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Khoa Nguyen  
Director, Office of Technical Services  
Federal Highway Administration  
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office  
Section: **330**  
Proposed Specification: **3300601 Hot Mix Asphalt - General Construction Requirements.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

The changes are proposed by Richard Hewitt to make the average spreadrate tolerance consistent with maximum pay quantity tolerance in the Standard Specification.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to [daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 850-414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Daniel Strickland, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**HOT MIX ASPHALT - GENERAL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.**  
**(REV 6-9-22)**

SUBARTICLE 330-6.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

**330-6 Placing Mixture.**

**330-6.1 Requirements Applicable to All Pavement Types:**

**330-6.1.1 Alignment of Edges:** Place all asphalt mixtures by the stringline method to obtain an accurate, uniform alignment of the pavement edge. As an exception, pavement edges adjacent to curb and gutter or other true edges do not require a stringline. Control the unsupported pavement edge to ensure it will not deviate from the stringline more than plus or minus 1.5 inches.

**330-6.1.2 Paving Width:** If necessary due to the traffic requirements, place the mixture in strips in such a manner as to provide for the passage of traffic. As an option, where the road is closed to traffic, place the mixture to the full width with machines traveling in echelon.

**330-6.1.3 Mix Temperature:** Maintain the mix temperature at the time of paving within the master range as defined in 320-6.3. Take mix temperatures on the roadway at the minimum frequency indicated in 320-6.3. Any load, or portion of a load, of asphalt mix on the roadway with a temperature outside of the master range shall be rejected for use on the project. Immediately notify the Engineer of the rejection.

Remove any windrow material not meeting the temperature requirements of 320-6.3.2 from the area of deficient temperature and replace with new asphalt meeting the temperature requirements.

**330-6.1.4 Speed of Paver:** Establish the forward speed of the asphalt paver based on the rate of delivery of the mix to the roadway, but not faster than the optimum speed needed to adequately compact the pavement.

**330-6.1.5 Thickness and Spread Rate of Layers:** Construct each layer as defined in the following Table 330-2:

Table 330-2	
Thickness and Target Spread Rate Requirements	
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When the average spread rate for two consecutive days is beyond plus or minus 510% of the target spread rate, stop the construction operation until the issue is resolved.

**330-6.1.5.2 Maximum Spread Rate Tolerances:** When an individual spread rate, measured in accordance with 330-6.1.5.1, is beyond plus or minus 20% of the target spread rate, stop the construction operation until the issue is resolved. Address the unacceptable pavement in accordance with 330-9.5. The following areas are exempt from a work stoppage based solely on the calculated spread rate: median crossovers, turnouts, variable thickness overbuild courses, leveling courses, miscellaneous asphalt pavement, as well as, turn lanes and ramps less than 1,000 feet.

As an exception, the Engineer may allow the Contractor to leave areas in place if it is determined by the Engineer that the deficiency is not a significant detriment to the pavement quality. For areas of deficient thickness, a reduction to the pay item quantity will be made in accordance with 330-9.5.2.

**330-6.1.6 Correcting Defects:** Before starting any rolling, check the surface; correct any irregularities; remove all drippings, sand accumulations from the screed, and fat spots from any source; and replace them with satisfactory material. Do not skin patch. When correcting a depression while the mixture is hot, scarify the surface and add fresh mixture.

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