

Specification Section 350

Subarticle 350-1

ORIGINATION

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COMMENTARY

Required concrete pavement joints to be cleaned according to joint sealant manufacturer instructions.

INDUSTRY COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

(Please note all comments and responses are verbatim as received. The Specifications Office does not alter typos or grammar.)

BLACK = Comment **BLUE** = Specifications Response **GREEN** = Change Made to Specification

Name: Ryan Baderschneider

Date: 7-2-25

COMMENT: The proposed revision for section 350 introduces the term "sealer" (this term does exist in one of the headings for section 932). This does not appear to be defined and it may be unclear if it is referring to the sealant alone or sealant and backer rod (bond breaker) combination. The standard plans (350-001, sheet 1 of 5) show a detail for joint seal dimensions but does not include the sealer terminology. Suggest consistent terminology with the standard plans.

RESPONSE:

The confusion is understandable. The main intent of this revision is to require concrete pavement joints to be cleaned according to joint sealant manufacturer recommendations. To avoid confusion and to remain aligned with the standard plans, this change will be removed.

ACTION TAKEN:

The term 'sealer' was removed and replaced with the original term 'seal'.

Name: Shannon Mobley

Date: 7-2-25

COMMENT: If the manufacturer doesn't have specific details regarding cleaning of the joint, how should the contractor proceed if there are no specific details and instructions provided?

RESPONSE:

If no guidance on joint cleaning is provided by the manufacturer, it is recommended to contact the manufacturer for guidance. Prescriptive measures provided in the specification may not be appropriate for all joint sealant materials.

ACTION TAKEN:

No action required.

Name: Jeong Ko

Date: 7-29-25

COMMENT: 350-9 Sampling and Testing Methods:

1. Current: This section is for Only QC Testing.
2. Comment: Updates are needed for QA Acceptance Testing and Optional QC Acceptance Testing in accordance with the updates to Section 346.

RESPONSE:

Language in 350-9 does not align with proposed changes to 346. Revisions will be proposed to 350 to align with 346.

ACTION TAKEN:

Proposed changes to Sub-article 350-9 were added. The term ‘Quality Control’ was changed to ‘Acceptance’ to align with the proposed Section 346 revisions. References to Section 346 Sub-articles were revised to reference just the Section since changes are not final. Added language to state that Verification testing will be used only if Contractor Quality Control testing is selected.