

Specification Section 641

Subarticle 641-4

ORIGINATION

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COMMENTARY

Revisions necessary due to changes to Section 125.

INDUSTRY COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

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

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Name: Dan Hurtado

Date: 6-22-2026

COMMENT: What does "Perform excavation to foundations materials, satisfactory to the Engineer, regardless of the elevation shown in the Plans" mean? Read that sentence like you are seeing it for the first time. I realize we are simply moving text from 125 to the various item of work Spec's but, this is a good chance to fix poor wording rather than propagating it.

RESPONSE: See minor revision

ACTION TAKEN: Revised the language for clarification.

Name: Steven Sheffield

Date: 7-1-2026

COMMENT: Article 641-4.2 now requires obtaining a minimum QC density in any LOT of 100% of the Standard Proctor maximum density but also retains the provision allowing the Contractor, in lieu of obtaining the specified density, to hand tamp the backfill in 4-inch maximum layers or machine tamp the backfill in 6-inch maximum layers. Please clarify whether the hand tamping or machine tamping option remains an acceptable alternative to documented QC density testing, or whether the revised language is intended to require field density testing for prestressed concrete pole foundations. If the intent is to preserve the existing alternative compaction method, consideration should be given to revising the language to eliminate any potential conflict between these provisions.

RESPONSE: The proposed language and current language are identical. The only substantive change is the removal of the reference to Section 125.

ACTION TAKEN: None