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The Bureau of Bridge Design is updating the Bridge Design Manual. During this process, certain completed sections of the new manual are being issued for immediate implementation. Consequently, the Bridge Design Manual and Bridge Detail Sheets have been modified as follows:

A. **Bridge Design Manual**
   - New Chapter 7, Section 4
   - New Appendix 7.4-A1 through A7
   - New Appendix 7.4-B1 through B12

B. **Bridge Details:**
   - Compression Seal Expansion Joint (behind and in front of backwall)
   - Strip Seal Expansion Joint (behind and in front of backwall)
   - Asphalitic Plug Expansion Joint
   - Asphalitic Plug for Crack Control
   - Anchor Details
   - Backing Plate Detail for Finger Exp. Joint and Plow Plates
   - Field Splice Weld Details

C. **Supplemental Specifications:**
   - New SS Section 520
   - New SS Section 559
   - New SS Section 560
   - New SS Section 561

D. **Summary:** The above noted revisions are being implemented to specify the following:
   - Additional guidance to *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications* regarding bridge deck expansion joints.
   - Types of NHDOT bridge deck expansion joints and their use defined.
   - All bridge deck expansion joints must be designed.
   - It is preferred that all deck expansion joints be located *behind* the backwall for movements less than or equal to 4-in. Seal sizes are to be designed by the Designer and noted on the plans. (Two manufacturers shall be noted.)
   - Compression seals shall be designed to always be in a state of compression.
   - The 6-in. asphalitic plug joint is *not* an expansion joint. It shall be used for crack control at all *fixed* ends of the bridge and at expansion ends for movements ≤ ¼”.
   - For strip seals, only a 4-in. seal shall be used. (There is only one manufacturer of a 5-in. strip seal.)
   - Sealing elements for modular joints shall be mechanically locked (strip seal type).
• Changes to item expansion joint numbers and descriptions.

• Replacement compression seal and repair work shall be paid for under Item 560.131, Prefabricated Compression Seal Expansion Joint – Rehabilitation (F). Replacement strip seal and repair work shall be paid for under Item 561.131, Prefabricated Strip Seal Expansion Joint – Rehabilitation (F).

• NHDOT Standard Specification Section 566 Elastomeric Joint Seal has been removed. It was being used for replacement of longitudinal bridge compression seals and concrete pavement seals. All existing longitudinal compression seals replaced between bridge decks shall use Item 560.131. All new or replacement seals used for concrete pavement shall require a special provision. The concrete pavement seal has different properties and testing requirements compared to the bridge joint compression seal. A special provision will be required if a concrete pavement seal.

• The sliding material between the backwall and deck has been changed. It is the same product (UHMW-PE) but now it will have a rubber back on one side so it can be bonded to the concrete backwall and a built-up section made and placed in the deck. Older installations of the UHMW-PE have been moving out of the deck-over-backwall joint because the material cannot be bonded unless it is treated for bonding.

• The closed cell expansion material has changed to a different grade. The closed cell material to be used as a compressible/expansion material between pours for full-depth protection has lower physical properties than what was previously called for and is lower in price.

• The closed cell expansion material used for a bridge expansion joint shall be included in the Item 559.6, Closed Cell Expansion Joint System. This item is covered in a special provision that includes the header, bonding material and closed cell expansion material (higher physical properties) as a bridge joint system.

• Details of each expansion joint for asphaltic plug, compression and strip seal joints. Sample plans of a finger and modular joint and plow plates.

• The Bridge Details and Sample Plans (.dgn and .pdf format) are located on the Bureau of Bridge Design web page:

E. Background:

This memorandum incorporates the recommendations from AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification and NHDOT Bureau of Bridge Maintenance, Bureau of Construction, Bureau of Highway Maintenance, and expansion joint Manufacturers.

NHDOT’s current practice is to limit the number of bridge expansion joints due to numerous problems associated with the joints. However, there are locations where bridge expansion joints are needed.

The objective of a bridge expansion joint is to allow expansion and contraction of the bridge, seal the deck, and provide a smooth roadway riding surface. Many different bridge expansion joints have been used over the years and most have developed problems that have resulted in damage to the girders, bearings and substructure due to leakage or damage to the joint from plows.
NH DOT has placed more stringent limitations on the bridge expansion joints in order to improve each joint’s performance. This Memorandum clarifies NH DOT’s procedures/requirements for the design and construction of bridge expansion joints, and incorporates bridge detail sheets and details for use in contract plans.

F. Implementation:

The update to the Bridge Design Manual and the new Bridge Detail Sheets shall be implemented as of the date of this memo and shall be used on all applicable projects.

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7.4 Expansion Joints

7.4.1 General Considerations

Expansion joints must accommodate cyclic and long-term structure movements in such a way as to minimize imposition of secondary stresses in the structure. Expansion joints must be water tight to prevent water runoff (particularly deicing chemicals) from damaging the supporting structural elements, and provide a relatively smooth riding surface over a long service life.

Expansion joints shall be designed according to the current AASHTO LRFD Section 14.5, Bridge Joints. Designers should carefully consider all factors for the design, including lateral displacements and/or bridge rotation on heavily skewed bridges, horizontal curved structures or very wide bridges. The limitation with respect to movement parallel to the joint (racking) must be considered when selecting and sizing the expansion joint.

Deck expansion joints add cost to the structure, increase maintenance requirements and should be used only when necessary. For all new designs, consideration shall be given to integral or semi-integral bridges with the expansion joint located between the end of the approach slab and sleeper slab (see Chapter 6 for details).

It is preferred that all deck expansion joints be located behind the backwall for movements less than or equal to 4-in. This type of joint would include: the asphaltic plug; compression; and strip seal expansion joint. For tall abutments, the backwall shall be a broken back type. If the deck expansion joint cannot be located behind the backwall due to scope of work, bridge geometry, or the movement is greater than 4-in., the deck expansion joint shall be placed in front of the backwall. The location of the deck expansion joint shall be approved by the Bridge Design Chief.

NHDOT’s current practice is to limit the number of bridge deck expansion joints due to numerous problems associated with the joints. Expansion joints shall be placed on the high end of a bridge if only one joint is placed on the bridge. This is done to prevent the bridge from creeping downhill and to minimize the amount of water passing over the joint. Expansion joints located over bridge piers shall be avoided.

NHDOT snowplows now can adjust to any angle, but typically the blade is set at 37°. The snowplows are equipped with the JOMA 6000 plow edge carbide blades that conform to the shape of the roadways and into bridge joints openings. If an expansion joint has a skew between 32° and 42° left ahead (either direction on the interstate) or near this range, communication shall be made with the Bridge Design Chief, Bureau of Bridge Maintenance and the District Engineer on whether a plow protection plate should be placed on the expansion joint. The use of a plow plate will be decided on a project to project basis. Details of the plow protection plate are shown in Appendix 7.4-B8.

7.4.2 NHDOT Expansion Joint Types

Typical NHDOT expansion joints include: asphaltic plug; compression seal; strip seal; finger joint; and modular joint. Information indicating the joints expansion range, limitations and design examples are shown in Appendix 7.4-A1 through 7.4-A6. Details of each joint type are shown in Appendix 7.4-B1 through 7.4-B7. A preliminary expansion joint selection diagram is located in Appendix 7.4-A1.

A list of approved proprietary expansion joints is listed in the NHDOT Qualified Product List (QPL) located at http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/materials/research/products.htm under Section 559 Asphaltic Plug Expansion Joint; Section 560 Prefabricated Compression Seal.
Expansion Joint; and Section 561 Prefabricated Expansion Joint. When designing an expansion joint, the designer shall use the most current proprietary joint information from the manufacturer’s web site.

When the total longitudinal movement is \( \leq \frac{1}{4}'' \), no expansion joint is required. An asphaltic plug for crack control shall be placed on both ends of the bridge. The asphaltic plug for crack control shall also be placed on the fixed end of all bridges. See Appendix 7.4-B1 for details of the asphaltic plug for crack control.

A. Asphaltic Plug Expansion Joint

Asphaltic plug joints consist of flexible polymer modified asphalt (PMA) installed within a blockout over a steel plate and backer rod. The steel plate spans across the expansion gap to retain the PMA during its installation. Application guidelines must be carefully followed to assure successful performance. Many limitations are placed on this type of joint because past performance has shown that the PMA tends to creep, migrating out of the blockouts. The limitations for the asphaltic plug joint are listed in Appendix 7.4-A2 and details are shown on Figure 7.4.2-1 and on Appendix 7.4-B2. The asphaltic plug expansion joint can be used when the total longitudinal movement is \( > \frac{1}{4}'' \) and \( \leq \frac{3}{4}'' \) and if the limitations noted in Appendix 7.4-A2 are met.
B. Compression Seal Expansion Joint

Compression seal expansion joints are continuous preformed elastomeric sections with extruded internal web systems and are held in place by mobilizing friction against adjacent vertical faces of angles embedded into the concrete deck on each side of the expansion joint gap. They must be sized and installed to always be in a state of compression. If the skew of the expansion joint is greater than 30°, a compression seal shall not be used. The retainer bars (stop bars) serve as a ledger to prevent the seal from being forced down through the joint. The gap between the bottom of the seal and the retainer bars (stop bars) is needed to allow the bottom edge of the seal to rotate downward while the seal is being compressed. The limitations for compression seals are listed in Appendix 7.4-A3 and the details are shown below on Figure 7.4.2-2 & 3 and Appendix 7.4-B3. The compression seal expansion joint can be used when the total longitudinal movement is ≤ 2” and if the limitations noted in Appendix 7.4-A3 are met. It is preferred the compression seal expansion joint is used when possible (instead of the strip seal), due to less maintenance required.
C. Strip Seal Expansion Joint

Strip seal expansion joints consists of a preformed elastomeric gland mechanically locked into steel edge rails (extrusions) welded to angles embedded into the concrete deck on each side of an expansion joint gap. Provide cover plates on sidewalks, medians and pedestrian bridges to cover the opening. If the strip seal joint has a skew between 32° and 42° left ahead (either direction on the interstate), or near this range, communication shall be made with the Bridge Design Chief, Bureau of Bridge Maintenance and the District Engineer on whether a plow protection plate shall be placed on the expansion joint. The limitations for strip seals are listed in Appendix 7.4-A4 and the details are shown below on Figure 7.4.2-4, 5 & 6 and on Appendix 7.4-B4. The strip seal expansion joint can be used when the total longitudinal movement is \( \leq 4" \) and if the limitations noted in Appendix 7.4-A4 are met.

![Strip Seal Expansion Joint](image1)

**Strip Seal Expansion Joint**

*Figure 7.4.2-4*

![Strip Seal Expansion Joint with Plow Plate](image2)

**Strip Seal Expansion Joint with Plow Plate**

*Figure 7.4.2-5*
D. Finger Expansion Joint

Finger expansion joints are fabricated from steel plates and are installed in cantilevered configurations across expansion joint openings. The steel fingers must be designed to support traffic loads with sufficient stiffness to preclude excessive vibration. In addition to longitudinal movement, finger joints must also accommodate any rotations or differential vertical deflection across the joint. Since finger joints do not provide an effective seal against water infiltration, a fabric drain trough is installed beneath the finger joint to catch and redirect runoff water to downspouts. NHDOT’s current finger joint limitations and design have evolved through the years with input from the Bureau of Maintenance, to take into account the difficulty of accessing the trough for maintenance and trying to remove the material that builds up in the trough. No plow protection plate is required for finger joints. The limitations for finger joints are listed in Appendix 7.4-A5 and the details are shown on Figure 7.4.2-5 and on Appendix 7.4-B6 & 7.
E. Modular Expansion Joint

Modular expansion joints are complex, expensive, structural systems designed to provide watertight wheel load transfer across expansion joint openings. Modular expansion joints comprise a series of steel center beams oriented parallel to the expansion joint axis. Elastomeric strip seals attach to adjacent center beams, preventing infiltration of water and debris. The center beams are supported on support bars, which span in the primary direction of anticipated movement. The support bars are supported on sliding bearings mounted within support boxes. Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) on stainless steel interfaces between elastomeric support bearings and support bars facilitate the unimpeded translation of the support bars as the expansion gap opens and closes. The support boxes rest on either cast-in-place concrete or grout pads installed into a preformed block out.

Modular expansion joints can be classified as either single support bar systems or multiple support bar systems. In multiple support bar systems, a separate support bar supports each center beam. In the more complex single support bar system, one support bar supports all center beams at each support location. This design concept requires that each center beam be free to translate along the longitudinal axis of the support bar as the expansion gap varies. This is accomplished by attaching steel yokes to the underside of the center beams. The yoke engages the support bar to facilitate load transfer. Precompressed elastomeric springs and PTFE on stainless steel interfaces between the underside of each center beam and the top of the support bar and between the bottom of the support bar and bottom of the yoke support each center beam and allow it to translate along the longitudinal axis of the support bar. Practical center beam span lengths limit the use of multiple support bar systems for larger movement range modular expansion joints. Multiple support bar systems typically become impractical for more than nine seals or for movement ranges exceeding 27-in. Hence, the single support bar concept typifies these larger movement range modular expansion joints.

The highly repetitive nature of axle loads predisposes modular expansion joint components and connections to fatigue susceptibility, particularly at center beam to support bar connections and center beam field splices. Bolted connections of center beams to support bar have demonstrated poor fatigue endurance. Welded connections are preferred, but must be carefully designed, fatigue tested, fabricated, and inspected to assure satisfactory fatigue resistance. NHDOT current specification for modular expansion joints includes stringent fatigue based design criteria for modular expansion joints. This specification also specifies criteria for manufacturing, shipping, storing, and installing modular expansion joints.

