

## SECTION 556 JACK AND BORE

### 556-1 Description.

**556-1.1 Scope of Work:** The work specified in this Section documents the approved construction methods, procedures and materials for Jack and Bore (J&B), also known as auger boring. Micro tunneling (MT) is also included in the category of J&B for purposes of Specifications.

**556-1.2 General:** J&B is a method for installing a product (often called a casing) that may serve as a direct conduit for liquids or gases, or as a duct for carrier (Pipe, cable, or wire line products). It is a multi-stage process consisting of constructing a temporary horizontal jacking platform and a starting alignment track in an entrance pit at a desired elevation. The product is then jacked by manual control along the starting alignment track with simultaneous excavation of the soil being accomplished by a rotating cutting head in the leading edge of the product's annular space. The ground up soil (spoil) is transported back to the entrance pit by helical wound auger flights rotating inside the product. J&B typically provides limited tracking and steering as well as limited support to the excavation face.

MT is conducted similar to J&B with the exception that it is remotely controlled, guided pipe jacking process that provides continuous support to the excavation face. The guidance system usually consists of a laser mounted in the tunneling drive shaft which communicates a reference line to a target mounted inside the MT machine's articulated steering head. The MT process provides the ability to control the excavation face stability by applying mechanical or fluid pressure to counterbalance the earth and hydrostatic pressures.

Removal and disposition of excess material varies, is the responsibility of the boring contractor and is not covered under this Specification. However, the cost of removal or final disposition is included in the cost of the J&B operation.

No J&B conduit may be left open ended without approval of the Engineer.

### 556-2 Materials.

Select materials approved for installation within the right-of-way based on their suitability for the construction method as defined in Table 556-2.1. After determining product suitability, individual material standards as contained in Table 556-2.2 apply.

Table 556-2.1 Product Suitability by Construction Method		
Type	Pipe/Casing Installation Mode	Suitable Pipe/Casing
Jack and Bore	Jacking	Steel, Plastic
Micro tunneling	Jacking	DI, FRPM, PC, PCCP, RCCP, RCP, Steel

Table 556-2.2 Material Standards Acceptable for J&B and MT Installations		
Material Type	Non-Pressure	Pressure
Ductile Iron (DI)	AWWA C150/C151 ASTM A716	AWWA C150/C151

Table 556-2.2 Material Standards Acceptable for J&B and MT Installations		
Material Type	Non-Pressure	Pressure
Fiberglass Reinforced Polymer Mortar (FRPM)	ASTM D3262	ASTM D3517 AWWA C950
Polymer Concrete (PC)	DIN 54815-1 & 2	N/A
Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe (PCCP)	N/A	AWWA C301
Reinforced Concrete Cylinder Pipe (RCCP)	N/A	ASTM C361
Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP)	ASTM C 76	ASTM C361 AWWA C300/C302
Steel	ASTM A139 Grade B <sup>(1)</sup> API 2B <sup>(2)</sup>	AWWA C200 API 2B <sup>(2)</sup>
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	ASTM D1785	ASTM D1785
Reinforced Thermosetting Resin Pipe (RTRP)	ASTM D2996 or ASTM D2997	ASTM D2996 or ASTM D2997
<sup>(1)</sup> No hydrostatic test required		
<sup>(2)</sup> Dimensional tolerances only		

Unless otherwise tested and approved by the Department, only use encasement pipe or uncased carrier pipe material that is new and has smooth interior and exterior walls.

When the Plans show that the casing is to be used as a drainage carrier pipe, extend the casing the entire length from drainage structure to drainage structure. When using uncased carrier pipe, use pipe meeting the requirements in 556-4.3. Maintain a uniform diameter, wall thickness and material type for the entire length of the casing.

**556-2.1 Steel Pipe Casing and Welds:** In addition to meeting or exceeding the conditions contained in Table 556-2.1 and Table 556-2.2, meet the following requirements:

1. The size of the steel casing must be at least 6 inches larger than the largest outside diameter of the carrier. Casing size must accommodate pressure pipe or carrier pipe joint restraints.
2. The casing pipe must be straight seam pipe, spiral seam pipe, or seamless pipe.
3. All steel pipe may be bare inside and out, with the manufacturer's recommended minimum nominal wall thicknesses to meet the greater of either installation, loading or carrier requirements.
4. All steel casing pipe must be square cut and have dead-even lengths which are compatible with the J&B equipment.

