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Re: State Specifications Office
Section: 933
Proposed Specification: **9330502 Prestressing Strand and Bar.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Alexander Lewis to alter the requirement for qualification testing of CFRP prestressing strand.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks (10 business days). Comments should be sent via email daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us.

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

Sincerely,

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Attachment
cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
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PRESTRESSING STRAND AND BAR.

(REV 5-3-23)

SECTION 933 is deleted and the following substituted:

933-1 Strands for Prestressing.

933-1.1 Carbon Steel Strands for Prestressing: The carbon-steel strands for prestressing concrete members shall be Grade 270, low-relaxation seven wire strand conforming to the requirements of ASTM A416.

933-1.2 Stainless-Steel Strands for Prestressing: The stainless-steel strands for prestressing concrete members shall be a high strength stainless-steel (HSSS, Grade 240), low-relaxation seven wire strand conforming to the requirements of ASTM A1114.

933-1.3 Carbon-Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) Strands for Prestressing: Obtain CFRP prestressing strands from producers currently on the Department's Production Facility Listing. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of Section 105. CFRP strand shall meet the requirements of this Section.

Type	Nominal Diameter (in)	Nominal Cross Sectional Area (in ²)	Nominal Ultimate Load (P_u) (kips)	Nominal Ultimate Tensile Stress (ksi)
Single Strand - 5.0mm Ø	0.20	0.025	9.1	364
7-strand - 7.9mm Ø	0.31	0.048	17.8	370
7-strand - 10.8mm Ø	0.43	0.090	33.1	367
Single Strand (Bar) - 9.5mm Ø	0.38	0.110	35.0	318
7-strand - 12.5mm Ø	0.49	0.117	43.3	370
Single Strand (Bar) - 12.7mm Ø	0.50	0.196	59.0	301
7-strand - 15.2mm Ø	0.60	0.179	66.2	369
7-strand - 17.2mm Ø	0.68	0.234	86.6	370
7-strand - 19.3mm Ø	0.76	0.289	106.9	370

933-1.4 Shipping and Storage: Protect carbon-steel, stainless-steel, and CFRP strands for prestressing against mechanical damage and contamination during shipping and storage.

933-2 Steel Bars for Prestressing.

The steel bars for prestressing concrete members shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A722, Type II.

933-3 Steel Parallel Wire Assemblies for Prestressing.

The wire assemblies for prestressing concrete members shall consist of parallel wires of the number and size shown in the Plans and shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A421.

933-4 Anchorages for Prestressing.

933-4.1 For Strands and Bars:

933-4.1.1 Steel Strands and Bars: Meet the requirements of Section 960.

933-4.1.2 Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) Strands: Meet the requirements of ACI 440.3R, B.10 – Test method for performance of anchorages of FRP bars.

933-4.2 For Steel Parallel Wire Assemblies: Anchorage for parallel wire assemblies may be provided by Type BA (Button Anchorages) cold-end deformation of the wires bearing against suitable anchorage plates, or by Type WA (Wedge-type Anchorages) without cold end deformations, of the sandwich-plate or conical type. The anchorage device shall be capable of developing at least 90% of the specified ultimate strength of the total number of wires anchored.

Conical type anchorages shall be embedded within the ends of the concrete members unless otherwise specified. Anchorages shall generally bear against embedded grids of reinforcing steel of approved type.

Alternate type anchorages will be considered if proposed by the Contractor. Any alternate anchorage will be required to develop the full specified ultimate strength for bars or at least 90% of the specified ultimate strength for parallel wire assemblies.

933-5 Required Tests for Prestressing Strand and Bar.

933-5.1 General: Tests shall be performed to determine the physical characteristics of prestressing reinforcement. For tests specified to be made by the producer, submit certified test results to the Engineer prior to use.

933-5.2 Strands:

933-5.2.1 Steel Strands: Acceptance of carbon-steel and stainless-steel prestressing strands shall be based on samples taken by the Department and the producer's certified mill analysis certifying that the test results meet the specification limits of ASTM, AASHTO, or FDOT as specifically designated. Prior to use, submit to the Engineer the producer's certified mill analysis for each heat or production LOT per shipment of strand.

Certified mill analyses for steel prestressing strand shall contain, for each heat number or production LOT, all test results required by ASTM A416 and ASTM A1114. Include the modulus of elasticity expressed in psi or the stress-strain curve with units identified.

The Engineer will select samples and certified mill analysis representing each shipment at a frequency of one sample per producer, per size of strand, per shipment.

