

SECTION 945
ALUMINUM PIPE, INCLUDING UNDERDRAIN, PIPE
ARCH AND STRUCTURAL PLATE PIPE AND PIPE ARCH

945-1 General Requirements.

Aluminum-alloy culvert pipe and underdrains shall meet the requirements of AASHTO M196 and the additional provisions contained herein. Except for underdrain, corrugated aluminum pipe including pipe arch shall be fabricated with helical corrugations with a minimum of two annular corrugations formed into each end of each pipe to accommodate a coupling band. Annular fabrication is not permitted unless specifically called for in the Plans or specifications. Provide, as part of the shipping ticket, the actual mean inside diameter and total measured lengths of each lot of pipe shipped to the project. Include the minimum and maximum inside diameters used to calculate the actual mean inside diameter.

Test the pipe joints hydrostatically at the specified pressure using test methods in ASTM D3212 with the exceptions of Sections 7.3 and 7.4. In lieu of Section 7.4, deflect one side of the pipe to a 5% reduction in internal diameter using the parallel plate testing methodology of ASTM D2412. Load the deflected pipe to within 1/2 the actual pipe diameter from the centerline of the gasket or just beyond the end of the hugger band, whichever is greater. Ensure that the loading mechanism does not contact the hugger band or associated hardware. Testing of pipe joints shall be done at the manufacturing plant and witnessed by the Engineer or designated representative.

For sidedrains, unless shown otherwise in the Plans the minimum thickness of the metal shall be as specified below. Alternatively, if no future maintenance concerns exist, the Contractor may propose the pipe gage based on the Department's Drainage Manual and Culvert Service Life Estimator for approval by the Engineer.

TABLE I THICKNESS OF METAL FOR SIDEDRAIN PIPE		
Nominal Diameter or Equivalent (inches)	Sheet Gauge No.	Mean Thickness of Metal (inches)
6	18	0.048
8	16	0.060
10	16	0.060
12	16	0.060
15	16	0.060
18	16	0.060
21	16	0.060
24	16	0.060
30	14	0.075
36	14	0.075
42	12	0.105
48	12	0.105
54	12	0.105
60	10	0.135
66	10	0.135

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Nominal Diameter or Equivalent (inches)	Sheet Gauge No.	Mean Thickness of Metal (inches)
72 and over	8	0.164

Where bituminous coated aluminum pipe is specified the bituminous coating shall meet the requirements as specified for corrugated steel pipe in 943-5. Bituminous coated and paved aluminum pipe shall meet the additional requirements specified in 943-6 and 943-7, as applicable.

Class IV pipe shall not be used.

945-2 Aluminum Alloy Structural Plate Pipe, Pipe Arch and Arches.

945-2.1 General Requirements: Aluminum alloy structural plate pipe, pipe arch, and arches shall conform to AASHTO M219, with the exceptions and additions specified herein. The nominal thickness of the plate shall be as shown in the Plans.

945-2.2 Bolts and Nuts: In lieu of shaped bolts and nuts, standard type bolts and nuts, with special shaped washers, may be used. For aluminum bolts and nuts the material shall conform to the chemical requirements shown in Table I of ASTM B211, for Alloy 6061. Nuts shall be lubricated at the factory, with a suitable wax compound. The bolts may be sampled and tested before erection or may be accepted on the basis of the manufacturer’s certification.

For steel bolts and nuts, the material shall meet the requirements of either ASTM A307 or ASTM F3125, Grade A325, as appropriate, and shall be hot double-dipped galvanized. Aluminized steel bolts, or other equally suitable devices for connecting the plates, may be used if approved by the Engineer.

945-2.3 Certification of Tests: Submit to the Engineer, prior to installation, a certified mill analysis and certification verifying that the aluminum parts and components are of the alloys specified and comply with the requirements of this Section.

945-2.4 Direct Purchases by the Department: The provisions of 944-9 shall also apply to Departmental purchases of aluminum alloy structural plate pipe, pipe arches and arches.

945-2.5 Pipe Markings: In lieu of the coined markings required by AASHTO M196, Section 14, information may be ink stamped on the pipe at the time of manufacture. A QC label with the pipe fabricator’s identity, the date of corrugating or forming into pipe, and the date of final QC inspection shall be applied to the inside walls of pipe using indelible ink. The pipe markings must be clearly legible upon arrival at the jobsite and at the time of installation. Pipe with illegible or incomplete markings may be rejected.