Modular expansion joints may need to be shipped and/or installed in two or more pieces and subsequently spliced together in order to accommodate project staging and/or practical shipping constraints. Splicing generally occurs after concrete is cast into the block outs. The center beams are elements that must be connected. These field connections are either welded, bolted, or a hybrid combination of both.

Center beam field splices have historically been the “weak link” of modular expansion joints because of their high fatigue susceptibility and their tendency to initiate progressive zipper-type failure. The reduced level of quality control achievable with a field operation in regard to a shop operation contributes to this susceptibility.

The limitations for modular expansion joints are listed in Appendix 7.4-A6 and the details are shown on Figure 7.4.2-6 &7 and Appendix 7.4-B7. The use of a modular joint shall be approved by the Bridge Design Chief.
Modular Expansion Joint

Figure 7.4.2-6

Modular Expansion Joint

Figure 7.4.2-7
7.4.3 Design Criteria

Expansion joints and their supports shall be designed to withstand force effects and movements according to AASHTO LRFD 14.5.1-2 as noted and considering the following:

- Creep
- Construction tolerances
- Temperature range
- Bearing type and direction of allowed movements
- Skew
- External restraints
- Seismic movements
- Snow plowing operations

With respect to seismic movements, it is assumed that some expansion joint damage may occur, that this damage is tolerable and that it will be subsequently repaired. In cases where seismic isolation bearings are used, the expansion joints must accommodate seismic movements in order to allow the isolation bearings to function properly.

A. Shrinkage Effects

Accurate calculation of shrinkage as a function of time requires that average ambient humidity, volume-to-surface ratios, and curing methods be taken in consideration as summarized in AASHTO LRFD Article 5.4.2.3. “In the absence of more accurate data, the shrinkage coefficients may be assumed to be 0.0002 after 28 days and 0.0005 after one year of drying.” Because expansion joint devices are generally installed in their respective blockouts at least 30 to 60 days following concrete deck placement, they must accommodate only the shrinkage that occurs from that time onward [assume 0.0005 – 0.0003 (60 days of shrinkage that already occurred) = 0.0002]. For most situations, shrinkage strain can be assumed to be 0.0002 for normal weight concrete in an unrestrained condition.

This value must be corrected for restraint conditions imposed by various superstructure types.

\[ M_S = \beta \cdot \mu \cdot L_{trib} \]

where:

- \( L_{trib} \) = tributary length of the structure subject to shrinkage
- \( \beta \) = ultimate shrinkage strain after expansion joint installation; estimated as 0.0002 in lieu of more refined calculations (AASHTO 5.4.2.3.1)
- \( \mu \) = restraint factor accounting for the restraining effect imposed by superstructure elements installed before the concrete slab is cast
  - = 0.0 for steel girders
  (Although the concrete deck will shrink after placement, the typical shear stud attachment of the deck to the steel superstructure will cause the shrinkage to dissipate in small cracks throughout the expansion length rather than accumulating at the end. Therefore, shrinkage need not be considered for steel superstructures.)
  - = 0.5 for precast prestressed concrete girders (WSDOT)
  - = 0.8 for concrete box girders and T-beams (WSDOT)
  - = 1.0 for concrete flat slabs (WSDOT)
B. Thermal Effects

Bridges are subject to all modes of heat transfer: radiation, convection, and conduction. Each mode affects the thermal gradients generated in a bridge superstructure differently. Climatic influences vary geographically resulting in different seasonal and diurnal average temperature variations. Additionally, different types of construction have different thermal “inertia” properties. For example, a massive concrete box girder bridge will be much slower to respond to an imposed thermal stimulus, particularly a diurnal variation, than would a steel plate girder bridge composed of many relatively thin steel elements.

Variation in the superstructure average temperature produces elongation or shortening. Therefore, thermal movement range is calculated using the maximum and minimum anticipated bridge superstructure average temperatures anticipated during the structure’s lifetime. The following are the maximum and minimum anticipated bridge superstructure average temperatures for design in New Hampshire:

- **Concrete Bridges:** 0° F to +80° F (\(\Delta T = 80° \) F)
- **Steel Bridges:** -20° F to +105° F (\(\Delta T = 125° \) F)

Total thermal movement range is then calculated as:

\[
M_t = \alpha \cdot L_{trib} \cdot \Delta T
\]

where:

- \(L_{trib}\) = tributary length of the structure subject to thermal variation
- \(\alpha\) = coefficient of thermal expansion; 0.000006 in./in./°F for concrete and 0.0000065 in./in./°F for steel (AASHTO 6.4.1 and 5.4.2.2)
- \(\Delta T\) = bridge superstructure average temperature range as a function of bridge type and location.

The expansion length is measured along the centerline of the bridge and the length is normal to the joint opening for structures with a zero skew. The length of superstructure affecting the movement at one of its joints shall be the length from the joint being considered to the structure’s neutral point.

Expansion joint openings need to be checked for the temperature drop from the normal construction installation temperature (65° F for compression and strip seals, 45° F for finger joints), shrinkage, and the total closing movement due to temperature rise from the installation temperature.

Most expansion joint devices are installed in pre-formed concrete blockouts some time after the completion of the bridge deck. The expansion joint device must be cast into its respective blockout with a gap setting corresponding to the ambient superstructure average temperature at the time the blockouts are filled with concrete. In order to accomplish this, expansion device gap settings must be specified on the contract drawings as a function of superstructure ambient average temperature. Generally, these settings are specified in the temperature adjustment table for temperatures of: 20° F; 35° F; 50° F; 65° F; 80° F; and 95° F.
C. Load Factor $\gamma_{TU}$, for Force Effect due to Uniform Temperature, TU

A load factor $\gamma_{TU}$ of 1.2 (AASHTO Table 3.4.1-1) shall be applied when calculating the movement due to temperature change for sizing all expansion joints, except for the asphaltic plug joint. The exception for the asphaltic plug joint is because the joint does not require sizing and it is designed for only a small movement.

The load factor $\gamma_{TU}$ shall not be applied when determining the joint widths for the adjustment temperature table. See design examples in Appendix 7.4-A2 through A6.

D. Foundation Movement Effects

Typical construction requires backfilling abutments up to bridge seat elevations prior to construction of the deck slab. Therefore, abutment tip does not need to be considered in sizing the expansion joint as stated in AASHTO Section 14.5. However, if construction of the bridge is such that abutment tip should be considered in sizing joints, then abutment tip may be estimated as follows unless more accurate information is available:

$$M_{tip} = \text{Movement due to abutment tip}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}'' \text{ abutment tip for 10 ft. of abutment height}$$

### 7.4.4 Bridge Movements and Fixity

To determine movements for joints (and bearings), the point of fixity must be established for the bridge. The point of fixity is the neutral point on the bridge that does not move horizontally as the bridge experiences force effects and movement.

Because the movement restriction imposed by a bearing must be compatible with the movements allowed by the adjacent expansion joint, expansion joints and bearings must be designed interdependently and in conjunction with the anticipated behavior of the overall structure.

The longitudinal stiffness is a function of the interaction between pier stiffnesses, bearing types and joint locations. The following shall be considered when determining bridge fixity and longitudinal stiffness:

- For single span structures, the low end of the bridge should be a fixed bearing. This is done to prevent the bridge from creeping downhill and to minimize the amount of water passing over the joint.
- Expansion joints located over bridge piers should be avoided.
- Minimize the number of expansion joints.
- For very wide bridges, horizontally curved bridges, and bridges with large skews, the impacts of transverse movement and forces shall be considered.
- Expansion bearings should be compatible with movements of the expansion joint.
- The subsurface conditions play a factor in the distribution of horizontal loads (e.g. braking force or expansion bearing friction force) to the substructure and foundation.
- The number and location of expansion joints is determined based on a maximum joint opening at the ends of the bridge.
- Tall flexible piers deflect.
7.4.5 **Review of Shop Drawings and Recording**

Shop drawings should be reviewed for conformance with the provisions of Section 105 of the *NHDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction* and for general conformity with the contract plans and proposal. See Chapter 1, Section 1.3.6 for additional shop drawing review procedures.

The following is a guide for checking expansion joint shop drawings:

- Items should be checked for general conformity against the contract plans, proposal, addenda, special provisions and standard specifications.
- Material specifications.
- Size and type of seal, members and fasteners.
- Dimensions shown on contract plans.
- Finish (surface finish, galvanizing, painting, etc.).
- Weld size, type, and procedures.
- Anchorage assembly.
- Adequacy of details.
- Fabrication (welding and assembly procedures).
- Phase construction assembly.

The designer shall input the seal size and type that was shown on the shop drawings, into the Bureau of Bridge Design Data Base, Bridge Particulars. This will record the expansion joint seal size and type for any future replacement by Bridge Maintenance.

7.4.6 **Reinforcement Detailing at Expansion Joints**

Reinforcement in the deck, backwall, and approach slab can conflict with the installation of prefabricated expansion joints, especially when the bridge is skewed. The designer shall detail the reinforcement to avoid possible conflicts with the joint anchors and support boxes. The prefabricated expansion joint shop plans shall also be reviewed for any possible conflicts prior to construction of the backwall, approach slab and deck blockout.

The following shall be included in detailing the bridge reinforcement near prefabricated compression, strip, finger, and modular expansion joints (See Figure 7.4.6-1, 2 & 3):

- All plan details located at the expansion joint shall show an assumed outline of the proposed joint including the anchors and support boxes.
- With the expansion joint outline in the detail, the designer shall layout the reinforcing to avoid possible conflicts with the joint.
- A note shall be included on the reinforcing plan detail stating:
  “The reinforcing layout shown is based on an assumed expansion joint design. The reinforcement may require adjustment in the field during the installation of the reinforcing, based on details as shown on the approved expansion joint shop drawings.” (i.e., the deck and approach slab haunch hoop bars and longitudinal bars may be moved to avoid the expansion joint anchors.)
If the bridge is skewed and the deck reinforcing is detailed normal (perpendicular) to the centerline of the roadway, the deck reinforcing (longitudinal and transverse) shall be dimensioned 6”± from the end of the deck, unless the design requires otherwise.

See Figure 7.4.6-1 for example of detailing reinforcement near a prefabricated modular expansion joint.

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**Figure 7.4.6-1**

Modular Expansion Joint

Example of Reinforcing Detailing
Module Expansion Joint Reinforcing

Figure 7.4.6-2

Finger Expansion Joint Reinforcing

Figure 7.4.6-3
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Note: Use asphaltic plug for crack control on all fixed ends and expansion ends with $L_{th} \leq 26$ ft.
Note: Use asphaltic plug for crack control on all fixed ends and expansion ends with $L_{eb} \leq 35$ ft.
Asphaltic Plug Expansion Joint Limitations

An asphaltic plug expansion joint may be used with the following limitations (See Appendix 7.4-B2 for an asphaltic plug expansion joint detail):

- $1/4" < \text{total movement of expansion joint measured along center line of bridge (expansion and contraction)} \leq 3/4"$
- Do not apply the load factor $\gamma_{TU}$ of 1.2 when calculating the movement due to temperature change.
- Skew of joint $\leq 25^\circ$
- Do not use at stop and start traffic locations (such as intersections).
- Do not use on a 3-lane (same direction) highway, unless approved by the Bridge Design Chief.
- Do not use on a 2-lane (same direction) highway with an ADT $\geq 15,000$, unless approved by the Bridge Design Chief.
- Do not use on a 2-lane (opposite direction) highway with an ADT $\geq 15,000$ unless approved by the Bridge Design Chief.
- Each project on a 2-lane (opposite direction) highway with an $8,000 \leq \text{ADT} \leq 15,000$, shall be reviewed by the Bridge Design Chief and the Bureau of Bridge Maintenance for the traffic control required for any future repair work.
- Each project on a 2-lane (opposite direction) highway with an ADT $< 8,000$, shall take into account if traffic control is feasible for any future repair of the plug joint, as approved by the Bridge Design Chief.
- Minimum joint installation depth = 2" (measured from top of deck to top of pavement).
- Standard joint width = 20’
- Maximum gradient at joint location = 4%
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Compression Seal Expansion Joint Limitations

A compression seal expansion joint may be used with the following limitations (See Appendix 7.4-B3 for a compression seal joint detail. See p 7.4-A3-3 for design notations and p. 7.4-A3-4 & 9 for design examples):

- 1/4” < total movement of expansion joint measured along center line of bridge (expansion and contraction) ≤ 2.0”.
- Skew of joint ≤ 30°
  ⇒ This is different than AASHTO 14.5.6.6 recommendation skew of joint < 20°.
  ⇒ The compression seal loses its ability to absorb “racking” movement with larger skews.
- It is preferred the compression seal expansion joint is used when possible (instead of the strip seal), due to less maintenance required.
- No splices of the seal shall be allowed.
- Nominal uncompressed width of seal (W) shall be: 2.5”≤ W ≤ 5” (AASHTO 14.5.6.6; Bureau of Bridge Maintenance feels a seal larger than 5” does not perform well.)
- Maximum roadway surface gap (measured along center line of bridge) ≤ 4.0” (AASHTO 14.5.3.2).
- W = nominal uncompressed width of seal
  ⇒ Max. joint opening = 0.85W
  ⇒ Min. joint opening = 0.40W
  ⇒ Max. shear displacement (racking) = 0.20W
- The expansion gap should be set so the compression seal can be replaced over a reasonably wide range of construction temperatures. Show the gap width on plans as a function of the superstructure temperature.
- The typical construction installation temperature is 65°F.
- For skewed joints:
  ⇒ Bridge deck movement must be separated into components perpendicular and parallel to the joint axis (See design example).
- Concrete blockouts are required for the installation of a compression seal expansion joint.
- Anchorage of the compression seal expansion joint to the backwall and deck, between the curb lines, shall be made using a loop rebar and shall be spaced at 1’-0” maximum. Brush curb and sidewalk anchorage shall be made of stud anchors and shall be spaced at 1’-6” maximum. The anchorage reinforcement shall extend into the backwall or curb reinforcement cage for proper anchorage.
- Stop bars shall be continuously welded (top and bottom) to prevent rust forming behind the bars.
### Compression Seal Joint Dimension Table