Use steel pipe casings and welds meeting or exceeding the thickness requirements to achieve the service life requirements noted in the Department Drainage Manual Chapter 6. For purposes of determining service life, ensure that casings installed under roadways meet or exceed cross drain requirements and casings under driveways meet or exceed side drain pipe requirements. For pipe used in drainage applications, use pipe meeting the requirements in 556-4.3. For purposes of material classification, consider steel pipe casing structural plate steel pipe. Ensure that steel pipe casing of insufficient length achieves the required length through fully welded joints. Ensure that joints are air-tight and continuous over the entire circumference of the pipe with a bead equal to or exceeding the minimum of either that required to meet the thickness

criteria of the pipe wall for jacking and loading or service life. All welding shall be done in accordance with the American Welding Society Structural Welding Code- Steel D1.1.

**556-2.2 Reinforced Concrete Pipe Casing:** In addition to meeting or exceeding the conditions contained in Tables 556-2.1 and Table 556-2.2, meet the following requirements:

Ensure that concrete pipe complies with the following minimum requirements:

1. 5,000 psi concrete compressive strength
2. Class III, IV, or V as required by load calculations, with a C-wall
3. Full circular inner and/or outer reinforcing cage
4. Multiple layers of steel reinforcing cages, wire splices, laps and spacers are permanently secured together by welding in place
5. Straight outside pipe wall with no bell modification
6. No elliptical reinforcing steel is allowed
7. Single cage reinforcement with a 1 inch minimum cover from the inside wall
8. Double cage reinforcement with a 1 inch minimum cover from each wall
9. Joints are gasket type
10. Additional joint reinforcement
11. For drainage applications, use pipe meeting the requirements in 556-

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Upon installation, the Engineer may, at his discretion, require the Contractor to perform concrete wiping or injection of the joints if it is believed the joints have not maintained their water tightness during the jacking operation. No additional payment will be made for this operation.

**556-2.3 Plastic Pipe Casing:** Plastic pipe may be jacked and bored if its physical properties meet or exceed the conditions contained in Tables 556-2.1 and 556-2.2, and has a sufficient wall thickness to maintain proper alignment without exceeding the deflection requirements in Section 430-9.3. If plastic pipe is Jacked and Bored it may not be used as a pressurized carrier. Plastic pipe casing installed by the jack and bore method requires the use of an auger. Open end jacking without the use of an auger for continuous cleanout of the bore as the pipe is advanced is not permitted. Closed end jacking is not permitted.

For drainage applications, use pipe meeting the requirements in 556-4.3.

**556-2.4 Pipe Couplings and Joints:** In addition to meeting or exceeding the conditions contained in Tables 556-2.1 and 556-2.2, to minimize potential for bore failure, couplings must not project at right angles from the casing diameter by more than 3/4 inch.

1. Steel Pipe Coupling and Joints:

- a. Welds must comply with 556-2.1(4) when couplings are not used or when the coupling thickness is less than the casing thickness.
- b. When couplings are used the casing joint needs only to be tack welded. Couplings must have a full bead weld such that the thickness, when measured at an angle of 45 degrees to the casing and coupling interface, must be no less than the casing thickness.

2. Plastic Pipe Couplings and Joints:

- a. Must meet or exceed all ASTM strength and composition standards established for the casing material to which they are being attached.
- b. Joints must be made sufficiently strong to withstand the pressures of jacking. All chemical welds must be completely set and cured before any jacking is attempted.

### **556-3 Construction Site Requirements.**

#### **556-3.1 Site Conditions:**

1. Carry out excavation for entry, exit, recovery pits, auger slurry sump pits, or any other excavation as specified in Section 120. When using auger fluids, the sump pits must contain auger fluids if vacuum devices are not operated throughout the boring operation.
2. Within 48 hours of completing installation of the boring product, ensure that the work site is cleaned of all excess auger fluids or spoils. Removal and final disposition of excess fluids or spoils is the responsibility of the boring contractor and ensure that the work site is restored to pre-construction conditions or as identified in the Plans.
3. Restore excavated areas in accordance with the Specifications and [Design Standard Plans](#).
4. Provide MOT in accordance with the Department [Design Standard Plans](#) and the MUTCD when and where the former is silent.
5. Ensure that equipment does not impede visibility of the roadway user without taking the necessary precautions of proper signing and Maintenance of Traffic Operations.

**556-3.2 Ground Water Control:** Investigate all sites for possibility of having to manage groundwater problems that may occur due to seasonal changes or natural conditions.