933-5.2.2 Carbon-Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) Strands: ~~Producers shall submit to the State Materials Office (SMO), a test report of the physical and mechanical property requirements in Table 933-2. Qualification testing shall be conducted by an independent laboratory approved by the Department for performing the FRP test methods. Three production LOTS shall be randomly sampled at the production facility by a designee of the SMO. The minimum number of specimens per production LOT shall be as indicated in Table 933-2. The coefficient of variation (COV) for each test result shall be less than 6%. Outliers shall be subject to further investigation in accordance with ASTM E178. If the COV exceeds 6%, the number of test specimens per production LOT may be doubled a maximum of two times, to meet the COV requirement. Otherwise, the results shall be rejected. A production LOT is defined as a LOT of CFRP strand produced from start to finish with the same constituent materials used in the same proportions without changing any production parameter, such as cure temperature or line speed.~~

Table 933-2 Physical and Mechanical Property Requirements for CFRP Prestressing Strands				
Property	Test Method	Requirement	Specimens per LOT	
Fiber Mass Fraction	ASTM D2584 or ASTM D3171	$\geq 70\%$	10	
Short-Term Moisture Absorption	ASTM D570, Procedure 7.1; 24 hours immersion at 122°F	$\leq 0.25\%$	10	
Long-Term Moisture Absorption	ASTM D570, Procedure 7.4; immersion to full saturation at 122°F	$\leq 1.0\%$	10	
Glass Transition Temperature (T_g)	ASTM D7028 (DMA) or ASTM E1356 (DSC; T_m)/ASTM D3418 (DSC; T_{mg})	$\geq 230^\circ\text{F}$ $\geq 212^\circ\text{F}$	3	
Total Enthalpy of Polymerization (Resin)	ASTM E2160	Identify the resin system used for each bar size and report the average value of three replicates for each system	-	
Degree of Cure	ASTM E2160	$\geq 95\%$ of Total polymerization enthalpy	3	
Measured Cross Sectional Area	ASTM D7205	Within -5% to $+10\%$ of nominal values listed in Table 933-1	10	
Ultimate Tensile Strength (UTS)		\geq Value listed in Table 933-1		
Tensile Modulus		$\geq 18,000$ ksi for Bar; $\geq 22,400$ ksi for 7-strand & 5mm Ø.		
Alkali Resistance with Load	ASTM D7705, 3 months test duration at $140 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$. Apply sustained tensile stress to induce 3000-micro-strain, followed by tensile test per ASTM D7205	Tensile strength retention $\geq 70\%$ of UTS	5	
Creep Rupture Strength	ASTM D7337, 3 months test duration at laboratory conditions. Apply sustained tensile load equivalent to 75% UTS, followed by tensile test per ASTM D7205	Equivalent sustained load $\geq 75\%$ UTS AND Tensile strength retention $\geq 90\%$ UTS	3	

933-5.2.2.1 Material Acceptance: Submit to the Engineer a certificate of analysis for each production LOT from the producer of the CFRP strand, confirming compliance with the requirements of this Section.

933-5.2.2.2 Sampling: The Engineer will select a minimum total of 42 feet from each shipment, representing a random production LOT, per size of CFRP strand for testing in accordance with Table 933-23. The minimum discrete sample length shall be 7 feet. Testing shall be conducted, at the Contractor's expense, by a Department approved independent laboratory. Each test shall be replicated a minimum of three times per sample. Submit the test results to the Engineer for review and approval prior to installation.

Property	Test Method	Requirement
Fiber Mass Fraction	ASTM D2584 or ASTM D3171	≥70%
Short-Term Moisture Absorption	ASTM D570, Procedure 7.1; 24 hours immersion at 122°F	≤0.25%
Glass Transition Temperature	ASTM D7028 (DMA) or ASTM E1356 (DSC; T_m)/ASTM D3418 (DSC; T_{mg})	≥230°F ≥212°F
Degree of Cure	ASTM E2160	≥95% of Total polymerization enthalpy
Actual Cross Sectional Area	ASTM D7205	Within -5% to +10% of nominal values listed in Table 933-1
Ultimate Tensile Strength		≥ Value listed in Table 933-1
Tensile Modulus		≥18,000 ksi for Bar; ≥ 22,400 ksi for 7-strand & 5mm Ø

933-5.3 Steel Bars: Acceptance of steel prestressing bar shall be based on samples taken by the Department and the producer's certified mill analysis certifying that the test results meet specification limits of the ASTM or AASHTO as specifically designated. Prior to use, submit to the Engineer the producer's certified mill analysis for each heat or production LOT and size per shipment of bars. Certifications of steel prestressing bar shall contain, for each heat number or production LOT, all test results required by ASTM A722, and the modulus of elasticity expressed in psi or the stress-strain curve with units identified.

The Engineer will select samples and certified mill analysis representing each shipment at a frequency of one sample per heat or production LOT, per size of bar, per shipment.

933-5.4 Steel Wires: Acceptance of steel wires shall be based on the producer's certified mill analysis of test results meeting the specification limits of the ASTM or AASHTO as specifically designated. Prior to use, submit to the Engineer the producer's certified mill analysis for each heat or production LOT per shipment of wire. Certifications of steel prestressing wire shall contain, for each heat number or production LOT, all test results required by ASTM A421.