

RESPONSE 2 COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comments:

By removing this spec, no provisions for a wet weather marking are provided. If the department feels like this spec requires revision/updating, why not keep the spec in force and work on revision and then swap the new spec for the old spec. That's the same way changes to 710, 711, 713, etc. have been done in the past.

Response: The dimensions of the profile in the current 702 specification was established based on the dimensions of the RainLine wheel. I agree that other means could be used to create the pattern other than a wheel, but in reality there is no one competing with RainLine with the way the specification is written and it is in essence a sole source product.

To preclude possible appearances that we require a proprietary product which is disallowed under the Code of Federal Regulations (i.e. 23 CFR 635.411), the specification has been pulled from our permanent specifications.

We will maintain the specification as a developmental specification, which can be used by the Districts if they desire to specify an inverted rib profile marking.

Alan Lafferty

File: 7020000-Inverted Profile, Wet Weather Traffic Stripes
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Comments:

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Mr. Duane Brautigam
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Dear Mr. Brautigam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Departments proposed specification change for section 702. GulfLine Corporation is a subsidiary company of Gulf Industries, Inc. which developed products S702-0001 and S702-0100 on the Qualified Products List. The GulfLine Corp is a leader in the field of wet weather pavement markings with installations in 6 States including Florida.

We feel it is important to provide the most effective retroreflective system available to the motoring public traveling the roads of America. The GulfLine material has proven to be a cost effective system for wet weather conditions. Please accept the attached specification for review as an alternative to deleting section 702 of the current specifications.

Gulf Industries, Inc is available to discuss further the issue of wet weather pavement markings and our comments.

Sincerely,

Alan L. Lafferty

cc: Dana Burney, GulfLine Corp
Quin Boylan, Gulf Industries, Inc.
Wayne Burger, Gulf Industries, Inc.

Response: Thank you for your comments and your suggestions on how the specification can be rewritten. We will consider your suggestions as we draft a developmental specification for wet weather pavement marking.

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