

**SECTION 425**  
**INLETS, MANHOLES, AND JUNCTION BOXES**

**425-1 Description.**

Construct inlets, manholes, and junction boxes from reinforced concrete as shown in the Design Standards and the Plans. Furnish and install the necessary metal frames and gratings. Construct yard drains from concrete meeting the requirements of Section 347. Adjust structures shown in the Plans to be adjusted or requiring adjustment for the satisfactory completion of the work.

For precast structures, meet the requirements in 449-1.

**425-2 Composition and Proportioning.**

**425-2.1 Concrete:** For inlets, manholes, and junction boxes, use Class II or IV concrete, as designated in the Plans and Design Standards and as specified in Section 346. For yard drains use concrete as specified in Section 347.

**425-2.2 Mortar:** For brick masonry, make the mortar by mixing one part portland cement to three parts sand. Miami Oolitic rock screenings may be substituted for the sand, provided the screenings meet the requirements of 902-5.2.3 except for gradation requirements. Use materials passing the No. 8 sieve that are uniformly graded from coarse to fine.

Masonry cement may be used in lieu of the above-specified mortar provided it is delivered in packages properly identified by brand name of manufacturer, net weight of package, and whether it is Type 1 or Type 2, and further provided that it has not been in storage for a period greater than six months.

**425-3 Materials.**

**425-3.1 General:** Meet the following requirements:

Sand (for mortar).....	902
Portland Cement.....	Section 921
Water.....	Section 923
Reinforcing Steel .....	931 and 415
Liner Repair Systems .....	Section 948
Brick and Concrete Masonry Units.....	Section 949
Castings for Frames and Gratings.....	962

**425-3.2 Gratings, Covers, and Frames:** Use gratings and frames fabricated from structural steel or cast iron as designated in the appropriate Design Standard. When “Alt. G” grates are specified in the Plans, provide structural steel grates that are galvanized in accordance with the requirements of ASTM A123.

Use rigid frames and covers either 24 inches or 36 inches or optional three-piece adjustable frames and covers as indicated in Design Standards, Index No. 201.

For three-piece adjustable frames, the inner frame may include replaceable resilient seats to support the cover. In addition, the inner frame shall indicate it is adjustable, by clearly having the word “adjustable” imprinted into the exposed portion of the inner frame so “adjustable” is visible from the roadway after installation.

**425-4 Forms.**

Design and construct wood or metal forms so that they may be removed without

damaging the concrete. Build forms true to line and grade and brace them in a substantial and unyielding manner. Obtain the Engineer's approval before filling them with concrete.

#### **425-5 Precast Inlets, Manholes, and Junction Boxes.**

Precast inlets, manholes, and junction boxes, designed and fabricated in accordance with the Plans, the Design Standards and Section 449 may be substituted for cast-in-place units.

#### **425-6 Construction Methods.**

**425-6.1 Excavation:** Excavate as specified in Section 125.

Where unsuitable material for foundations is encountered, excavate the unsuitable material and backfill with suitable material prior to constructing or setting inlets, manholes and junction boxes.

As an option to the above and with the Engineer's approval, the Contractor may carry the walls down to a depth required for a satisfactory foundation, backfill to 8 inches below the flowline with clean sand and cast a non-reinforced 8 inch floor.

**425-6.2 Placing and Curing Concrete:** Place the concrete in the forms, to the depth shown in the Plans, and thoroughly vibrate it. After the concrete has hardened sufficiently, cover it with suitable material and keep it moist for a period of three days. Finish the traffic surface in accordance with 522-7.2, or with a simulated broom finish approved by the Engineer.

**425-6.3 Setting Manhole Castings:** After curing the concrete as specified above, set the frame of the casting in a full mortar bed composed of one part portland cement to two parts of fine aggregate.

**425-6.3.1 Standard Castings:** Set manhole frames in a mortar bed and adjust to grade using brick or concrete grade rings, with a maximum 12 inch adjustment.

**425-6.3.2 Optional Adjustable Castings:** When using a three-piece adjustable frame and cover, install the frame and cover with brick or concrete grade rings to the base course height. Make adjustments using the inner frame in accordance with the manufacturer's installation recommendations so the inner frame and cover meet the grade and slope of the pavement surface opened to traffic.

**425-6.4 Reinforcing Steel:** Follow the construction methods for the steel reinforcement as specified in Section 415.

**425-6.5 Laying Brick:** Brick masonry may be used if the structure is circular and constructed in place, or for adjustments of rectangular risers up to a maximum 12 inches in height. Saturate all brick with water before laying. Bond the brick thoroughly into the mortar using the shove-joint method to lay the brick. Arrange headers and stretchers so as to bond the mass thoroughly. Finish the joints properly as the work progresses and ensure that they are not less than 1/4 inch or more than 3/4 inch in thickness. Do not use spalls or bats except for shaping around irregular openings or when unavoidable at corners.

**425-6.6 Backfilling:** Backfill as specified in Section 125, meeting the specific requirements for backfilling and compaction around inlets, manholes, and junction boxes detailed in 125-8.1 and 125-8.2. However; for outfall lines beyond the sidewalk or future sidewalk area, where no vehicular traffic will pass over the pipe, inlets, manholes, and junction boxes, compact backfill as required in 125-9.2.2.

**425-6.7 Adjusting Structures:** Cut down or extend existing manholes, catch basins, inlets, valve boxes, etc., within the limits of the proposed work, to meet the finished grade of the proposed pavement, or if outside of the proposed pavement area, to the finished grade designated in the Plans for such structures. Use materials and construction methods which meet the

requirements specified above to cut down or extend the existing structures.

The Contractor may extend manholes needing to be raised using adjustable extension rings of the type which do not require the removal of the existing manhole frame. Use an extension device that provides positive locking action and permits adjustment in height as well as diameter and meets the approval of the Engineer. When adjusting structures in flexible pavement, restore final road surface in accordance with the Design Standards, Index No. 307.

#### **425-7 Method of Measurement.**

The quantities to be paid for will be the number of inlets, manholes, junction boxes, and yard drains, completed and accepted; and the number of structures of these types (including also valve boxes) satisfactorily adjusted.

#### **425-8 Basis of Payment.**

**425-8.1 New Structures:** Price and payment will be full compensation for furnishing all materials and completing all work described herein or shown in the Plans, including all clearing and grubbing outside the limits of clearing and grubbing as shown in the Plans, all excavation except the volume included in the measurement designated to be paid for under the items for the grading work on the project, all backfilling around the structures, the disposal of surplus material, and the furnishing and placing of all gratings, frames, covers, and any other necessary fittings.

**425-8.2 Adjusted Structures:** When an item of payment for adjusting manholes, valve boxes, or inlets is provided in the proposal, price and payment will be full compensation for the number of such structures designated to be paid for under such separate items, and which are satisfactorily adjusted, at the Contract unit prices each for adjusting inlets, adjusting manholes, and adjusting valve boxes.

For any of such types of these structures required to be adjusted but for which no separate item of payment is shown in the proposal for the specific type, payment will be made under the item of adjusting miscellaneous structures.

#### **425-8.3 Payment Items:** Payment will be made under:

- Item No. 425- 1- Inlets - each.
- Item No. 425- 2- Manholes - each.
- Item No. 425- 3- Junction Boxes - each.
- Item No. 425- 4- Adjusting Inlets - each.
- Item No. 425- 5- Adjusting Manholes - each.
- Item No. 425- 6- Adjusting Valve Boxes - each.
- Item No. 425- 8- Adjusting Miscellaneous Structures - each.
- Item No. 425- 10- Yard Drains - each.