

## SECTION 925 CURING MATERIALS FOR CONCRETE

### 925-1 Burlap.

Burlap for curing concrete shall consist either of two layers, each weighing 10 to 18 ounces/10 square feet, or of four layers, each weighing 6 to 7 ounces/10 square feet. Burlap which has been used as a container for sugar shall not be used. Burlap that is being used for the first time shall be thoroughly washed in order to remove starches used in sizing the material. Burlap shall be furnished in strips of at least 3 feet wide and shall be at least 3 feet longer than the width of surface to be covered.

### 925-2 Membrane-Forming Curing Compound.

**925-2.1 General:** Membrane-forming curing compound shall conform to requirements of ASTM C309 and the following requirements:

Requirement	Test Method	Test Value
Water Loss@72 hours	ASTM C156	0.55 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Deleterious Reaction with Concrete	ASTM C309	None
Reflectance	ASTM E1347	60% minimum*
Drying Time	ASTM C309	4 hours maximum
Non-Volatile Content	ASTM D1644 (Method A)	(informational)
Density, lbs/gal	ASTM D1475	(informational)

\*Type 2 (White) compounds only.

The membrane-forming curing compound shall be of a consistency suitable for spraying at temperatures prevalent at the time of application, and which forms a continuous, uniform film. It shall be free from precipitated matter caused by conditions of storage or temperature. Thoroughly agitate the curing compound in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations prior to shipment from manufacturer's plant and prior to use at job site.

Curing compound delivered to the jobsite shall be in the manufacturer's original container and clearly labeled with the following information:

1. manufacturer's name
2. product name (trade name)
3. type
4. batch or LOT number
5. date of manufacture

**925-2.2 Product Acceptance:** Acceptance of membrane-forming curing compound shall be based on the product being listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL).

**925-2.2.1 Approved Product List:** Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product must submit an application in accordance with Section 6 and include product data sheets, material safety data sheets (SDS) and certified test reports from an independent laboratory showing the product meets the requirements of this Section. Testing in accordance with the National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP) Project Work Plan for the Laboratory

Testing of Liquid Membrane-Forming Compounds for Curing Concrete shall be acceptable as independent laboratory data. Include an Infrared Spectrophotometry (IR) Scan and a certification stating the nominal minimum percentage of non-volatile material for the product formulation. Deviation of the non-volatile material below this certified value shall be considered a change in formulation and shall be grounds for removal from the APL.

**925-2.2.2 Certification:** Prior to use, the Contractor shall ~~provide~~submit to the Engineer a certification from the manufacturer conforming to the requirements of Section 6 that the requirements of this Section are met.

**925-2.3 Product Life:** Store the curing compound in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Curing compounds not used within one year of the date of manufacture shall not be incorporated into the work.

### **925-3 Sheet Materials.**

**925-3.1 General:** Waterproof paper, polyethylene film and white burlap-polyethylene sheet, for curing concrete shall meet the requirements of ASTM C171, with the additional requirements for waterproof paper and for polyethylene film as shown below.

**925-3.2 Additional Requirements for Waterproof Paper:** The paper as prepared for use shall be in such dimensions that each unit as laid will extend at least 18 inches beyond the edges of the slab. If laid longitudinally, paper not manufactured in sizes which will provide this width shall be securely sewed or cemented together; the joints being sealed in such manner that they do not open up or separate during the curing period.

At the option of the Contractor, instead of the single longitudinal strip specified above, the blanket may be furnished in three strips; one strip being the neat width of the pavement, with two side strips.

**925-3.3 Additional Requirements for Polyethylene Sheeting:** The sheets, as prepared for use, shall be of such dimensions that each unit as laid will extend beyond the edges of the slab by at least twice the thickness dimension of the pavement edge, and the sheets shall overlap by at least 18 inches.

No sheet may be reused except after individual inspection and approval by the Engineer. Any sheets determined by the Engineer to be so damaged as to not afford the protection to the concrete in preventing moisture loss during the curing period will be rejected.

### **925-4 Certification.**

For burlap or white burlap-polyethylene, the Contractor shall ~~provide~~submit to the Engineer a certification conforming to the requirements of Section 6 from the manufacturer confirming that the requirements of this Section are met. Each certification shall cover only one type of burlap or white burlap-polyethylene sheeting.