When ground water level must be controlled, use a system and equipment that is compatible with the properties, characteristics, and behavior of the soils as indicated by the soil investigation report.

**556-3.3 Damage Restoration:** Take responsibility for restoring any damage caused by heaving, settlement, separation of pavement, escaping boring fluid (frac-out) of the J&B or MT operation at no cost to the Department.

**556-3.3.1 Remediation Plans:** When required by the Engineer, submit detailed plans which show how damage to any roadway facility will be remedied. These details will become part of the As-Built Plans Package. Remediation plans must follow the same guidelines for development and presentation of the As-Built Plans. When remediation plans are required, they must be approved by the Engineer before any work proceeds.

### **556-4 Quality Control.**

**556-4.1 General:** Take control of the operation at all times. Have a representative who is thoroughly knowledgeable of the equipment, boring, and Department procedures present at the job site during the entire installation and available to address immediate concerns and emergency operations. Notify the Engineer 48 hours in advance of starting work. Do not begin the installation until the Engineer is present at the job site and agrees that proper preparations have been made.

**556-4.2 Construction Process and Approval:** For all installations, submit sufficient information to establish the proposed strategy for providing the following:

1. An indication of where the leading edge of the casing is located with respect to line and grade and the intervals for checking line and grade. Indication may be provided by using a water gauge (Dutch level) or electronic transmitting and receiving devices. Other methods must have prior approval. Maintain a record of the progress at the job site.
2. Equipment of adequate size and capability to install the product and including the equipment manufacturer's information for all power equipment used in the installation.
3. A means for controlling line and grade.
4. A means for centering the cutting head inside the borehole.
5. Provide a means for preventing voids by assuring:

a. The rear of the cutting head from advancing in front of the leading edge of the casing by more than 1/3 times the casing diameter and in stable cohesive conditions not to exceed 8 inches.

b. In unstable conditions, such as granular soil, loose or flowable materials, the cutting head is retracted into the casing a distance that permits a balance between pushing pressure, pipe advancement and soil conditions.

c. Development of and maintaining a log of the volume of spoil material removal relative to the advancement of the casing.

6. Adequate casing lubrication with a bentonite slurry or other approved technique.

7. An adequate band around the leading edge of the casing to provide extra strength in loose unstable materials when the cutting head has been retracted into the casing to reduce skin friction as well as provides a method for the slurry lubricant to coat the outside of the casing.

8. At least 20 feet of full diameter auger at the leading end of the casing. Subsequent auger size may be reduced, but the reduced auger diameter must be at least 75% of the full auger diameter.

9. Water to be injected inside the casing to facilitate spoil removal. The point of injection shall be no closer than 2 feet from the leading edge of the casing.

#### **556-4.3 Testing:**

**556-4.3.1 Testing Requirements:** Ensure all casing joints meet the Department's watertight pressure requirements in accordance with Section 430. Testing may consist of one of the following methods but must always meet or exceed Department testing requirements.

1. Follow the Product Manufacturer's pressure testing recommendations.
2. Carrier pipes installed without a casing must meet the pressure requirements set by the owner. If the owner does not require pressure testing, the Engineer may require at least one test.

**556-4.3.2 Drainage Application Testing (Under Pavement):** When under pavement (including sidewalk) and front shoulders, all J&B pipe installations must meet or exceed the Department's water tight pipe and joint configuration in accordance with Section 430. The Engineer will determine when and where water tight joint requirements shall be applied to the ultimate roadway section for future widening. When under the pavement, conduct an air pressure test for leaks in the presence of the Engineer at a minimum test pressure of 20 PSI by either of the following methods.

1. 24 hour pressure test with a recording chart or,
2. A dragnet type leak detector or equivalent device capable of detecting pressure drops of 1/2 PSI for a time period recommended by the manufacturer.

**556-4.3.3 Drainage Application Testing (Not Under Pavement):** When J&B pipe installations are not located under the pavement, the pipe and joint configuration must meet or exceed soil tight joint requirements. The test for a soil tight joint allows up to 0.1 gallon of water leakage at a sustained pressure of 2 PSI. Conduct test for joint integrity for one hour.

**556-4.3.4 Damaged Product Testing:** When there is any indication that the installed product has sustained damage and may leak, stop the work, notify the Engineer and investigate damage. The Engineer may require a pressure test and reserves the right to be present during the test. Perform pressure test within 24 hours unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Submit the test results to the Engineer for review and approval. The Engineer shall be allowed up

to 72 hours to approve or determine if the product installation is not in compliance with Specifications. The Engineer may require non-compliant installations to be filled with excavatable flowable fill at no cost to the Department.

