# SPECIAL NOTE FOR PIPELINE INSPECTION

**1.0 DESCRIPTION.** The Department will perform visual inspections on all pipe on the project. A video inspection will be required on projects having more than 250 linear feet of storm sewer and/or culvert pipe and on routes with an ADT of greater than 1,000 vehicles. Conduct video inspections on all pipe located under the roadway and 50 percent of the remaining pipe not under the roadway. Storm sewer runs and outfall pipes not under the roadway take precedence over rural entrance pipes. Contractors performing this item of work must be prequalified with the Department in the work type J51 (Video Pipe Inspection and Cleaning). Deflection testing shall be completed using a mandrel in accordance with the procedure outlined below or by physical measurement for pipes greater than 36inches in diameter. Mandrel testing for deflection must be completed prior to the video inspection testing. Unless otherwise noted, Section references herein are to the Department’s most current version of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

* 1. **VIDEO INSPECTION.** Ensure pipe is clear of water, debris or obstructions. Complete the video inspection and any necessary measurement prior to placing the final surface over any pipe. When paving will not be delayed, take measurements 30 days or more after the completion of earthwork to within 1 foot of the finished subgrade. Notify the Engineer a minimum of 24 hours in advance of inspection and notify the Engineer immediately if distresses or locations of improper installation are logged.

# INSPECTION FOR DEFECTS AND DISTRESSES

1. Begin at the outlet end and proceed through to the inlet at a speed less than or equal to 30 ft/minute. Remove blockages that will prohibit a continuous operation.
2. Document locations of all observed defects and distresses including but not limited to: cracking, spalling, slabbing, exposed reinforcing steel, sags, joint offsets, joint separations, deflections, improper joints/connections, blockages, leaks, rips, tears, buckling, deviation from line and grade, damaged coatings/paved inverts, and other anomalies not consistent with a properly installed pipe.
3. During the video inspection provide a continuous 360 degree pan of every pipe joint.
4. Identify and measure all cracks greater than 0.1” and joint separations greater than 0.5”.
5. Video Inspections are conducted from junction to junction which defines a pipe run. A junction is defined as a headwall, drop box inlet, curb box inlet, manhole, buried junction, or other structure that disturbs the continuity of the pipe. Multiple pipe inspections may be conducted from a single set up location, but each pipe run must be on a separate video file and all locations are to be referenced from nearest junction relative to that pipe run.
6. Record and submit all data on the TC 64-765 and TC 64-766 forms.
	1. **MANDREL TESTING.** Mandrel testing will be used for deflection testing. For use on Corrugated Metal Pipe, High Density Polyethylene Pipe, and Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe,

use a mandrel device with an odd number of legs (9 minimum) having a length not less than the outside diameter of the mandrel. The diameter of the mandrel at any point shall not be less than the diameter specified in Section 3.6. Mandrels can be a fixed size or a variable size.

* 1. Use a proving ring or other method recommended by the mandrel manufacturer to verify mandrel diameter prior to inspection. Provide verification documentation for each size mandrel to the Engineer.
	2. All deflection measurements are to be based off of the AASHTO Nominal Diameters. Refer to the chart in section 3.6.
	3. Begin by using a mandrel set to the 5.0% deflection limit. Place the mandrel in the inlet end of the pipe and pull through to the outlet end. If resistance is met prior to completing the entire run, record the maximum distance achieved from the inlet side, then remove the mandrel and continue the inspection from the outlet end of the pipe toward the inlet end. Record the maximum distance achieved from the outlet side.
	4. If no resistance is met at 5.0% then the inspection is complete. If resistance occurred at 5.0% then repeat 3.1 and 3.2 with the mandrel set to the 10.0% deflection limit. If the deflection of entire pipe run cannot be verified with the mandrel then immediately notify the Engineer.
	5. Care must be taken when using a mandrel in all pipe material types and lining/coating scenarios. Pipe damaged during the mandrel inspection will be video inspected to determine the extent of the damage. If the damaged pipe was video inspected prior to mandrel inspection then a new video inspection is warranted and supersedes the first video inspection. Immediately notify the Engineer of any damages incurred during the mandrel inspection and submit a revised video inspection report.
	6. AASHTO Nominal Diameters and Maximum Deflection Limits.

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| Base Pipe Diameter | AASHTO Nominal Diameter | Max. Deflection Limit |
| 5.0% | 10.0% |
| (inches) | (inches) | (inches) |
| 15 | 14.76 | 14.02 | 13.28 |
| 18 | 17.72 | 16.83 | 15.95 |
| 24 | 23.62 | 22.44 | 21.26 |
| 30 | 29.53 | 28.05 | 26.58 |
| 36 | 35.43 | 33.66 | 31.89 |
| 42 | 41.34 | 39.27 | 37.21 |
| 48 | 47.24 | 44.88 | 42.52 |
| 54 | 53.15 | 50.49 | 47.84 |
| 60 | 59.06 | 56.11 | 53.15 |

* 1. **PHYSICAL MEASUREMENT OF PIPE DEFLECTION.** Alternate method for deflection testing when there is available access or the pipe is greater than 36 inches in diameter, as per 4.1. Use a contact or non-contact distance instrument. A leveling device is recommended for establishing or verifying vertical and horizontal control.
	2. Physical measurements may be taken after installation and compared to the AASHTO Nominal Diameter of the pipe as per Section 3.6. When this method is used, determine the smallest interior diameter of the pipe as measured through the center point of the pipe (D2). All measurements are to be taken from the inside crest of the corrugation. Take the D2 measurements at the most deflected portion of the pipe run in question and at intervals no greater than ten (10) feet through the run. Calculate the deflection as follows:

% Deflection = [(AASHTO Nominal Diameter - D2) / AASHTO Nominal Diameter] x 100%

Note: The Engineer may require that preset monitoring points be established in the culvert prior to backfilling. For these points the pre-installation measured diameter (D1) is measured and recorded. Deflection may then be calculated from the following formula:

% Deflection = [(D1 – D2) /D1] (100%)

* 1. Record and submit all data.

**5.0 DEDUCTION SCHEDULE.** All pipe deductions shall be handled in accordance with the tables shown below.

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| **FLEXIBLE PIPE DEFLECTION** |
| Amount of Deflection (%) | Payment |
| 0.0 to 5.0 | 100% of the Unit Bid Price |
| 5.1 to 9.9 | 50% of the Unit Bid Price (1) |
| 10 or greater | Remove and Replace (2) |

*(1) Provide Structural Analysis for HDPE and metal pipe. Based on the structural analysis, pipe may be allowed to remain in place at the reduced unit price. (2) The Department may allow the pipe to remain in place with no pay to the Contractor in instances where it is in the best interest to the public and where the structural analysis demonstrates that the pipe should function adequately.*

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| **RIGID PIPE REMEDIATION TABLE PIPE** |
| Crack Width (inches) | Payment |
| ≤ 0.1 | 100% of the Unit Bid Price |
| Greater than 0.1 | Remediate or Replace (1) |

*(1) Provide the Department in writing a method for repairing the observed cracking. Do not begin work until the method has been approved.*

**6.0 PAYMENT.** The Department will measure the quantity in linear feet of pipe to inspect. The Department will make payment for the completed and accepted quantities under the following:

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| Code | Pay Item | Pay Unit |
| 24814EC | Pipeline Inspection | Linear Foot |
| 10065NS | Pipe Deflection Deduction | Dollars |