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Note: This table shows approximate values for both Watson-Bowman seal (WA series) and D.S. Brown seal (CV & CA series). The fabricator’s websites should be viewed for the current and exact dimensions. The minimum install width is 0.6*Seal Width for D.S. Brown (given by email from the representative on 8/2012).
Expansion Joint Design Notations

\[ M_{t\text{(unfactored)}} = \text{Movement due to temperature (inches)} \]
\[ = \alpha \cdot L_{\text{trib}} \cdot \Delta T \cdot (12 \text{ in.}/1\text{ft.}) \]
\[ \Delta T = \text{bridge superstructure average temperature range as a function of} \]
\[ \text{bridge type and location} \]
\[ = 80^\circ F \ (0^\circ F \text{ to } +80^\circ F) \text{ for concrete bridges} \]
\[ = 125^\circ F \ (-20^\circ F \text{ to } +105^\circ F) \text{ for steel bridges} \]
\[ L_{\text{trib}} = \text{tributary length of the structure subject to expansion or contraction} \]
\[ \alpha = \text{Coefficient of thermal expansion} \]
\[ = 0.0000060 \text{ in./in./}^\circ F \text{ for concrete} \]
\[ = 0.0000065 \text{ in./in./}^\circ F \text{ for steel} \]

\[ M_s = \text{Movement due to shrinkage after construction (inches) (concrete beams)} \]
\[ = \beta \cdot \mu \cdot L_{\text{trib}} \]
\[ \beta = \text{shrinkage coefficient for reinforced concrete, 0.0002} \]
\[ \mu = \text{factor accounting for restraining effect imposed by superstructure elements} \]
\[ \text{installed before the concrete slab is cast} \]
\[ = 0.5 \text{ for precast prestressed concrete girders} \]
\[ = 0.8 \text{ for concrete box girders and T-beams} \]
\[ = 1.0 \text{ for concrete flat slabs} \]

\[ M_p = \text{Movement parallel to joint (inches)} \]
\[ M_n = \text{Movement normal to joint (inches)} \]
\[ \gamma_{TU} = \text{Load factor for force effect due to uniform temperature, 1.2} \]
\[ \theta = \text{Skew angle} \]
\[ "T" = \text{Joint opening normal to joint for the installation chart (inches)} \]
\[ A = \text{Joint opening normal to joint} \]
\[ W = \text{Nominal uncompressed width of expansion seal (inches)} \]
\[ W_{\text{min}} = \text{Minimum expansion width (inches)} \]
\[ W_{\text{max}} = \text{Maximum expansion width (inches)} \]
\[ W_{\text{install}} = \text{Expansion width at installation (inches)} \]
\[ T_{\text{min}} = \text{Minimum superstructure temperature} \]
\[ = (0^\circ \text{ for concrete bridges, } +20^\circ \text{ F for steel bridges}) \]
\[ T_{\text{max}} = \text{Maximum superstructure temperature} \]
\[ = (+80^\circ \text{ F for concrete bridges, } +105^\circ \text{ F for steel bridges}) \]
\[ T_{\text{install}} = \text{Minimum installation superstructure temperature} \]
\[ = +65^\circ \text{ F (all bridges)} \]
**Compression Seal Joint Design Example (1)**

**Design Procedure**

A. Movement Calculations

\[
M_t = (\alpha)(L_{rib})(\Delta T)(\gamma_{TU})(12''/')
\]

\[
M_s = (\beta)(\mu)(L_{rib})(12''/') \quad (= 0 \text{ for steel bridges})
\]

\[
M_{t\text{longitudinal}} = (M_t + M_s)
\]

\[
M_{t\text{normal}} = M_t \cos \theta
\]

\[
M_{s\text{normal}} = M_s \cos \theta \quad (= 0 \text{ for steel bridges})
\]

\[
M_p = (M_t + M_s) \sin \theta
\]

\[
M_n = (M_t + M_s) \cos \theta
\]

\[
\Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} = (T_{\text{install}} - T_{\text{min}})/(\Delta T)
\]

\[
\Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} = (T_{\text{max}} - T_{\text{install}})/(\Delta T)
\]

B. Selection of Seal Width (largest W value)

1. Max. joint opening = 0.85W
   Min. joint opening = 0.40W
   Hence, (0.85W – 0.40W) = 0.45W for total movement
   \[
   M_n = 0.45W
   \]
   Algebraic manipulation and solving for W yields:
   \[
   W \geq M_n / 0.45
   \]

2. Max. shear displacement = 0.20W
   \[
   M_p = 0.20W
   \]
   Algebraic manipulation and solving for W yields:
   \[
   W \geq M_p / 0.20
   \]

3. \[
W_{\text{max}} = W_{\text{install}} + [(\Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} \cdot M_{t\text{normal}}) + M_{s\text{normal}}] < 0.85W
\]
   Assume \[W_{\text{install}} = 0.6W
\]
   Algebraic manipulation and solving for W yields:
   \[
W_{\text{max}} = 0.6W + [(\Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} \cdot M_{t\text{normal}}) + M_{s\text{normal}}] < 0.85W
\]
   Rearranging yields:
   \[
W \geq 4 [(\Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} \cdot M_{t\text{normal}}) + M_{s\text{normal}}]
\]

⇒ Choose a seal size from manufacturer’s chart
**Compression Seal Joint Design Example (1) (con’t)**

C. Check Joint Opening for Install, Max. and Min. Temperatures

1. Install Temp. (65°F):
   \[ A_{\text{install}} = \text{manufacturer’s min. install width} \]
   \[ \Rightarrow \text{Set } A_{\text{install}} \]

2. Min. Temp. :
   \[ A_{\text{max}} = A_{\text{install}} + [(\Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} \cdot M_{t \text{ normal}}) + M_{s \text{ normal}}] \leq \text{manufacturer’s maximum opening} \]

3. Max. Temp. :
   \[ A_{\text{min}} = A_{\text{install}} - (\Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} \cdot M_{t \text{ normal}}) \geq \text{manufacturer’s minimum opening} \]

4. Min. Opening between stop bars:
   \[ A_{\text{min stop bars}} = A_{\text{min}} - (2 \cdot 0.5” \text{ stop bar width}) > 0” \]

5. \[ A_{\text{max longitudinal}} \leq 4” \text{ (AASHTO 14.5.3.2)} \]
   \[ A_{\text{max longitudinal}} = \frac{A_{\text{max}}}{\cos \theta} \]

\[ \Rightarrow \text{Confirm two different manufacturer seals (same size) meet all requirements.} \]

\[ \Rightarrow \text{The designer shall use judgment if } T_{\text{install}} \text{ needs to be adjusted in order to get a certain size seal to work. However, the designer needs to be aware at what the install temperature will mostly be (i.e. summer construction). If the designer decides the seal needs to be installed at a temperature lower than 65°F, the } T_{\text{install min}} \text{ needs to be noted on the plan.} \]

D. Calculate Temperature Adjustment Table

   Calculate \( M_{t \text{ longitudinal}} \) without load factor, \( \gamma_{TU} \)

**Design Example (1)**

- **Steel girder**
  - Total expansion length = 70’
  - Skew angle = 27°
  - Expansion joint at one abutment
  - Value of Constants:
    - \( \theta = 27° \)
    - \( \alpha = 0.0000065 \text{ in./in.}/°\text{F} \)
    - \( L_{\text{trib}} = 70’ \)
    - \( \Delta T = 125° \text{ F (-20° F to +105° F)} \)
    - \( T_{\text{install}} = 65° \text{ F} \)
    - \( \gamma_{TU} = 1.2 \)

A. Movement Calculations

\[ M_t = (\alpha)(L_{\text{trib}})(\Delta T)(\gamma_{TU}) \]
\[ = (0.0000065 \text{ in./in.}/°\text{F})(70’)(125° \text{ F})(1.2)(12°F) \]
\[ = 0.82” \]
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Compression Seal Expansion Joint

Compression Seal Joint Design Example (1) (con’t)

\[
\begin{align*}
M_{t \text{normal}} &= M_t \cos \theta \\
&= (0.82") \cos 27^\circ \\
&= 0.73"
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} = \frac{(T_{\text{install}} - T_{\min})}{(\Delta T)}
= (65^\circ F - (-20^\circ F))/(125^\circ F)
= 0.680
\]

\[
M_s = 0
\]

\[
\Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} = \frac{(T_{\max} - T_{\text{install}})}{(\Delta T)}
= (105^\circ F - 65^\circ F)/(125^\circ F)
= 0.320
\]

\[
M_n = (M_t + M_s) \cos \theta
= (0.82" + 0) \cos 27^\circ
= 0.73"
\]

\[
M_p = (M_t + M_s) \sin \theta
= (0.82" + 0") \sin 27^\circ
= 0.37"
\]

\[
M_{t \text{longitudinal}} = (M_t + M_s) = 0.82" \leq 2" \text{ (max. movement)}
\]

\[
\theta = 27^\circ \leq 30^\circ
\Rightarrow \text{OK}
\]

B. Selection of Seal Width (largest W value)

1. \( W \geq \frac{M_n}{0.45} = \frac{0.73"}{0.45} = 1.62"
2. \( W \geq \frac{M_p}{0.20} = \frac{0.37"}{0.20} = 1.85"

\(\text{governs} \Rightarrow 3. \quad W \geq 4 \left[ \Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} \cdot M_{t \text{normal}} + M_s \right]
\geq 4 \left[ (0.680 \cdot 0.73") + 0 \right] = 1.99"

\(\Rightarrow \text{Try a 2.5" seal (Min. seal width per limitations.)}

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C. Check Joint Opening for Install, Max. and Min. Temperatures

1. Install Temp. (65\(^\circ\) F):

\[
A_{\text{install}} = \text{manufacturer's min. install width}
= 1.5"
\Rightarrow \text{Set } A_{\text{install}} = 1.5"

2. Min. Temp. :

\[
A_{\text{max}} = A_{\text{install}} + [((\Delta T_{\text{min}} \cdot M_{t \text{normal}}) + M_{s \text{normal}}] \leq \text{manufacturer's maximum opening}
A_{\text{max}} = 1.5" + [(0.680 \cdot 0.73") + 0]
= 2.0" < 2.13" \text{ O.K.}
Compression Seal Joint Design Example (1) (con’t)

3. Max. Temp.:
   \[ A_{\text{min}} = A_{\text{install}} - (\Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} \cdot M_{t_{\text{normal}}}) \geq \text{manufacturer’s min. opening} \]
   \[ A_{\text{min}} = 1.50'' - (0.320 \cdot 0.73'') \]
   \[ = 1.27'' > 1.0'' \text{ (WA-250)} \quad \text{O.K.} \]
   \[ > 1.13'' \text{ (CV-2502)} \quad \text{O.K.} \]

4. Min. Opening between stop bars:
   \[ A_{\text{min stop bars}} = A_{\text{min}} - (2 \cdot 0.5'' \text{ stop bar width}) > 0'' \]
   \[ = 1.27'' - (2 \cdot 0.5'') = 0.27'' > 0'' \quad \text{O.K.} \]

5. \( A_{\text{max longitudinal}} \leq 4'' \) (AASHTO 14.5.3.2)
   \[ A_{\text{max longitudinal}} = A_{\text{max}} / \cos \theta \]
   \[ A_{\text{max longitudinal}} = 2.0 / \cos 27^\circ = 2.24'' \leq 4'' \quad \text{O.K.} \]

⇒ Use: 2. 5” compression seal (WA-250 or CV-2502)

D. Calculate Temperature Adjustment Table
   ⇒ Note: Calculate \( M_{t_{\text{normal}}} \) without load factor, \( \gamma_{\text{TU}} \)

\[
M_{15^\circ_{\text{normal}}} = (\alpha)(L_{\text{trib}})(15^\circ)(12''/')\cos 27^\circ \\
= (0.0000065 \text{ in./in./°F})(70')(15°F)(12''/')\cos 27^\circ \\
= 0.073''
\]

“T” at
- 20° F = \( A_{\text{install}} + (3)(M_{15^\circ_{\text{normal}}}) = 1.719'' \)
- 35° F = \( A_{\text{install}} + (2)(M_{15^\circ_{\text{normal}}}) = 1.646'' \)
- 50° F = \( A_{\text{install}} + (1)(M_{15^\circ_{\text{normal}}}) = 1.573'' \)
- 65° F = \( A_{\text{install}} = 1.5'' \)
- 80° F = \( A_{\text{install}} - (1)(M_{15^\circ_{\text{normal}}}) = 1.427'' \)
- 95° F = \( A_{\text{install}} - (2)(M_{15^\circ_{\text{normal}}}) = 1.354'' \)

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Compression Seal Joint Design Example (1) (con’t)

Note on Plans:
1. Minimum width “T” for seal installation = 1 1/2” (Approx. 65° F or less).
2. The compression seal has been designed for a total factored movement of 0.82”. This design includes movement due to temperature, skew, shrinkage and minimum installation. The Contractor shall use compression seal WA-250 by Watson Bowman Acme or CV-2502 by D.S. Brown Co.
3. Values in the Temperature Adjustment Table are for adjusting the expansion joint assembly immediately prior to pouring the concrete blockouts.
Compression Seal Joint Design Example (2)

Design Example (2)

