

9320203 NONMETALLIC ACCESSORY MATERIALS FOR CONCRETE PAVEMENT AND  
CONCRETE STRUCTURES  
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Will it be clear to the Contractor and Designer what “like pads” means?

“For LOT sizes of like pads that exceed 10...”

Response: Lot size and “like pads” are referenced in 932-2.3. We propose to reference 932-2.3 after the term “like pads” in 932-2.3.2.

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932-2.3.2 Allowing the Engineer to select "a minimum of two" could result in the job shortage. Contractors do not buy extra pads. We only purchase the amount for the structure plus two per lot for testing requirements. The revision to the second to last sentence creates a problem. If the Engineer (most likely the CEI) submits the pads he must have an account with the independent testing facility. The testing lab will invoice the firm submitting the sample. There is no avenue in the Contract for the Contractor to reimburse the Engineer for the cost of shipping and testing. If the Contractor submits the pads (like we currently do) he pays for the shipping directly and pays for the testing upon receipt of the test results and the invoice.

Response: Propose to remove “a minimum of” to make the statement reflect that only 2 pads will be selected by the Engineer. Remove language that states that the Engineer will ship the pads.

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The URL for obtaining information for a lab to perform the testing of the bearing pads takes the user to the Reports in MAC. However, once there the user would not know where to find an approved lab able to perform the testing. Would it be possible to add further instructions, like a comment after the URL, informing the user to click on the Labs; Qualified Labs Report, and pick the category Chemical for a listing of labs that are approved to do this testing? Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

SUBARTICLE 932-2.6.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

932-2.6.1 Testing: Test bridge bearing pads in accordance with FM 5-598. Laminated bridge bearings must meet a minimum compressive load of 2,400 psi and non-laminated (plain) pads must meet a minimum compressive load of 1,200 psi. If any properties are identified as noncompliant with the criteria specified, the bearing shall be rejected and the ~~confim~~verification sample tested. If the ~~confim~~verification sample test results are also noncompliant, the LOT shall be rejected. A list of Department-approved testing laboratories can be found on the Department's database website. The URL for obtaining this information, if available, is: <https://mac.fdot.gov/reports>.

Response: Thank you for your comment. This is not a Specs issue; it will have to be addressed on the SMO website.

Response from SMO: This is being addressed in MAC so that bearing pads will have a separate tab in the lab report.

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