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Re: Office of Design, Specifications  
Section 713  
Proposed Specification: 7130000.D01

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

These changes were proposed by Chester Henson to eliminate the requirement for certification of QPL items, to change the word "LOT" to "batch" to eliminate confusion, and to change the method of measurement and payment for traffic stripes..

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within four weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to ST986RP or rudy.powell@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Rudy Powell, State Specifications Engineer at 414-4110.

Sincerely,

Rudy Powell, Jr., P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

RP/dr  
Attachment

cc: Gregory Jones, Chief Civil Litigation  
Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

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**713-2 Materials.**

Use only permanent tape traffic stripes and markings materials listed on the Qualified Products List (QPL), meeting the requirements of 971-1 and 971-8. The Engineer will take random samples of the materials in accordance with the Department's Sampling, Testing and Reporting Guide schedule.

**713-3 Equipment.**

Use equipment that is mobile and maneuverable to the extent that straight lines can be followed and normal curves can be made in a true arc.

Ensure the mechanical applicator is equipped with film cut-off device and a measuring device that automatically and accumulatively measures the length of each line placed with an accuracy tolerance of  $\pm 2$  percent. Tape may be placed by hand on short sections 500 feet or less if the tolerances in dimensions and in alignment specified in 710-5 are met.

**713-4 Application.**

**713-4.1 Removal of Existing Traffic Stripes:** Remove existing traffic stripes and markings, such that scars or traces of removed markings will not conflict with new stripes and markings by a method approved by the Engineer.

Before applying traffic stripes and markings, remove any material by a method approved by the Engineer that would adversely affect the bond of the traffic stripes.

Apply a primer, sealer or surface preparation adhesive of the type recommended by the manufacturer. Ensure the tape stripes and markings adheres to the pavement surface.

Offset longitudinal lines at least 2 inches from construction joints on portland cement concrete pavement.

Apply traffic stripes or markings only to dry surfaces, and when the ambient air and surface temperature is at least 55°F and rising.

Apply striping to the same tolerances in dimensions and in alignment specified in 710-5. When applying traffic stripes and marking over existing markings, ensure that not more than 2 inches on either end and not more than 1 inch on either side of the existing line is visible.

Apply traffic stripes and markings to the pavement by means approved by the Engineer. The stripes and markings shall be installed immediately following the paving operation. Conduct field testing in accordance with FM 5-541 and FM 5-579. Remove and replace pavement stripes and markings not meeting the requirements of this Section at no additional cost to the Department.

Apply all final pavement markings prior to opening the road to traffic.

**713-4.2 Thickness:** Apply traffic stripes or markings such that, the stripes or markings will have a thickness above the pavement surface as designated on the Qualified Products List for the particular product used.

**713-4.3 Retroreflectivity:**

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**713-4.4 Color:** Use material meeting the requirements of 971-1.

**713-5 Contractor's Responsibility for Notification.**

Notify the Engineer prior to the placement of pavement stripes and marking material. Furnish the Engineer with the manufacturer's name and *batch* LOT numbers of the material to be used. Ensure that the approved *batch* LOT numbers appear on the material packages. ~~Submit a certified test report to the Engineer indicating that the materials meet all requirements specified.~~

**713-6 Protection of Newly Applied Stripes.**

Do not allow traffic onto or permit vehicles to cross onto newly applied traffic stripes and markings until they are sufficiently bonded. Remove and replace any portion of the traffic stripes and markings damaged by passing traffic or from any other cause, at no additional cost to the Department.

**713-7 Observation Period.**

Pavement markings are subject to a 180 day observation period under normal traffic. The observation period shall begin with the satisfactory completion and acceptance of the work.

The pavement markings shall show no signs of failure due to blistering, excessive cracking, chipping, discoloration, poor adhesion to the pavement, loss of reflectivity or vehicular damage. The Department reserves the right to check the color and retroreflectivity *any time* ~~within 30 days~~ prior to the end of the observation period.

Replace, at no additional expense to the Department, any pavement markings that do not perform satisfactorily under traffic during the 180 day observation period.

**713-8 Corrections for Deficiencies.**

Remove and reapply a 1.0 mile ~~section~~ LOT centered around any deficiency, as determined by the Engineer, at no additional cost to the Department.

**713-9 Method of Measurement.**

**713-9.1 General:** The quantities to be paid for under this Section will be as follows:

(a) *The length, in net miles, of 6" Solid Traffic Stripe, authorized and acceptably applied.* ~~The net length, in feet, of each of the various types of lines and stripes, authorized and acceptably applied.~~

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**713-10 Basis of Payment.**

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Item No. 713-101- Permanent Tape (Standard).

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