♦ Precast prestressed girder
♦ Total expansion length = 135’
♦ Skew angle = 15°
♦ Expansion joint at one abutment
♦ Value of Constants:

\[ \theta = 15^\circ \]
\[ \alpha = 0.0000060 \text{ in./in./°F} \]
\[ \beta = 0.0002 \]
\[ \mu = 0.5 \]
\[ L_{trib} = 135’ \]
\[ \Delta T = 80^\circ \text{ F (0° F to } +80^\circ \text{ F)} \]
\[ T_{\text{install}} = 65^\circ \text{ F} \]
\[ \gamma_{TU} = 1.2 \]

A. Movement Calculations

\[ M_t = (\alpha)(L_{trib})(\Delta T)(\gamma_{TU}) \]
\[ = (0.0000060 \text{ in./in./°F})(135’)(80^\circ \text{ F})(1.2)(12”/’) \]
\[ = 0.93” \]

\[ M_{t \text{ normal}} = M_t \cos \theta \]
\[ = 0.93” \cos 15^\circ \]
\[ = 0.90” \]

\[ M_{s \text{ normal}} = M_s \cos \theta \]
\[ = (0.0002)(0.5)(135’)(12”/’) \]
\[ = 0.16” \]

\[ M_{p} = (M_t + M_s)\sin \theta \]
\[ = (0.93” + 0.16”\sin 15^\circ \]
\[ = 0.28” \]

\[ M_t \text{ longitudinal} = (M_t + M_s) = 1.09” \leq 2” \text{ (max. movement for compression seal)} \]
\[ \theta = 15^\circ \leq 30^\circ \]
\[ \Rightarrow \text{ OK} \]
Compression Seal Joint Design Example (2) (con’t)

B. Selection of Seal Width (largest W value)

1. \( W \geq \frac{M_n}{0.45} = \frac{1.05”}{0.45} = 2.33” \)
2. \( W \geq \frac{M_p}{0.20} = \frac{0.28”}{0.20} = 1.40” \)

\( W \geq 4 \left[ (\Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} \cdot M_{t,\text{normal}}) + M_{s,\text{normal}} \right] \)

\( \geq 4 \left[ (0.8125 \cdot 0.90”) + 0.16” \right] = 3.56” \)

\( \Rightarrow \) Try a 4” seal

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C. Check Joint Opening for Install, Max. and Min. Temperatures

1. Install Temp. (65° F):

\( A_{\text{install}} = \text{manufacturer’s min. install width} \)

\( = 2.5” \)

\( \Rightarrow \) Set \( A_{\text{install}} = 2.5” \)

2. Min. Temp.:

\( A_{\text{max}} = A_{\text{install}} + [(\Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} \cdot M_{t,\text{normal}}) + M_{s,\text{normal}}] \leq \text{manufacturer’s maximum opening} \)

\( A_{\text{max}} = 2.5” + [(0.8125 \cdot 0.90”) + 0.16”] \)

\( = 3.39” < 3.40” \) **O.K.**

3. Max. Temp.:

\( A_{\text{min}} = A_{\text{install}} - (\Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} \cdot M_{t,\text{normal}}) \geq \text{manufacturer’s min. opening} \)

\( A_{\text{min}} = 2.5” - (0.1875 \cdot 0.90”) \)

\( = 2.33” > 1.625” \) (WA-400) **O.K.**

\( > 1.75” \) (CV-4000) **O.K.**

4. Min. Opening between stop bars:

\( A_{\text{min stop bars}} = A_{\text{min}} - (2 \cdot 0.5” \text{ stop bar width}) > 0” \)

\( = 2.33” - (2 \cdot 0.5”) = 1.33” \) **O.K.** (stop bars will not close together)

5. \( A_{\text{max longitudinal}} \leq 4” \) (AASHTO 14.5.6.6)

\( A_{\text{max longitudinal}} = A_{\text{max}} / \cos \theta \)

\( A_{\text{max longitudinal}} = 3.39/ \cos 15^\circ = 3.51” \leq 4” \) **O.K.**

\( \Rightarrow \) Use: **4” compression seal** (WA-400 or CV-4000)
Compression Seal Joint Design Example (2) (con’t)

D. Calculate Temperature Adjustment Table

⇒ Note: Calculate $M_{15^\circ \text{normal}}$ without load factor, $\gamma_{TU}$

\[
M_{15^\circ \text{normal}} = (\alpha)(L_{\text{trib}})(15^\circ)(12''/')\cos15^\circ \\
= (0.0000060 \text{ in./in./}^\circ\text{F})(135')(15^\circ \text{F})(12''/')\cos15^\circ \\
= 0.141''
\]

\[T\] at

- 20° F = $A_{\text{install}} + (3)(M_{15^\circ \text{normal}}) = 2.92''$
- 35° F = $A_{\text{install}} + (2)(M_{15^\circ \text{normal}}) = 2.78''$
- 50° F = $A_{\text{install}} + (1)(M_{15^\circ \text{normal}}) = 2.64''$
- 65° F = $A_{\text{install}} = 2.5''$
- 80° F = $A_{\text{install}} - (1)(M_{15^\circ \text{normal}}) = 2.36''$
- 95° F = $A_{\text{install}} - (2)(M_{15^\circ \text{normal}}) = 2.22''$

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Note on Plans:

1. Minimum width for seal installation “T” = 2 1/2” (Approx. 65° F or less).
2. The compression seal has been designed for a total factored movement of 1.09”. This design includes movement due to temperature, skew, shrinkage and minimum installation. The Contractor shall use compression seal WA-400 by Watson Bowman Acme or CV-4000 by D.S. Brown Co.
3. Values in the Temperature Adjustment Table are for adjusting the expansion joint assembly immediately prior to pouring the concrete blockouts.
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**Strip Seal Expansion Joint Limitations**

A strip seal joint may be used with the following limitations (See Appendix 7.4-B4 for a strip seal joint detail. See p. 7.4-A4-2 for design notations and p 7.4-A4-3 & 6 for design examples):

- Total movement of expansion joint measured along center line of bridge (expansion and contraction) ≤ 4.0”
- Use 4” seal only (Two manufacturers are required per FHWA. At time of publication, D.S. Brown only makes a 4” seal).
- No splices of the seal shall be allowed.
- The complete full width units shall be shipped to the project site.
- Maximum roadway surface gap (measured along center line of bridge) ≤ 4.0” (AASHTO 14.5.3.2).
- Minimum joint opening at installation of seal shall not be less than 1.5” normal to joint for Watson Bowman Acme. Minimum joint opening at installation of seal shall not be less than 1.75” normal to joint for D.S. Brown Co. (per email from D.S. Brown representative)
  ⇒ For starters, check that the joint opening is at least 1.75” for 65°F (typical construction installation temperature). If a larger seal size is required, then try 1.75” installation joint opening at 60°F.
- The minimum joint opening at total temperature expansion (measured from the inside of the steel edge members that holds the gland) shall not be less than 0.5” or the manufacturer’s minimum opening (whichever is greater).
- Bridges on horizontal curve or skews over 30° must accommodate “racking” or transverse movements per NHDOT:
  - 30° < skew ≤ 45°:
    ⇒ Limit “racking” movement to 60% of seals rated capacity (total movement parallel to the joint ÷ 0.60)
  - Skews > 45°:
    ⇒ Limit “racking” movement to 50% of seals rated capacity (total movement parallel to joint ÷ 0.50)
- For skews between 32° and 42° left ahead (either direction on Interstate), communication shall be made with the Bridge Design Chief, Bureau of Bridge Maintenance and the District Engineer on whether a plow protection plate should be placed on the expansion joint. The use of a plow plate will be decided on a project to project basis. (See Appendix 7.4-B8 for the Plow Protection Plate Sample Plan).
- Concrete block-outs are required for the installation of a strip seal expansion joint.
- Anchorage of the strip seal expansion joint to the backwall and deck, between the curb lines, shall be made using loop rebar and shall be spaced at 1’-0” maximum. Brush curb and sidewalk anchorage shall be made of stud anchors and shall be spaced at 1’-6” maximum. The anchorage reinforcement shall extend into the backwall or curb reinforcement cage for proper anchorage.
**Expansion Joint Design Notations**

\[ M_{t\text{ (unfactored)}} = \text{Movement due to temperature (inches)} \]
\[ = \alpha \cdot L_{\text{trib}} \cdot \Delta T \cdot (12 \text{ in.}/1\text{ft.}) \]

\[ \Delta T = \text{bridge superstructure average temperature range as a function of bridge type and location} \]
\[ = 80^\circ \text{F} (0^\circ \text{F to } +80^\circ \text{F}) \text{ for concrete bridges} \]
\[ = 125^\circ \text{F} (20^\circ \text{F to } +105^\circ \text{F}) \text{ for steel bridges} \]

\[ L_{\text{trib}} = \text{tributary length of the structure subject to expansion or contraction} \]
\[ \alpha = \text{Coefficient of thermal expansion} \]
\[ = 0.0000060 \text{ in./in./}^\circ \text{F for concrete} \]
\[ = 0.0000065 \text{ in./in./}^\circ \text{F for steel} \]

\[ M_s = \text{Movement due to shrinkage after construction (inches) (concrete beams)} \]
\[ = \beta \cdot \mu \cdot L_{\text{trib}} \]

\[ \beta = \text{shrinkage coefficient for reinforced concrete, 0.0002} \]
\[ \mu = \text{factor accounting for restraining effect imposed by superstructure elements installed before the concrete slab is cast} \]
\[ = 0.5 \text{ for precast prestressed concrete girders} \]
\[ = 0.8 \text{ for concrete box girders and T-beams} \]
\[ = 1.0 \text{ for concrete flat slabs} \]

\[ M_p = \text{Movement parallel to joint (inches)} \]
\[ M_n = \text{Movement normal to joint (inches)} \]

\[ \gamma_{TU} = \text{Load factor for force effect due to uniform temperature, 1.2} \]
\[ \theta = \text{Skew angle} \]

\[ "T" = \text{Joint opening normal to joint for the installation chart (inches)} \]
\[ A = \text{Joint opening normal to joint} \]

\[ W = \text{Nominal uncompressed width of expansion seal (inches)} \]
\[ W_{\text{min}} = \text{Minimum expansion width (inches)} \]
\[ W_{\text{max}} = \text{Maximum expansion width (inches)} \]
\[ W_{\text{install}} = \text{Expansion width at installation (inches)} \]
\[ T_{\text{min}} = \text{Minimum superstructure temperature} \]
\[ = (0^\circ \text{F for concrete bridges, } 20^\circ \text{F for steel bridges}) \]
\[ T_{\text{max}} = \text{Maximum superstructure temperature} \]
\[ = (+80^\circ \text{F for concrete bridges, } +105^\circ \text{F for steel bridges}) \]
\[ T_{\text{install}} = \text{Minimum installation superstructure temperature} \]
\[ = +65^\circ \text{F (all bridges)} \]
Strip Seal Joint Design Example (1)

Design Procedure

A. Movement Calculations

\[ M_t = (\alpha)(L_{trib})(\Delta T)\gamma_TU(12''/') \]
\[ M_s = (\beta)(\mu)(L_{trib})(12''/') \quad (= 0 \text{ for steel bridges}) \]
\[ M_{t\text{ normal}} = (M_t + M_s) \]
\[ M_{s\text{ normal}} = M_s \cos \theta \quad (= 0 \text{ for steel bridges}) \]
\[ M_p = (M_t + M_s)\sin \theta \]
\[ \Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} = (T_{\text{install}} - T_{\text{min}})/\Delta T \]
\[ \Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} = (T_{\text{max}} - T_{\text{install}})/\Delta T \]

B. Select seal width from largest \( W \) or \( A \) value:

1. Install Temp. (65°F):

\[ A_{\text{install}} = \text{manufacturer’s min. install width} \]
\[ \Rightarrow \text{Set } A_{\text{install}} \]

2. \( W \geq M_{t\text{ longitudinal}} \)

\[ W \geq A_{\text{max}} = A_{\text{install}} + [(\Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} \cdot M_{t\text{ normal}}) + M_{s\text{ normal}}] \leq \text{manufacturer’s maximum opening} \]

\[ W \geq M_p \div \% \text{ of seals rated capacity due to racking} \]

3. Check Max. Temp.:

\[ \text{Min. construction gap width } A = 0.5” \quad (\text{NHDOT}) \]
\[ A_{\text{min}} = A_{\text{install}} - (\Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} \cdot M_{t\text{ normal}}) \geq \text{manufacturer’s min. opening} \]
\[ \geq 0.5” \quad (\text{NHDOT}) \]

4. Check Max. Opening:

\[ A_{\text{max longitudinal}} \leq 4” \quad (\text{AASHTO 14.5.3.2}) \]
\[ A_{\text{max longitudinal}} = A_{\text{max}} \div \cos \theta \]
\[ \Rightarrow \text{Confirm two different manufacturer seals (same size) meet all requirements.} \]

C. Calculate Temperature Adjustment Table

Calculate \( M_{t\text{ normal}} \) without load factor, \( \gamma_TU \)

Design Example (1)

- **Steel girder**
- Total expansion length = 275’
- Skew angle = 0°
- Expansion joint at one abutment
- Value of Constants:
  - \( \theta = 0° \)
  - \( \Delta T = 125° \text{ F (}-20° \text{ F to } +105° \text{ F}) \)
  - \( \alpha = 0.0000065 \text{ in./in./}°\text{F} \)
  - \( L_{\text{trib}} = 275’ \)
  - \( T_{\text{install}} = 65° \text{ F} \)
  - \( \gamma_TU = 1.2 \)
Appendix 7.4-A4

Strip Seal Expansion Joint

Strip Seal Joint Design Example (1) (con’t)