**556-4.4 Product Locating and Tracking:** Install all facilities such that their location can be readily determined by electronic designation after installation. For non-conductive installations, attach a minimum of two separate and continuous conductive tracking (tone wire) materials, either externally, internally, or integral with the product. Use either a continuous green sheathed solid conductor copper wire line (minimum #12 AWG for external placement or minimum #14 AWG for internal placement in the conduit/casing) or a coated conductive tape. Ensure that conductors are located on opposite sides when installed externally. Connect any break in the conductor line before construction with an electrical clamp or solder, and coat the connection with a rubber or plastic insulator to maintain the integrity of the connection from corrosion. Clamp connections must be made of brass or copper and of the butt end type with wires secured by compression. Soldered connections must be made by tight spiral winding of each wire around the other with a finished length minimum of 3 inches overlap. Tracking conductors must extend 2 feet beyond bore termini. Conductors must be tested for continuity. Identify each conductor that passes by removing the last 6 inches of the sheath. No deductions are allowed for failed tracking conductors. Failed conductor ends must be wound into a small coil and left attached for future use.

**556-4.5 Augering Fluids:** Use a mixture of bentonite clay or other approved stabilizing agent mixed with potable water with a minimum pH of 6.0 to create the drilling fluid for lubrication and soil stabilization. Vary the fluid viscosity to best fit the soil conditions encountered. Do not use other chemicals or polymer surfactant in the drilling fluid without written consent of the Engineer. Certify in writing to the Engineer that any chemicals to be added are environmentally safe and not harmful or corrosive to the facility. Identify the source of water for mixing the drilling fluid. Approvals and permits are required for obtaining water from such sources as streams, rivers, ponds or fire hydrants. Any water source used other than potable water may require a pH Test.

**556-4.6 Micro-Tunneling (MT) and Micro Tunnel Boring Machine (MTBM) Requirements:**

**556-4.6.1 Performance Requirements:** The MTBM must meet the following minimum performance requirements:

1. Capable of providing positive face support regardless of the MTBM type.
2. Articulated to enable controlled steering in both the vertical and horizontal direction to a tolerance of plus or minus 1 inch from design alignment.
3. All functions are controlled remotely from a surface control unit.
4. Capable of controlling rotation, using a bi-directional drive on the cutter head or by using anti-roll fins or grippers. The Engineer must approve other methods.
5. Capable of injecting lubricant around the exterior of the pipe being jacked.
6. Indication of steering direction.  
For slurry systems, the following is also required:
7. The volume of slurry flow in both the supply and return side of the slurry loop.
8. Indication of slurry bypass valve position.

9. Indication of pressure of the slurry in the slurry chamber.

**556-4.7 Failed Bore Path:** If conditions warrant removal of any materials installed in a failed bore path, as determined by the Engineer, it will be at no cost to the Department. Promptly fill all voids by injecting all taken out of service products that have any annular space with excavatable flowable fill.

**556-5 Jack and Bore and Micro-Tunneling Operations:**

**556-5.1 Installation Process:** Provide continuous pressure to the face of the excavation to balance groundwater and earth pressures. Ensure that shafts are of sufficient size to accommodate equipment, the pipe selected and to allow for safe working practices. Provide entry and exit seals at shaft walls to prevent inflows of groundwater, soil, slurry and lubricants. Use thrust blocks designed to distribute loads in a uniform manner so that any deflection of the thrust block is uniform and does not impart excessive loads on the shaft itself or cause the jacking frame to become misaligned.

The jacking system must have the capability of pushing the pipe in J&B operations or MTBM and pipe for MT operations through the ground in a controlled manner and be compatible with the anticipated jacking loads and pipe capacity. Monitor the jacking force applied to the pipe and do not exceed the pipe manufacturer's recommendations.

Ensure that the pipe lubrication system is functional at all times and sufficient to reduce jacking loads. Use pipe lubrication systems that include a mixing tank, holding tank and pumps to convey lubricant from the holding tank to application points at the rear of the MTBM. Maintain sufficient fluids on site to avoid loss of lubrication.

Power Distribution System must be identified in the Plans package or permit provisions as well as any noise constraints. Identify spoil removal capability and method to avoid creating hindrance to other activities which may be necessary in the area.

