payment and will consider them incidental to "Epoxy Injection Crack Repair".

V. PAYMENT.

The Department will make payment for the completed and accepted quantities of concrete cracks repaired with epoxy injection under the following:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
23744EC	Epoxy Injection Crack Repair	Linear Feet

The Department will consider payment as full compensation for all work required.