A. Movement Calculations

\[ M_t = (\alpha)(L_{rib})(\Delta T)((\gamma_T)) \]
\[ = (0.0000065 \text{ in./in./}^\circ F)(275')(125^\circ \text{ F})(1.2)(12") \]
\[ = 3.22" \]

\[ M_s = 0 \]

\[ M_{t, \text{normal}} = M_t \cos \theta \]
\[ = (3.22") \cos 0^\circ \]
\[ = 3.22" \]

\[ M_{t, \text{longitudinal}} = (M_t + M_s) = 3.22" \leq 4" \text{ (max. movement for strip seal)} \]

\[ \Rightarrow \text{OK to use strip seal} \]

\[ \Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} = (T_{\text{install}} - T_{\text{min}})/(\Delta T) \]
\[ = [65^\circ \text{ F} - (-20^\circ \text{ F})] / (125^\circ \text{ F}) \]
\[ = 0.680 \]

\[ \Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} = (T_{\text{max}} - T_{\text{install}})/(\Delta T) \]
\[ = (105^\circ \text{ F} - 65^\circ \text{ F}) / (125^\circ \text{ F}) \]
\[ = 0.320 \]

B. Selection of Seal Width

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1. Install Temp. (65° F):

\[ A_{\text{install}} = \text{manufacturer’s min. install width} \]
\[ A_{\text{install}} \geq 1.5” \text{ (SE-400)} \]
\[ \geq 1.75” \text{ (A2R-400)} \]

\[ \Rightarrow \text{Set } A_{\text{install}} = 1.75” \]

2. Min. Temp. :

\[ A_{\text{max}} = A_{\text{install}} + [(\Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} \cdot M_{t, \text{normal}}) + M_s] \leq \text{manufacturer’s maximum opening} \]
\[ = 1.75” + [((0.680 \cdot 3.22") + 0”] \]
\[ = 3.94” \leq 4” \text{ (SE-400) O.K.} \]
\[ \leq 4.5” \text{ (A2R-400) O.K.} \]
Strip Seal Joint Design Example (1) (con’t)

3. Max. Temp. :

\[ A_{\text{min}} = A_{\text{install}} - [(\Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} \cdot M_{\text{normal}})] \geq \text{manufacturer’s min. opening} \geq 0.5" \text{ (NHDOT)} \]

\[ = 1.75" - [(0.320 \cdot 3.22")] \]

\[ = 0.71" \geq 0" \text{ (SE-400) O.K.} \]
\[ \geq 0.5" \text{ (A2R-400) O.K.} \]
\[ \geq 0.5" \text{ (NHDOT) O.K.} \]

4. Check Max. Opening:

\[ A_{\text{max}}_{\text{longitudinal}} \leq 4" \text{ (AASHTO 14.5.3.2)} \]
\[ A_{\text{max}}_{\text{longitudinal}} = A_{\text{max}} \div \cos \theta = 3.94" \div \cos 0° = 3.94" \leq 4" \text{ O.K.} \]

⇒ Use: 4” strip seal (SE-400 or A2R-400)

C. Calculate Temperature Adjustment Table

Calculate \( M_{\text{15° normal}} \) without load factor, \( \gamma_{\text{TU}} \)

\[ M_{\text{15° normal}} = (\alpha)(L_{\text{trib}})(15°)\cos \theta \]
\[ = (0.0000065 \text{ in./in./°F})(275’ \cdot 12'/')\cos 0° \]
\[ = 0.322" \]

“T” at

\[ 20° F = A_{\text{install}} + (3)(M_{\text{15° normal}}) = 2.72" \]
\[ 35° F = A_{\text{install}} + (2)(M_{\text{15° normal}}) = 2.39" \]
\[ 50° F = A_{\text{install}} + (1)(M_{\text{15° normal}}) = 2.07" \]
\[ 65° F = A_{\text{install}} = 1.75" \]
\[ 80° F = A_{\text{install}} - (1)(M_{\text{15° normal}}) = 1.43" \]
\[ 95° F = A_{\text{install}} - (2)(M_{\text{15° normal}}) = 1.11" \]

Temperature Adjustment Table

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Notes on Plan:

1. Minimum width for seal installation “T” = 1 3/4" (Approx. 65° F or less).
2. The strip seal has been designed for a total factored movement of 3.22”. This design includes movement due to temperature, skew, and minimum installation. The Contractor shall use strip seal SE-400 by Watson Bowman Acme or A2R-400 by D.S. Brown Co.
3. Values in the Temperature Adjustment Table are for adjusting the expansion joint assembly immediately prior to pouring the concrete blockouts.
Strip Seal Joint Design Example (2)

Design Example (2)
♦ Steel girder
♦ Total expansion length = 250’
♦ Skew angle = 45°
♦ Expansion joint at one abutment
♦ Value of Constants:
  \[ \theta = 45^\circ \]
  \[ \alpha = 0.0000065 \text{ in./in./}^\circ\text{F} \]
  \[ L_{trib} = 250’ \]
  \[ \Delta T = 125^\circ \text{ F (-20}^\circ \text{ F to +105}^\circ \text{ F)} \]
  \[ T_{install} = 65^\circ \text{ F} \]
  \[ \gamma_{TU} = 1.2 \]

A. Movement Calculations
\[ M_t = (\alpha)(L_{trib})(\Delta T)(\gamma_{TU})(12” /’) \]
\[ = (0.0000065 \text{ in./in./}^\circ\text{F})(250’)(125^\circ \text{ F})(1.2)(12” /’) \]
\[ = 2.93” \]
\[ M_s = 0 \]
\[ M_{t, normal} = M_t \cos \theta \]
\[ = (2.93” \cos 45^\circ) \]
\[ = 2.07” \]
\[ M_p = (M_t + M_s)\sin \theta \]
\[ = (2.93” + 0” \sin 45^\circ) \]
\[ = 2.07” \]
\[ M_{t, longitudinal} = (M_t + M_s) = 2.93” \leq 4” \text{ (max. movement for strip seal)} \]
\[ \Rightarrow \text{OK to use strip seal} \]

\[ \Delta T_{ratio \ min} = (T_{install} - T_{min})/\Delta T \]
\[ = [65^\circ \text{ F} - (-20^\circ \text{ F})]/125^\circ \text{ F} \]
\[ = 0.680 \]
\[ \Delta T_{ratio \ max} = (T_{max} - T_{install})/\Delta T \]
\[ = (105^\circ \text{ F} - 65^\circ \text{ F})/125^\circ \text{ F} \]
\[ = 0.320 \]
Strip Seal Joint Design Example (2) (con’t)

B. Selection of Seal Width (largest W or A value)

♦ Install Temp. (65° F):

\[ A_{\text{install}} \geq \text{manufacturer’s min. install width} \]
\[ \geq 1.5” \ (\text{SE-400}) \]
\[ \geq 1.75” \ (\text{A2R-400}) \]

⇒ Set \( A_{\text{install}} = 1.75” \)

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♦ 30° < skew ≤ 45°:

⇒ Limit “racking” movement to 60% of seals rated capacity (total movement parallel to the joint ÷ 0.60)

♦ Select seal width from largest W or A value:

1. \( W \geq M_{\text{t longitudinal}} \)
   \[ \geq 2.93” \]

2. \( A_{\text{max}} = A_{\text{install}} + [(\Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} \cdot M_{\text{t normal}}) + M_{\text{s normal}}] \leq \text{manufacturer’s maximum opening} \)
   \[ = 1.75” + [(0.680 \cdot 2.07”) + 0”] \]
   \[ = 3.16” \leq 4” \ (\text{SE-400}) \ O.K. \]
   \[ \leq 4.5” \ (\text{A2R-400}) \ O.K. \]

governs → 3. \( W \geq M_{p} \div 0.6 \)
\[ \geq 2.07” \div 0.6 \]
\[ \geq 3.45” \]

♦ Check Max. Temp:

\[ A_{\text{min}} = A_{\text{install}} - [(\Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} \cdot M_{\text{t normal}})] \geq \text{manufacturer’s min. opening} \]
\[ \geq 0.5” \ (\text{NHDOT}) \]
\[ = 1.75” - [(0.320 \cdot 2.07”)] \]
\[ = 1.08” \geq 0” \ (\text{SE-400}) \ O.K. \]
\[ \geq 0.5” \ (\text{A2R-400}) \ O.K. \]
\[ \geq 0.5” \ (\text{NHDOT}) \ O.K. \]

♦ Check Max. Opening:

\[ A_{\text{max longitudinal}} \leq 4” \ (\text{AASHTO 14.5.3.2}) \]
\[ A_{\text{max longitudinal}} = A_{\text{max}} \div \cos \theta = 3.16” \div \cos 45° = 4.47” > 4” \ N.G. \]

⇒ Need to use a finger expansion joint.
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Finger Expansion Joint Limitations

A finger expansion joint may be used with the following limitations (See Appendix 7.4-B5 for a finger joint sample plan as a guide) (See p 7.4-A5-3 for design notations and p. 7.4-A5-4 for design example):

- Typically used for total movement of expansion joint > 4” measured along the center line of the bridge (expansion and contraction). May be required if a strip seal cannot be used.
- The finger joint plates requirements:
  - Minimum joint opening (at max. design temperature) in the longitudinal direction between fingers shall be 1” for steel beams. For concrete beams the minimum joint opening may be less to account for creep and shrinkage. *(AASHTO 14.5.3.2)*
  - Maximum joint opening (at min. design temperature) in the transverse direction between fingers shall not exceed 2” when the maximum longitudinal opening in the direction of traffic exceeds 8”. *(AASHTO 14.5.3.2)*
  - Maximum joint opening (at min. design temperature) in the transverse direction between fingers shall not exceed 3” when the maximum longitudinal opening in the direction of traffic is 8” or less. *(AASHTO 14.5.3.2)*
  - Minimum finger overlap shall be 2” in the longitudinal direction at maximum joint opening (at minimum design temperature).
  - Parallel to the profile grade, follow the cross-slope
  - Set 1/8” lower than the proposed finished roadway grade.
  - Minimum 2 ¼” thickness.
  - Minimum 2” center-to-center of finger.
  - No outside vertical curb plate cover on exterior (Need to keep exterior joint opening for maintenance.) Still use vertical plate at curb line.
  - As a minimum, cuts (breaks) in plate should be at the downspouts, crown line and painted travel lane lines.
- Drain trough design requirements:
  - 3-ply performed fabric material conforming to NHDOT Standard Specification for Road & Bridge Construction, Section 561.
  - Slope 1” per foot *(AASHTO 14.5.6.3)*, ½” per foot min. *(Br. Maintenance)*
  - Start with a minimum drain trough depth of 4” (6” preferred).
  - No more than 50 ft. without a downspout.
  - No kinks.
  - The fabric shall be cut during shop pre-assembly from one piece.
  - For phase construction, the fabric shall be shall be cut during shop pre-assembly and supplied in lengths with 1’-0” overlap at crown line and phase construction joints.
Finger Joint Limitations (con’t)

⇒ Design in sections to provide constructability and maintenance access. Provide cuts in the trough for hoppers and at the profile grade line with 1’-0” overlap.

- Downspout design requirements:
  ⇒ As many downspouts as possible
  ⇒ Size 6” x 6” minimum, 8” x 8” preferred by Bridge Maintenance
  ⇒ Avoid sharp bends
  ⇒ Install cleanouts at angle changes
  ⇒ Do not encase in concrete

- The Designer shall determine and specify the joint settings as noted on the temperature adjustment table.

- If bicycle traffic will be crossing the finger joint, the Bridge Design Chief shall be consulted on what type of protection to provide.
Expansion Joint Design Notations

\[ M_{t\text{(unfactored)}} = \text{Movement due to temperature (inches)} \]
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\[ = 125^\circ \text{F} (-20^\circ \text{F to } +105^\circ \text{F}) \text{ for steel bridges} \]
\[ L_{\text{trib}} = \text{tributary length of the structure subject to expansion or contraction} \]
\[ \alpha = \text{Coefficient of thermal expansion} \]
\[ = 0.0000060 \text{ in./in./}^\circ \text{F for concrete} \]
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\[ M_s = \text{Movement due to shrinkage after construction (inches) (concrete beams)} \]
\[ = \beta \cdot \mu \cdot L_{\text{trib}} \]
\[ \beta = \text{shrinkage coefficient for reinforced concrete, } 0.0002 \]
\[ \mu = \text{factor accounting for restraining effect imposed by superstructure} \]
\[ \text{elements installed before the concrete slab is cast} \]
\[ = 0.5 \text{ for precast prestressed concrete girders} \]
\[ = 0.8 \text{ for concrete box girders and T-beams} \]
\[ = 1.0 \text{ for concrete flat slabs} \]
\[ M_{p} = \text{Movement parallel to joint (inches)} \]
\[ M_{n} = \text{Movement normal to joint (inches)} \]
\[ \gamma_{TU} = \text{Load factor for force effect due to uniform temperature, } 1.2 \]
\[ \theta = \text{Skew angle} \]
\[ “T” = \text{Joint opening normal to joint for the installation chart (inches)} \]
\[ F = \text{Finger length} \]
\[ G_{\text{longitudinal}} = \text{Longitudinal opening between fingers} \]
\[ H_{\text{min}} = \text{Minimum finger overlap in the longitudinal direction} \]
\[ H_{\text{max}} = \text{Maximum finger overlap in the longitudinal direction} \]
\[ T_{\text{min}} = \text{Minimum superstructure temperature} \]
\[ = (0^\circ \text{F for concrete bridges, } 20^\circ \text{F for steel bridges}) \]
\[ T_{\text{max}} = \text{Maximum superstructure temperature} \]
\[ = (+80^\circ \text{F for concrete bridges, } +105^\circ \text{F for steel bridges}) \]
Finger Joint Design Example

