

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

SECTION 603

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION AND EVALUATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

603-1 Description.

The provisions contained in this Section include general requirements for all traffic control signal equipment and materials used in the construction of signalized intersections.

603-2 Equipment and Materials.

603-2.1 General: Except as provided in 603-2.2, only use traffic control signal devices meeting the requirements of the Minimum Specifications for Traffic Control Signal Devices (MSTCSD) and listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL).

Only use new equipment and materials, except as specified in the Contract Documents.

603-2.2 Exceptions: The Department may grant exceptions to the requirements of 603-2.1 by Temporary Permit to take advantage of "state of the art" equipment advances or other circumstances that are found to be in the public interest.

603-2.3 Uniformity: Only use compatible units of any one item of equipment, such as signal heads, detectors, controllers, cabinets, poles, signal system or interconnection equipment etc., for use at an intersection.

603-2.4 Hardware and Fittings: Ensure that all bolts and nuts less than 5/8 inch [16 mm] in diameter are passivated stainless steel, Type 316 or Type 304 and meet the requirements of ASTM F 593 and ASTM F 594 for corrosion resistance, unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents. Provide documentation to the Engineer certifying that the materials meet all requirements specified.

Ensure that all bolts and nuts 5/8 inch [16 mm] and over in diameter are galvanized and meet the requirements of ASTM A 307.

Use high-strength steel anchor bolts and U-bolts, having a minimum yield strength of 55,000 psi [380 MPa] and a minimum ultimate strength of 90,000 psi [620 MPa].

603-2.5 Galvanizing: Meet the requirements of Section 962 when galvanizing for fittings and appurtenances for all structural steel (including steel poles).

603-3 Definitions.

Traffic Control Signal Devices: Any device, either manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and permitted to proceed or controlled in any manner. These include, but are not limited to, controller assemblies (controller cabinets and their contents); signal heads including their hanging or mounting devices; vehicle detection systems (loops, sealant, amplifier, lead-in wire, or cable); and pedestrian detection systems (push button, push button housing, lead-in wires, and signal).

Minimum Specifications for Traffic Control Signal Devices: The current edition of the MSTCSD, maintained by the State Traffic Engineering Office, which provides standards and specific technical requirements for electronic equipment and materials for the evaluation of traffic control signal devices.

Approved Products List (APL): A listing of certified or approved traffic control signal devices or hardware, compiled and maintained by the State Traffic Engineering Office.

Temporary Permit: A permit issued by the State Traffic Engineering Office for a specified time period at a specific location for new products or technology introduced by manufacturers requiring approval by the Department. This permit allows for a trial use of such products and field evaluation before the Department issues a formal approval. The State Traffic Engineering Office maintains the list of temporarily permitted traffic control signal devices.

603-4 Systems Approval Requirement.

The Engineer will review and approve any system design plan of traffic control signal devices, that is controlled and/or operated from a remote location by electronic computers or similar devices, and which affects the movement of traffic on any portion of the State Highway System, prior to installation. Within such system, only use traffic control signal devices that meet all certification or approval requirements contained herein.

603-5 Device Approval Process.

The traffic control signal devices approval process is described in detail in Section A601 of the MSTCSD.

603-6 Marking of Approved Equipment.

603-6.1 Manufacturer's Identification: Ensure that all traffic control signal devices, furnished and/or installed, are marked by the manufacturer with a permanently affixed ID plate or stamp, bearing the name or trademark of the manufacturer and the part number.

603-6.2 Certification Number: Ensure that the Florida Department of Transportation certification number is permanently affixed.

1. For electrical/electronic devices such as controllers and accessories and vehicle detectors, the manufacturer, vendor, supplier, or Contractor shall permanently affix the certification number on the top front center of the electrical/electronic device with a tamper proof, water resistant label.

2. For vehicular and pedestrian traffic signals, electro-mechanical signs, disconnect hangers and pedestrian detectors, the certification number shall be permanently affixed inside the housing near the terminal block by the manufacturer, vendor, supplier, or Contractor.

3. For controller cabinets, the certification number shall be permanently affixed on the inside of the main cabinet door by the manufacturer, vendor, supplier, or Contractor.

603-7 Submittal Data Requirements.

Prior to the installation of signal equipment and within 30 days after the preconstruction conference, submit a completed listing of all traffic devices or hardware with certification number(s) to the Engineer for approval on a form provided by the Department. On all non-structural equipment or materials that do not have a Florida Department of Transportation Certification Number, submit one copy of the manufacturer's descriptive literature and technical data fully describing the types of signal equipment that will be used to the Engineer.

Develop shop drawings for all structural support materials and other special designs, such as non-electrical, non-mechanical, or other fabricated items, which may not be specifically detailed in the plans. Have the Specialty Engineer approve all shop drawings. Do not submit shop drawings for those items that have been previously evaluated and approved. Meet the requirements of 5-1.4 for shop drawings. Send two copies of the shop drawings signed and sealed by the Specialty Engineer to the Engineer.

The Engineer will approve submittal data for devices having a Florida Department of Transportation Certification Number.

The Department is not liable for any equipment or material purchased, work done, or delay incurred prior to such approval.

Provide a complete operable signal installation as specified in the Contract regardless of any failure of the Department to discover or note any unsatisfactory material. Meet the requirements of Section 608.

603-8 Documentation for Electronic Equipment.

Prior to final acceptance, furnish the Engineer with two copies of the following documentary items obtained from the manufacturer for the electronic equipment listed below:

1. Manual describing the theory of operation
2. Manual for troubleshooting
3. Electronic schematics of circuit boards
4. Pictorial layout of components of circuit boards
5. Parts list, including the location
6. Diagram of the field installation wiring (not applicable to the detectors)

Furnish documentary items for the following equipment:

1. Controllers
2. Vehicle detectors
3. Coordinating units
4. Load switches
5. Flasher units
6. Preemption units
7. Conflict monitors
8. Special sequence relays
9. Any other equipment which has a logic, timing, or communications function
10. Other equipment documentation specified in the Contract Documents

603-9 Department-Furnished Equipment Installed By Contractor.

Where the Contract includes installation of Department-furnished equipment, the Department will turn over such equipment to the Contractor when the construction progress allows or as designated in the Contract Documents. The Department will test and certify the equipment to be in proper condition and ready to use and will bear the costs of correcting any defects in the equipment prior to pick-up by the Contractor. The Engineer will coordinate the pick-up and installation of the equipment. Maintain the equipment in proper operational condition after pick-up at no cost to the Department, until either final acceptance or the equipment is returned to the Department.