

ORIGINATION FORM

Proposed Revisions to the Specifications

(Please provide all information - incomplete forms will be returned)

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Associated Section(s) Revisions:

Will the proposed revision require changes to:

Publication	Yes	No	Office Staff Contacted
Standard Plans Index			
Traffic Engineering Manual			
FDOT Design Manual			
Construction Project Administration Manual			
Basis of Estimate/Pay Items			
Structures Design Guidelines			
Approved Product List			
Materials Manual			

Will this revision necessitate any of the following:

Design Bulletin

Construction Bulletin

Estimates Bulletin

Materials Bulletin

Are all references to external publications current?

Yes

No

If not, what references need to be updated? (Please include changes in the redline document.)

Why does the existing language need to be changed?

Summary of the changes:

Are these changes applicable to all Department jobs?

Yes

No

If not, what are the restrictions?

Contact the State Specifications Office for assistance in completing this form.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2021
TO: Specification Review Distribution List
FROM: Daniel Strickland, P.E., State Specifications Engineer
SUBJECT: Proposed Specification: **9730502 Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Composite Structural Shapes.**

In accordance with Specification Development Procedures, we are sending you a copy of a proposed specification change.

This change was proposed by Elizabeth Weber from the State Materials Office to update the requirement for Impact Resistance of Thermoplastic Structural Shapes.

Please share this proposal with others within your responsibility. Review comments are due within four weeks and should be sent to Mail Station 75 or online at <http://fdotewp1.dot.state.fl.us/programmanagement/development/industryreview.aspx> . Comments received after **July 1, 2021**, may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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Attachment

**FIBER REINFORCED POLYMER (FRP) COMPOSITE STRUCTURAL SHAPES
(REV 5-19-21)**

SUBARTICLE 973-5.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

973-5.2 Materials: Use polyethylene made from recycled post consumer or post industrial thermoplastics. Mix the polyethylene with appropriate colorants, UV inhibitors, hindered amine light stabilizers, antioxidants, and chopped fiberglass reinforcement so that the resulting product meets the requirements specified in Table 973-4 for RTSS and Table 973-5 for TSS. Use a minimum of 15% (by weight) chopped fiberglass reinforcement for both TSS and RTSS. The thermoplastic matrix must not corrode, rot, warp, splinter or crack. Meet the requirements of 932-3 for FRP reinforcing bar materials.

For RTSS members, the use of separate materials for skin and core is at the discretion of each manufacturer; however, both materials must meet the requirements in Table 973-4. The material surrounding the rebar within 1 inch from the rebar surface shall not contain voids greater than 3/4 inch diameter and extend no further than 2 inches along the length of the member. The cross section of the product shall not contain voids exceeding 1-1/4 inches in diameter and the sum of all voids greater than 3/8 inches in diameter shall not exceed 5% of the cross sectional area.

Extrude final product as one continuous piece with no joints or splices to the dimensions and tolerances in accordance with Table 973-6.

Reject any sections containing cracks or splits.

Table 973-4 RTSS Matrix		
Property	Test Method	Requirement
Density	ASTM D792	48–63 pcf
Water Absorption	ASTMD570	2 hrs: <1.0% weight increase 24 hrs: <3.0% weight increase
Brittleness	ASTM D746	Brittleness temperature < minus 40°C
Impact Resistance	ASTM D256, Method A (Izod)	>0.55 ft-lbs/in
Hardness	ASTM D2240	44-75 (Shore D)
Ultraviolet	ASTM D4329 UVA	500 hours <10% change in Shore D Durometer Hardness
Abrasion	ASTM D 4060	Weight Loss: <0.02 oz Cycles = 10,000 Wheel = CS17 Load = 2.2 lb
Chemical Resistance	ASTM D543	Sea Water: <1.5% weight increase Gasoline: <9.5% weight increase No. 2 Diesel: <6.0% weight increase
Tensile Properties	ASTM D638	2,200 psi at break min.
Compressive Modulus	ASTM D695	40 ksi min.

Table 973-4 RTSS Matrix		
Static Coefficient of Friction	ASTM D1894	0.25, wet max.
Screw Withdrawal	ASTM D6117	400 lb (screw) min.

Table 973-5 TSS Matrix		
Property	Test Method	Requirement
Density	ASTM D792	50-65 pcf
Impact Resistance	ASTM D256 Method A (Izod)	> 0.55 2.0 ft-lbs/in
Hardness	ASTM D2240	44-75 (Shore D)
Ultraviolet	ASTM D4329 (UVA)	500 hours <10% change in Shore D Durometer Hardness
Chemical Resistance	ASTM D756 or ASTM D543	Sea Water: <1.5% weight increase Gasoline: <7.5% weight increase No. 2 Diesel: <6.0% weight increase
Tensile Properties	ASTM D638	3,000 psi at break min.
Static Coefficient of Friction	ASTM D2394	0.25, wet or dry min.
Nail Withdrawal or Screw Withdrawal	ASTM D6117	250 lb (nail) min. 400 lb (screw) min.
Secant Modulus at 1% Strain	ASTM D6109	150,000 psi min.
Flexural Strength	ASTM D6109	2,500 psi min.
Compressive Strength	ASTM D6108	2,200 psi min.
Compressive Strength Perpendicular to grain	ASTM D6108	700 psi min.

Table 973-6 Tolerances	
Dimension	Tolerance
Length	0/+6 inch
Width – RTSS	±1/2 inch
Width – TSS	±1/4 inch
Height – RTSS	±1/2 inch
Width – TSS	±1/4 inch
Clear cover from outer surface to rebar elements (RTSS)	≥3/4 inch (wales) ±1/2 inch (other)
Straightness (while lying on a flat surface)	<1-1/2 inches per 10 feet