I. Design Procedure

A. Movement Calculations

\[ M_t = (\alpha)(L_{inb})(\Delta T)(\gamma_{TU})(12''/') \]
\[ M_s = (\beta)(\mu)(L_{inb})(12''/') \quad (= 0 \text{ for steel bridges}) \]
\[ M_{t,\text{longitudinal}} = (M_t + M_s) \]

\( G_{\text{longitudinal}} \) = Longitudinal opening between fingers
\[ = 1'' \text{ min. for steel beams} \]
\[ = \frac{1}{2}'' \text{ min. for concrete beams} \]

\( G_{\text{transverse}} < 3'' \), when \( G_{\text{longitudinal}} \leq 8'' \) (AASHTO 14.5.3.2)
\[ < 2'', \text{ when } G_{\text{longitudinal}} > 8'' \) (AASHTO 14.5.3.2)

\( H_{\text{min}} = 2'' \) (minimum finger overlap in the longitudinal direction, NHDOT)
\[ F = \text{Finger length} \]

B. Check Joint Opening “T” for Maximum Temperature

⇒  Min. longitudinal joint opening between fingers (\( G_{\text{longitudinal}} \)) at max. design temperature

\[ “T”_{\text{min}} = 3/8” \text{ space} + G_{\text{perpendicular}} + F + 3/8” \text{ space} \]
⇒  Set “T”_{\text{min}}

C. Check Finger Overlap Length (H) for Max. and Min. Temperatures

1. Max. Temp.:
\[ H_{\text{max}} = [F/ \cos \theta] - G_{\text{longitudinal MIN}} \]

2. Min. Temp.:
\[ H_{\text{min}} = H_{\text{max}} - M_{t,\text{longitudinal}} \geq 2'' \]

D. Calculate Temperature Adjustment Table

Calculate \( M_{t,\text{normal}} \) without load factor, \( \gamma_{TU} \)
Finger Joint Design Example (con’t)

II. Design Example

♦ Steel girder
♦ Total expansion length = 360’
♦ Skew angle = 25°
♦ Expansion joint at one abutment
♦ Value of Constants:
  \[ \theta = 25° \]
  \[ \alpha = 0.0000065 \text{ in./in./}°\text{F} \]
  \[ L_{\text{trib}} = 360’ \]
  \[ \Delta T = 125° \text{ F (-20° F to +105° F)} \]
  \[ \gamma_{TU} = 1.2 \]
  \[ F = 7.25” \] (measured normal to the joint)
  \[ C_{\text{longitudinal \ MIN}} = 1” \]

A. Movement Calculations

\[
M_t = (\alpha)(L_{\text{trib}})(\Delta T)(\gamma_{TU})(12”/’)
\]
\[ = (0.0000065 \text{ in./in./}°\text{F})(360’)(125° \text{ F})(1.2)(12”/’) \]
\[ = 4.21” \]

\[ M_s = 0 \]

\[ M_{t \text{ longitudinal}} = (M_t + M_s) = 4.21” \]
Finger Joint Design Example (con’t)

B. Check Joint Opening “T” for Maximum Temperature

⇒ Min. longitudinal joint opening between fingers (G_{longitudinal}) at max. design temperature = 105° F

“T”_{min} = 3/8” space + G_{longitudinal \text{MIN}(\cos \theta)} + F + 3/8” space
= 3/8” + 1”(\cos25°) + 7.25” + 3/8”
= 8.91”
⇒ Set “T”_{min} = 9”

G_{longitudinal \text{MIN PROVIDED}} = (“T”_{min} – 2(space) – F) \div \cos \theta
= (9 – 2(3/8”) – 7.25) \div \cos25°
= 1.103” > 1” O.K

C. Check Finger Overlap Length (H) for Max. and Min. Temperatures

1. Max. Temp. (105° F):

H_{max} = [F \div \cos \theta] – G_{longitudinal \text{MIN PROVIDED}}
= [7.25” \div \cos(25°)] – 1.103”
= 6.90”

2. Min. Temp. (-20° F):

H_{min} = H_{max} – M_{t \text{longitudinal}} ≥ 2”
= 6.90” – 4.21” = 2.69” ≥ 2” O.K.

D. Calculate Temperature Adjustment Table

Calculate M_{t \text{normal without load factor, } \gamma_{TU}}

M_{15° \text{normal}} = (\alpha)(L_{trib})(15°)(12’’/°F)(15° F)(12’’/°F)\cos(25°)
= 0.382”

“T” at -20° F = “T”_{min} + (8.33)(M_{15° \text{normal}}) = 12.17”
0° F = “T”_{min} + (7)(M_{15° \text{normal}}) = 11.67”
15° F = “T”_{min} + (6)(M_{15° \text{normal}}) = 11.29”
30° F = “T”_{min} + (5)(M_{15° \text{normal}}) = 10.91”
45° F = “T”_{min} + (4)(M_{15° \text{normal}}) = 10.5”
60° F = “T”_{min} + (3)(M_{15° \text{normal}}) = 10.15”
75° F = “T”_{min} + (2)(M_{15° \text{normal}}) = 9.76”
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Modular Expansion Joint Limitations

A modular expansion joint may be used with the following limitations (See Appendix 7.4-B7 for a modular joint detail. See p 7.4-A6-2 for design notations and p. 7.4-A6-3 for design example):

- > 4” total movement of expansion joint measured along the center line of the bridge (expansion and contraction).
- 32° > Skew of joint > 42° (outside typical snowplow angle).
- The use of a modular expansion joint shall be approved by the Design Chief.
- No splices of the seal shall be allowed.
- The complete full width units shall be shipped to the project site.
- Maximum movement of 3” per each seal element *(AASHTO 14.5.3.2-2).*
- The minimum joint opening at total temperature expansion (measured from the inside of the steel edge members that holds the gland) shall not be less than 0.5”.
- The next size joint may need to be considered to allow 1” to 2” extra movement for construction discrepancies.
- Concrete block-outs are required for the installation of the modular joint.
- Anchorage of the modular joint to the backwall and deck, between the curb lines, shall be made using loop rebar and shall be spaced at 1’-0” maximum. Brush curb and sidewalk anchorage shall be made of stud anchors and shall be spaced at 1’-6” maximum. The anchorage reinforcement shall extend into the backwall or curb reinforcement cage for proper anchorage.
- Notes shall be placed on the plans stating the following:
  1. The modular bridge joint system shall have a range of movement of XX inches. The Contractor shall use modular bridge joint system *STM series by Watson Bowman* Acme or *D series by D.S. Brown*. This design includes movement due to temperature, skew, and minimum installation.
Expansion Joint Design Notations

\[ M_{u\text{unfactored}} = \text{Movement due to temperature (inches)} \]
\[ = \alpha \cdot L_{\text{trib}} \cdot \Delta T \cdot (12 \text{ in./ft.}) \]
\[ \Delta T = \text{bridge superstructure average temperature range as a function of bridge type and location} \]
\[ = 80^\circ \text{ F} \text{ (}0^\circ \text{ F to } 80^\circ \text{ F) for concrete bridges} \]
\[ = 125^\circ \text{ F} \text{ (}20^\circ \text{ F to } 105^\circ \text{ F) for steel bridges} \]
\[ L_{\text{trib}} = \text{tributary length of the structure subject to expansion or contraction} \]
\[ \alpha = \text{Coefficient of thermal expansion} \]
\[ = 0.0000060 \text{ in./in./}^\circ \text{F for concrete} \]
\[ = 0.0000065 \text{ in./in./}^\circ \text{F for steel} \]

\[ M_s = \text{Movement due to shrinkage after construction (inches) (concrete beams)} \]
\[ = \beta \cdot \mu \cdot L_{\text{trib}} \]
\[ \beta = \text{shrinkage coefficient for reinforced concrete, 0.0002} \]
\[ \mu = \text{factor accounting for restraining effect imposed by superstructure elements installed before the concrete slab is cast} \]
\[ = 0.5 \text{ for precast prestressed concrete girders} \]
\[ = 0.8 \text{ for concrete box girders and T-beams} \]
\[ = 1.0 \text{ for concrete flat slabs} \]

\[ M_p = \text{Movement parallel to joint (inches)} \]
\[ M_n = \text{Movement normal to joint (inches)} \]

\[ \gamma_{TU} = \text{Load factor for force effect due to uniform temperature, 1.2} \]
\[ \theta = \text{Skew angle} \]
\[ "T" = \text{Joint opening normal to joint for the installation chart (inches)} \]
\[ A = \text{Joint opening normal to joint} \]
\[ W = \text{Nominal uncompressed width of expansion seal (inches)} \]
\[ W_{\text{min}} = \text{Minimum expansion gap width (inches)} \]
\[ W_{\text{max}} = \text{Maximum expansion gap width (inches)} \]
\[ W_{\text{install}} = \text{Expansion gap width at installation (inches)} \]
\[ T_{\text{min}} = \text{Minimum superstructure temperature} \]
\[ = (0^\circ \text{ F for concrete bridges, } 20^\circ \text{ F for steel bridges}) \]
\[ T_{\text{max}} = \text{Maximum superstructure temperature} \]
\[ = (80^\circ \text{ F for concrete bridges, } 105^\circ \text{ F for steel bridges}) \]
\[ T_{\text{install}} = \text{Minimum installation superstructure temperature} \]
\[ = 65^\circ \text{ F (all bridges)} \]
Modular Bridge Joint System Design Example

I. Design Procedure

A. Movement Calculations

\[ M_t = (\alpha)(L_{trib})(\Delta T)(\gamma_{TU})(12''/') \]
\[ M_s = (\beta)(\mu)(L_{trib})(12''/') \quad (= 0 \text{ for steel bridges}) \]
\[ M_{t\text{ longitudinal}} = (M_t + M_s) \]
\[ M_{t\text{ normal}} = M_t \cos \theta \]
\[ M_p = (M_t + M_s)\sin \theta \]
\[ \Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} = (T_{\text{install}} - T_{\text{min}})/(\Delta T) \]
\[ \Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} = (T_{\text{max}} - T_{\text{install}})/(\Delta T) \]
\[ MR = M_{n\text{ open}} + M_{n\text{ close}} \]

B. Selection of Joint Size

The total movement range, MR should be a multiple of 3”

⇒ Confirm two different manufacturer MBJS can be used.

C. Calculate Installation Gaps (“W” or “A”)

Installation gap is the distance measured face to face of steel angles (L 6x6x3/4)

♦ Calculate without load factor, \( \gamma_{TU} \)
♦ Minimum seal joint opening = 0.5” (NHDOT)

D. Calculate Center Beam Spacing
Modular Bridge Joint System Design Example (con’t)

II. Design Example

- **Steel girder**
- Total expansion length = 1640’
- Skew angle = 15°
- Expansion joint at both abutments
- Point of no movement for temperature is at the center of the bridge
- Value of Constants:
  \[ \theta = 15° \]
  \[ \alpha = 0.0000065 \text{ in./in./°F} \]
  \[ L_{trib} = 1640’ \div 2 = 820’ \]
  \[ \Delta T = 125° \text{ F} (-20° \text{ F to +}105° \text{ F}) \]
  \[ T_{install} = 65° \text{ F} \]
  \[ \gamma_{TU} = 1.2 \]

A. Movement Calculations

\[ M_t = (\alpha)(L_{trib})(\Delta T)(\gamma_{TU})(12’’) \]
\[ = (0.0000065 \text{ in./in./°F})(820’)(125° \text{ F})(1.2)(12’’) \]
\[ = 9.59” \]

\[ M_{t,\text{normal}} = M_t \cos \theta \]
\[ = (9.59”)\cos15° \]
\[ = 9.26” \]

\[ M_s = 0 \]

\[ M_p = (M_t + M_s)\sin \theta \]
\[ = (9.59” + 0”)\sin15° \]
\[ = 2.48” \]

\[ M_{t,\text{longitudinal}} = (M_t + M_s) = 9.59” > 4” \]

⇒ **OK to use modular joint**

\[ \Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} = (T_{\text{install}} - T_{\text{min}})/(\Delta T) \]
\[ = [65° \text{ F} - (-20° \text{ F})] / (125° \text{ F}) \]
\[ = 0.680 \]

\[ \Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} = (T_{\text{max}} - T_{\text{install}})/(\Delta T) \]
\[ = (105° \text{ F} - 65° \text{ F}) / (125° \text{ F}) \]
\[ = 0.320 \]

\[ M_{\text{normal close}} = (\Delta T_{\text{ratio max}} \cdot M_{t,\text{normal}}) \]
\[ = (0.320 \cdot 9.26”) \]
\[ = 2.96” \]
**Modular Bridge Joint System Design Example (con’t)**

\[ M_{\text{normal open}} = (\Delta T_{\text{ratio min}} \cdot M_{\text{t normal}}) + M_{s\text{normal}} \]
\[ = (0.680 \cdot 9.26”) + 0” \]
\[ = 6.30” \]

\[ \text{MR} = M_{\text{normal close}} + M_{\text{normal open}} \]
\[ = 2.96” + 6.30” \]
\[ = 9.26” \]

**B. Selection of Joint Size**

The total movement range, MR should be a multiple of 3”

\[ \text{MR} = 9.26” \]

⇒ Use a 12” movement range joint.