**556-5.2 Excess Material and Fluids:** Monitor the pumping rate, pressures, viscosity and density of the boring fluids to ensure adequate removal of soil cuttings and the stability of the borehole. Contain excess drilling fluids, slurry and soil cuttings at entry and exit points in pits until they are recycled or removed from the site.

Ensure that all boring fluids and other materials are disposed of or recycled in a manner acceptable to the appropriate Federal, State, and Local Rules and Regulations. When jacking and boring in known or suspected areas of contaminated groundwater or soil, coordinate with the Engineer and District Contamination Coordinator (DCIC) during the pre-construction meeting and prior to the start of boring to determine the best course of action for J&B activities within the contaminated area. If the J&B operation encounters an unidentified area of contamination or abnormal condition indicating the presence of potentially contaminated material, stop operations and contact the Engineer immediately. Do not continue boring without the Engineer's approval.

**556-5.3 Boring Failure:** If an obstruction is encountered which prevents completion of the installation in accordance with the design location and Specifications; the pipe may be taken out of service and left in place at the discretion of the Engineer. Immediately fill the product left in place with excavatable flowable fill. Submit a new installation procedure and revised plans to the Engineer for approval before resuming work at another location. If damage is observed to any property, cease all work until a plan of action to minimize further damage and restore damaged property is submitted and approved by the Engineer.

## **556-6 Documentation Requirements.**

**556-6.1 Boring Path Report:** Submit a Bore Path Report to the Engineer within 14 days of the completion of each bore path. No payment will be made for directional boring work until the Bore Path Report has been delivered to the Department. Include the following information in the report:

1. Location of project and financial project number including the Permit Number when assigned.
2. Name of person collecting data, including title, position and company name.
3. Investigation site location (Contract Plans station number or reference to a permanent structure within the project right-of-way).
4. Identification of the detection method used.
5. Spoils removal log.
6. As-built placement plans showing roadway plan and profile, cross-section, boring location and subsurface conditions as defined in Bore Path Plans below. Reference the shown plan elevations to a Department Bench Mark when associated with a Department project, otherwise to a USGS grid system and datum or to the top of an existing Department head wall.

**556-6.2 As-Built Plans:** Submit to the Engineer a complete set of as-built plans showing all bores (successful and failed) within 30 calendar days of completion of the work. As-built plans must be PDF files, in the same scale as the Contract Plans, and formatted on 11 inch by 17 inch sheets. Include notes on the plans stating the final bore path diameter, facility diameter, drilling fluid composition, composition of any other materials used to fill the annular void between the bore path and the facility or facility placed out of service. If the facility is a casing, note this, as well as the size and type of carrier pipes to be placed within the casing as part of the Contract work. Produce the plans as follows:

1. On the contract plan view, show the centerline location of each facility, installed or installed and placed out of service to an accuracy within 1 inch at the ends and other points physically observed. They show the remainder of the horizontal alignment of the centerline of each facility installed or installed and placed out of service and note the accuracy with which the installation was monitored.

2. As directed by the Engineer, submit either a profile plan for each bore path, or a cross-section of the roadway at a station specified by the Engineer, or a roadway centerline profile. Also show the ground or pavement surface and the crown elevation of each facility installed, or installed and placed out of service, accurately to within 1 inch at the ends and other points physically observed. Show the remainder of the vertical alignment of the crown of each facility installed, or installed and placed out of service and note the accuracy with which the installation was monitored. On profile plans for bore paths crossing the roadway, show the Contract Plans stationing. On the profile plans for bore paths paralleling the roadway show the Contract Plans stationing. If the profile plan for the bore path is not made on one of the contract profile or cross-section sheets, use a 10 to 1 vertical exaggeration.

3. If a bore path is not completed, show on the plans the failed bore path along with the name of the utility owner and the final bore path. Note the failed bore path as "Failed Bore Path." Also show the location and length of the cutting head and any product not removed from the bore path.

4. Show the crown elevation, diameter and material type of all utilities encountered and physically observed during the subsoil investigation. For all other obstructions encountered during subsoil investigation or the installation, show the type of material, horizontal

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and vertical location, top elevation and lowest elevation observed, and note if the obstruction continues below the lowest point observed.

**556-7 Compensation.**

No direct payment will be made under this Section. Include the cost to perform this operation in the Contract unit price for the item being installed.

No compensation will be made for failed bore paths, injection of excavatable flowable fill, products taken out of service or incomplete installations.

No compensation will be made for the pay item associated with the jack and bore until a Bore Path Report has been submitted to the Engineer.