**C. Calculate Installation Gaps (“W” or “A”)**

Installation gap is the distance measured face to face of steel angles (L 6x6x3/4)

- Calculate without load factor, \( \gamma_{\text{TU}} \)
- Minimum seal joint opening = 0.5” (NHDOT)
- Assume center beam top flange width = 2.5”
- Assume edge beam top flange width = 1.25”
- Install Temp. = 65° F

1. Number of strip seals = (12”MR ÷ 3") = 4 strip seals
2. Number of center beams = (4 strip seals – 1) = 3 center beams
3. \( A_{\text{min}} \) = (3 center beams)(2.5” top flange width) + (4 strips seals)(0.5”) + (2 edge beams)(1.25”)
   \[ = 12” \]
4. \( A_{\text{install}} \) = \( A_{\text{min}} \) + \( M_{\text{normal close}} \)
   \[ = 12” + 2.96” \]
   \[ = 14.96” \quad \text{Say 15”} \]
5. \( A_{15°F} \) = \( (\alpha)(L_{\text{trib}})(15°)(12”’)(\cos \theta) \)
   \[ = (0.0000065 \text{ in./in./°F})(820°)(15° F)(12”’)(\cos 15°) \]
   \[ = 0.93” \]

⇒ Adjustment in opening for a 15° F change in temperature = 15/16”
Modular Bridge Joint System Design Example (con’t)

D. Calculate Center Beam Spacing

1. Check spacing of center beams at minimum temperature.
   - Maximum gap between adjacent center beams should be limited to 3 ½”
     \[
     A_{-20°F} = A_{\text{install}} + M_{\text{normal open}}
     = 15” + 6.30”
     = 21.3”
     \]
     Spacing = \[
     \frac{A_{-20°F} - (3 \text{ center beams})(2.5” \text{ top flange width})}{4 \text{ strip seals}}
     = \frac{21.3” - (3)(2.5)}{4}
     = 3.45” \leq 3.5” \text{ O.K.}
     \]

2. Check spacing of center beams at 65°F for future seal replacement.
   - Spacing = \[
   \frac{A_{\text{install}} - (3 \text{ center beams})(2.5” \text{ top flange width})}{4 \text{ strip seals}}
   = \frac{15” - (3)(2.5)}{4}
   = 1.875” \geq 1.75” \text{ (manufacturer’s min. strip seal installation width)}
   \]
   O.K. The strip seal will be able to be placed at 65°F or lower.

⇒ If the spacing was less than 1.75”, then the center beams would need to be mechanically separated in order to replace the strip seal elements. This information would need to be noted on the plans.

Note on Plans:

1. Adjustment in expansion joint assembly opening for a 15°F change in temperature immediately prior to pouring the concrete blockouts = 15/16”

2. The modular bridge joint system shall have a range of movement of 12”. The Contractor shall use modular bridge joint system STM series by Watson Bowman Acme or D series by D.S. Brown. This design includes movement due to temperature, skew, and minimum installation.
### EXPANSION TABLE
(Including $\gamma_{TU}$, Load factor for force effect due to uniform temperature):

**STEEL:**

$$M = (\Delta T)^*(\alpha)^*(L)^*(\gamma_{TU})$$

$\Delta T = 125^\circ$ (-20°F to +105°F)

$\alpha = 6.5 \times 10^{-6}$ in/in/°F (AASHTO 6.4.1)

$\gamma_{TU} = 1.2$ (AASHTO 3.4.1-1)

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**Appendix 7.4-A7**

**NHDOT Temperature Expansion Tables**

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$\Delta T = 80^\circ (0^\circ F \text{ to } +80^\circ F)$ (NHDOT Bridge Design Manual, Chap. 7, Sec. 7.4)

$\alpha = 6.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ IN/IN/}^\circ F$ (AASHTO 5.4.2.2)

$\gamma_{TU} = 1.2$ (AASHTO 3.4.1-1)

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(Without γTU, Load factor):

**Concrete:** \( M_t = (\Delta T)(\alpha)(L) \)

**\( \Delta T = 80^\circ \) (0°F to +80°F)** (NHDOT Bridge Design Manual, Chap. 7, Sec. 7.4)

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Asphaltic Plug for Crack Control

BRIDGE DETAIL
Date: 3/4/14

Asphaltic Plug for Crack Control
(Approach Slab - Fixed End)
APPENDIX 7.4-B1

Asphaltic Plug for Crack Control

BRIDGE DETAIL

Date: 3/4/14

ASPHALTIC PLUG FOR CRACK CONTROL
(APPROACH SLAB – FIXED END)
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BRIDGE DETAIL

ASPHALTIC PLUG EXPANSION JOINT

(APPROACH SLAB - EXPANSION END)

Date: 3/4/14
Appendix 7.4-B2

Asphallic Plug Expansion Joint Details

Design Memorandum

BRIDGE DETAIL
Date: 1/14/14
Appendix 7.4-B2

Asphalitic Plug Expansion Joint Details

Design Memorandum

Date: 1/14/14

BRIDGE DETAIL

Date: 1/14/14

Asphalitic Plug Expansion Joint
Item 559.4 (U-Back Wingwall Curb Detail)
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Note: For sections, see the following sheets.
SAMPLE BRIDGE DETAIL
Date: 1/14/14

SECTION C-C

SECTION D-D
Note to Designer:
Locating the expansion joint behind the backwall may not provide the best geometry layout depending on the skew of the bridge and the angle of the wing. The expansion joint may need to be located in front of the backwall.
Note: For sections, see the following sheets.
SAMPLE
BRIDGE DETAIL
Date: 1/14/14

SECTION A-A RECONSTRUCTION

STUB WALL

RECONSTRUCTED

doxx

5/8" x 8" STUD
(TYP)

1/2" x 1'-8" x 2'-11"
GALV. PLATE

EXISTING APPROACH
SLAB

SECTION E-E

ITEM 520.0201

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ITEM 403.12
(3" THICK
2 LIFTS MIN.)

ITEM 304.3, CONSTRUCTED
IN 8" MAX. LAYERS,
COMPACTED TO 100%

EXISTING APPROACH
SLAB
Note: For sections, see the following sheets.

SAMPLE BRIDGE DETAIL
Date: 1/14/14
Appendix 7.4-B9
Expansion Joint Behind Backwall Sample Details

SAMPLE BRIDGE DETAIL
Date: 1/14/14

SECTION E-E

SECTION A-A RECONSTRUCTION
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1. If expansion joint is located behind the backwall and bridge is skewed, the anchor detail for both the deck and approach slab shall be fabricated to match the bridge skew and in-line with the longitudinal reinforcing.

2. If expansion joint is located in front of the backwall and bridge is skewed, the anchor detail for the deck shall be fabricated to match the bridge skew and in-line with longitudinal reinforcing. The anchor detail for the backwall shall be 90°.
ANCHOR DETAILS (SKEWED)

BRIDGE DETAIL
Date: 1/14/14
FIELD SPLICE WELD DETAIL—COMPRESSION SEAL

FIELD SPLICE WELD DETAIL—STRIP SEAL

BRIDGE DETAIL
Date: 1/14/14
FIELD SPLICE WELD DETAIL - FINGER JOINT

BRIDGE DETAIL
Date: 1/14/14
Note to Designer:
Use detail for finger expansion joints and plow protection plates.
SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATION

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 520 – PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE

The purpose of this supplemental specification is to clarify equipment requirements and specify the material of the bearing strip.

Amend 520.3.1.3.2.1(k) to read:

(k) Sufficient number of microwave safe ceramic or porcelain dishes.

Replace 2.8 Waterstops with the following:

2.8 Secondary Materials.

2.8.1 Waterstops. Waterstops shall conform to 541.

2.8.2 Bearing Strips. The bearing strip material shall be ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMW-PE), ¼” minimum thickness, grade Virgin Natural or Reprocessed, with rubber-back on one side. The bearing strip shall be one of the products listed on the NHDOT Qualified Product List, Section 520.

2.8.2.1 The bonding agent used with the construction of the expansion surface shall be product recommended by the manufacturer of the rubber-backed UHMW-PE.

Add to 3.6.3 Expansion Joints:

3.6.3.3 Bearing Strips. The bearing strip material shall be used as an expansion surface between the top of the backwall and bottom of deck at the expansion end of a bridge, as detailed on the plans.
SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATION

SECTION 559 – ASPHALTIC PLUG EXPANSION JOINT,
ASPHALTIC PLUG CRACK CONTROL

This supplemental specification adds a new section to the
NHDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

Description

1.1 This work shall consist of all the work, including saw cutting and asphalt removal, as
required to furnish and install a water tight asphaltic plug expansion joint and/or a water tight
asphaltic plug for crack control, as shown on the plans. The asphaltic plug expansion joint and
crack control is a commercial product and must be installed in accordance with the
manufacturer’s recommendations. When joint repair is specified, this work shall also include
saw cutting, removal and disposal of the existing joint materials, as required to furnish and
install a water tight asphaltic plug expansion joint and/or crack control, as shown on the plans.

Materials

2.1 The asphaltic plug expansion joint shall be one of the products listed on the NHDOT
Qualified Product List, Item 559. The asphaltic materials (hot applied polymer modified
asphaltic binder and aggregate) shall be applied by an applicator approved by the Manufacturer
and shall meet the requirements of ASTM D6297. All components (except closed cell expansion
material) of the asphaltic plug joint system shall be from one manufacturer.

2.2 Asphaltic Plug Material. The asphaltic plug material for crack control shall be one of
the products listed on the NHDOT Qualified Product List, Item 559. The asphaltic materials
(hot applied polymer modified asphaltic binder and aggregate) shall be applied by an applicator
approved by the Manufacturer and shall meet the requirements of ASTM D6297.

2.3 Asphaltic Binder Material. The asphaltic binder material for both expansion joint and
crack control shall meet the polymeric modified asphaltic requirements of ASTM D6297.

2.4 Steel Support Plate. The steel support plate for the asphaltic plug expansion joint shall
meet the requirements of ASTM D6297 or as recommended by the Manufacturer. The plate
shall be galvanized as specified in Section 550.2.9, have a maximum length of 6 ft., and shall
have pre-drilled holes at 12-in. (300 mm) on center for inserting the locating pins.

2.5 Backer Rod. The backer rod for the asphaltic plug expansion joint shall be a closed cell,
high temperature, heat resistant material that meets the requirements of ASTM D5249.

2.6 Closed Cell Expansion Material. The closed expansion material used as a joint filler
between the deck and approach slab or stub wall shall be a pre-formed, low-density, closed cell,
cross-linked, EVA polyethylene co-polymer or polyethylene (XLPE) material that is flexible, waterproof, chemical resistant, and to be used as a compressible foam between concrete pours for full-depth protection. The product shall be resistant to abrasion, oxidation, oils, gasoline, salt and other materials that may come in contact with the surface. The material shall conform to ASTM D-1056, 2B2 and be a product as listed on the QPL, Section 559.

2.6.1 The closed cell expansion material shall have the following physical properties per ASTM D3575:

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2.6.2 The closed cell expansion material shall be furnished as detailed on the plans and shall be accepted based upon receipt of Certificate of Compliance stating that the product complies with the requirements of Section 2.6.1.

Construction Requirements

3.1 The treatment of the deck, at grade approach slab, asphalt, and membrane waterproofing surface, and the preparation and installation of material shall be as recommended by the Manufacturer.

3.2 Certificate of Compliance. At least one week prior to the installation of the asphaltic plug expansion joint and/or crack control, the Engineer shall be provided with a certificate of compliance stating that all materials and equipment used for proper installation for the asphaltic joint complies with the requirements of this specification. All material delivered to the job site shall have a written certification that includes the following: 1) A label clearly showing the manufacturer’s name, lot or batch number, date of manufacture, and date of packaging. 2) The date, if any, beyond which the material shall not be used without approval. 3) All the materials have been pre-tested and will meet the requirements of this specification. 4) The manufacturer’s instruction for use and installation. All necessary equipment and manufacturer personnel as recommended shall be on site prior to beginning construction. 5) Certificate of analysis of the asphaltic plug material.
3.3 Basis of Acceptance. All materials and equipment shall be accepted upon certification by the qualified manufacturer, to the Engineer, that all the requirements of this specification have been met.

3.4 Installation. For each project, as recommended by the manufacturer, a trained, and certified technical representative with not less than 3 years of experience specializing in the installation of an asphaltic plug joint, shall be present during initial installations of the asphaltic plug expansion joint system to aid and instruct the Contractor as required to achieve an installation in accordance with the Manufacturer’s requirements and specifications.

3.4.1 For the asphaltic plug expansion joint, sawcut and completely remove the asphalt or existing asphaltic plug joint and membrane, down to the steel plate location as shown on the plans, to create a neatly formed blockout. The joint area shall be blast cleaned of debris and asphalt. The joint area shall be thoroughly dried using hot compressed air immediately prior to applying the asphaltic material. The blockout sides and base shall be inspected for defects and those noted shall be brought to the attention of the Engineer for direction regarding repairs of these areas. The sides of the blockout shall be vertical and clean with no loose material after inspection. The base shall be LEVEL between both sides of the bridge expansion gap. Proper leveling shall only be achieved by grinding or thin-set mortar. Mastic product or asphaltic binder material shall not be used under the support plates to create a level surface.

3.4.2 For repair of an existing asphaltic plug joint, the existing plug joints shall be saw cut and removed to full depth in accordance with the plans or as ordered by the Engineer. Waterproof membrane materials, if present, shall be removed as required. If a steel plate is present, it shall be replaced with a new plate, as shown on the plans. Any concrete repair work required to provide a level surface between both sides of the expansion gap, shall be paid for under Section 109.4. All concrete, steel, and asphalt joint surfaces shall be prepared and treated as recommended by the Manufacturer’s technical representative.

3.4.3 For the asphaltic plug for crack control, sawcut and completely remove the asphalt and membrane or existing asphaltic material as shown on the plans, to create a neatly formed blockout. The bottom of the blockout shall be level with the top of the deck concrete. The blockout area above the deck concrete shall be free of asphalt, and the blockout area over approach roadway asphalt shall be blast cleaned to be free of loose asphalt debris. The joint area shall be thoroughly dried using hot compressed air immediately prior to applying the asphaltic material.

3.4.4 The backer rod shall continue into the curb gap and be placed at a uniform depth following the geometry of the curb for placement and tooling of sealant as shown on the plans. The bridge asphaltic joint shall be completely cool before installation of the curb sealant over the backer rod.

3.4.5 The asphaltic material shall be heated, mixed and placed in two (2) lifts using machinery and/or equipment supplied or recommended by the Manufacturer.
3.4.6 Placement, screeding, and compaction of the asphaltic plug material shall be as recommended by the Manufacturer. Compaction shall be accomplished utilizing plate compactors or rollers.

3.4.7 A skim coat of liquid asphaltic binder material shall be applied to fill any remaining surface voids.

3.4.8 To prevent joint damage from tire traffic, shot blast media (clean, unused) shall be broadcast onto the finished joint surface while the asphaltic material is still warm.

3.4.9 The application of the asphaltic binder and the asphaltic material shall be performed only if 1) The surface temperature is at least of $40^\circ F$ ($4^\circ C$) and rising, 2) The road surface is dry, 3) Weather conditions are favorable with no signs of imminent rain.

3.4.10 Protect the joint from traffic until the material has cooled to $125^\circ F$ ($51^\circ C$)± and is able to support traffic.

3.5 Warranty for Asphaltic Plug Expansion Joint (Item 559.4)

3.5.1 Limits of Warranted Work. The warranted work includes all asphaltic expansion joint systems and installation within the project limits unless otherwise indicated in the proposal. This includes all necessary Maintenance of Traffic, all incidentals, and any uniformed traffic control personnel required to complete the warranted work. The Maintenance of Traffic shall be designed and implemented in accordance with the Contract requirements and with the latest edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

3.5.2 Warranty Period. The length of warranty will be three (3) years from the acceptance date of construction, as specified in the following sections of the specification and in compliance with Section 106.04 and 107.14 of NHDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

3.5.3 Warranty Parameters. The following parameters shall be used to measure the performance of the asphaltic plug expansion joint system during the warranty period. Each condition parameter has a threshold limit (listed in Section 3.5.4) that defines when corrective action (warranty work) is required.

3.5.3.1 Debonding. Physical separation of the asphaltic expansion joint from the adjacent vertical face of the pavement or the bridge deck.

3.5.3.2 Transverse crack. Any open crack that extends more in the transverse direction (perpendicular to traffic flow) than in the longitudinal direction.

3.5.3.3 Longitudinal crack. Any open crack that extends more in the longitudinal direction (parallel to traffic flow) than in the transverse direction.

3.5.3.4 Leakage. Visual seepage of water.
3.5.3.5 Rutting. Depression, displacement, or dislodgment of the asphaltic plug expansion joint surface.

3.5.4 Warranty Requirements. The following table lists the allowable threshold limit for each condition parameter for each asphaltic plug expansion joint. If any of the warranty thresholds are exceeded, corrective action (warranty work) is required.

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<td>Sum length of all cracks &gt; 5% total length of joint, with no single crack greater than two (2) feet.</td>
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<td>Longitudinal cracking</td>
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3.5.4.1 Warranty Work (Corrective Action). If any of the threshold limits for the asphaltic plug expansion joint are exceeded, the Contractor shall submit in writing the Manufacturer’s corrective action plan to the Department for approval.

Method of Measurement

4.1 Asphaltic plug expansion joint will not be measured, but shall be the linear foot (linear meter) final pay quantities in accordance with 109.11 as shown on the plans.

4.2 Repair asphaltic plug expansion joint will not be measured, but shall be the linear foot (linear meter) final pay quantities in accordance with 109.11 as shown on the plans.

4.3 Asphaltic plug for crack control will not be measured, but shall be the linear foot (linear meter) final pay quantities in accordance with 109.11 as shown on the plans.

Basis of Payment

5.1. Asphaltic plug type expansion joint is final pay quantity item and will be paid at the contract unit price per linear foot (linear meter) complete in place in accordance with 109.11.

5.2. Repair asphaltic plug type expansion joint is final pay quantity item and will be paid at the contract unit price per linear foot (linear meter) complete in place in accordance with 109.11.
5.3. Asphaltic plug for crack control is a final pay quantity item and will be paid at the contract unit price per linear foot (linear meter) complete in place in accordance with 109.11.

5.4 The closed cell expansion material will be subsidiary to Item 559.4 Asphaltic Plug Expansion Joint.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATION

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 560– PREFABRICATED COMPRESSION SEAL EXPANSION JOINT

This supplemental specification replaces Section 560 – Prefabricated Compression Seal Expansion Joint.

Replace Section 560 with the following:

Description

1.1 This work shall consist of fabricating, furnishing and installing one of the following: (a) watertight prefabricated expansion joint utilizing a single preformed polychloroprene elastomeric (neoprene) compression seal, (b) watertight prefabricated expansion joint utilizing a single preformed polychloroprene elastomeric compression seal with a prefabricated plow plates, in accordance with the contract plans, specifications, and the manufacturer’s recommendations.

Materials

2.1 Compression Seal. The compression seal shall be polychloroprene elastomeric (neoprene) material conforming to AASHTO M297 (ASTM D3542) and meet the configuration shown on the plans and shall be a product as included on the Qualified Products List. Each seal shall be furnished full length. Splices in the length of an individual seal will not be permitted unless the splices are made at the plant by the manufacturer of the seal with the approval of the Department. The seal material shall be identified with the production date, manufacturer’s name or trademark, and lot number.

2.2 Steel Members. Steel members for prefabricated expansion joint and plow plates shall conform to specifications AASHTO M 223/M 223M (ASTM A 572/A 572M) Grade 50. Minor steel plates and stop bars may conform to specifications AASHTO M 183/M 183M (ASTM A 36/A 36M).

2.2.1 Studs shall meet the requirements of AASHTO M 169 (ASTM A 108).

2.2.2 All steel members shall be galvanized conforming to Section 550.2.9 and Section 708, Appendix A, 3.2.3, 3.2.4 and 3.2.5. If distortion becomes an issue, an approved zinc rich coating shall be used as approved by the Engineer.

2.2.3 Anchorage of the compression seal expansion joint to the backwall and deck, between the curb lines, shall be made using a loop rebar attached to a joint support plate and shall be spaced at 1'-0" (300 mm) maximum, as shown on the plans. Brush curb and sidewalk anchorage shall be made of stud anchors and shall be spaced at 1'-6" (450 mm) maximum, as shown on the plans. The anchorage reinforcement shall extend into the backwall or curb reinforcement cage for proper anchorage.
2.3 Lubricant Adhesive. Lubricant adhesive shall be a one-part moisture curing polyurethane and aromatic hydrocarbon solvent mixture meeting the requirements of ASTM D4070 for use in lubricating preformed bridge seals for insertion and adhesion to metal and concrete surfaces.

2.3.1 Each lot of adhesive shall be delivered in containers plainly marked with the manufacturer’s name or trademark and shall be accompanied by the manufacturer’s affidavit attesting conformance with the specification.

2.4. Bolts for Plow Plates and Anchor Rods.

2.4.1 Bolts for the plow plates in roadway shall be ¾” diameter high-strength hexhead bolts conforming to ASTM A325, galvanized.

2.4.2 Anchor rods shall conform to ASTM 307, galvanized.

Construction Requirements

3.1 General. The expansion joint assembly shall be fabricated at an AISC certified plant with a certification in accordance to Section 550.3.2.

3.2 Fabrication.

3.2.1 Submittals. Shop fabrication drawings showing all details of the complete expansion joint assembly, such as dimensions, anchorage and welding procedures shall be submitted for approval in accordance with 105.02. Approval of the shop fabrication drawings shall be required prior to the manufacture of the assembly. Detailed welding procedures shall be considered an integral part of shop fabrication drawings and shall be submitted for approval along with the shop fabrication drawings. The shop fabrication drawings shall indicate the welding procedure to be used for each weld shown. The name of the manufacturer of the elastomeric compression seal shall be shown on the shop fabrication drawings. Original shop fabrication drawings, corrected, shall be delivered to the Department before the final payment is made.

3.2.1.1 The manufacturer instructions for the proper installation of the joint system shall be shown on the shop drawings. Shop drawings that lack the manufacturer installation instruction, may be returned without approval.

3.2.2 Fabrication and workmanship shall be performed in accordance with the applicable provisions of 550.3.

3.2.3 Preblast. All steel elements shall be blast cleaned before fabrication in conformance with the requirements of SSPC-SP 10, Near White Blast Cleaning. At the fabricators option, surfaces to be welded may be ground to bare metal. If the product is to be galvanized, blasting is not required before galvanizing.

3.2.4 Welding of steel shall be performed in accordance with 550.3.6. Welding shall be performed by prequalified welders and welding operators.
3.2.5 Stud Welding.

3.2.5.1 Studs shall be welded using automatically-timed stud welding equipment in accordance with AASHTO Welding Specifications, Section 7 (see Section 550.3.6.10). Welding by SMAW is an option only if approved by the Department.

3.2.5.2 Automatic equipment. Studs shall be welded with automatically timed stud welding equipment connected to a suitable source of direct current straight polarity power. Welding voltage, current, time, and gun settings for lift and plunge should be set at optimum settings, based on past practice, recommendations of stud and equipment manufacturer, or both. AWS C5.4, Recommended Practices for Stud Welding, should also be used for technique guidance.

3.2.5.3 Testing. The first two welded studs installed and ten percent (10%) of the remaining studs shall be tested. The test shall consist of bending the studs, after they are allowed to cool, to an angle of approximately 15 degrees from their original axes by either striking the studs on the head with a hammer or placing a pipe or other suitable hollow device over the stud and manually or mechanically bending the stud. If any studs fail the test, then all studs shall be tested. Acceptable bent studs shall be left in the bent position.

3.2.6 Shipping and adjusting devices required to ship, install, and adjust the joint assembly on the bridge shall be provided at approximately 4 ft. (1 m) spacings and shall be furnished and installed by the fabricator.

3.2.7 The joint system shall be fabricated by the manufacturer and delivered to the bridge site completely assembled, unless otherwise specified in the contract documents. The compression seal will be clearly identified for the corresponding joint location.

3.3 Inspection.

3.3.1 Notice. The fabricator shall give ample notice (two weeks minimum) of the beginning of work so that arrangements can be made for inspection. No materials shall be fabricated before the Engineer has been so notified.

3.3.2 The Department will inspect the fabrication of expansion joints. This inspection will include the examination of materials, welding, testing, work procedures, painting, and the final fabricated product.

3.3.3 The Engineer may waive shop inspection and make a complete inspection at a later stage in the construction sequence.

3.3.4 The Engineer shall visually inspect the seal material to confirm size, configuration, and identify possible defects in seal due to manufacturing or shipment. Any seal with defects shall be replaced at the Contractor’s costs.

3.3.5 When the materials are delivered to the job site, the manufacturer shall provide a certification to the Engineer that all materials meet the specification requirements.
3.4 **Installation.** The joint assembly shall be installed in the bridge as shown on the plans, in strict accordance with the manufacturer’s written instructions along with the advice of their qualified representative.

3.4.1 Class AA concrete shall be placed as blockout filler as directed.

3.4.2 The joint system shall be set to line and grade and 1/8” lower, with vertical offset as detailed on the plans, ensuring that the system’s uppermost plane parallels the finished roadway profile.

3.4.3 In order for the expansion joint to be installed properly, it must be set at a width that is directly dependent upon the ambient temperature at the start of installation under the direction of the Engineer, as shown on the contract plans. The width setting shall be accomplished through the use of mechanical devices supplied by the fabricator.

3.4.4 Cleaning the mating surfaces of the steel elements shall be performed just prior to installing the seal. The steel and seal surfaces shall be cleaned in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

3.4.5 Immediately after the joint has been secured to the structural steel and the abutment, the shipping and adjustment devices shall be removed and any bolt holes plug welded. Any welds on exposed surfaces shall be grind smooth. Repair any damaged galvanized surfaces according to Section 550.2.9.1.

3.4.6 The compression seal shall be inserted into the joint with tools that will not damage the seal and will place the seal at the proper level in the joint. The seal shall be installed in the joint without stretching.

3.4.7 The depth of setting the compression seal below the joint surface is critical to its performance. The seal shall be set in accordance to the depth indicated on the plans or per manufacturer’s recommendation.

3.5 **Watertight Integrity Test.** At least five work days after the joint system has been fully installed, the Contractor shall test the entire (full length) joint system for watertight integrity employing a method satisfactory to the Engineer. The entire joint system shall be covered with water, either ponded or flowing, for a minimum duration of 15 minutes. The concrete surfaces under the joint shall be inspected, during this 15 minute period and also for a minimum of 45 minutes after the supply of water has stopped, for any evidence of dripping water or moisture. Watertightness shall be interpreted to be no free dripping water on any surface on the underside of the joint. Patches of moisture shall not be cause for non-acceptance.

Should the joint system exhibit evidence of water leakage at any place whatsoever, the Contractor shall locate the place(s) of leakage and take all measures necessary to stop the leakage. The repair procedure shall be recommended by the manufacturer and approved by the Engineer. This work shall be done at the Contractor's expense. A subsequent water integrity test shall be performed subject to the same conditions and consequences as the original test.
Method of Measurement

4.1 Prefabricated compression seal expansion joint will not be measured but shall be the linear foot (linear meter) final pay quantities in accordance with 109.11 for expansion joint required as shown on the plans.

4.2 Prefabricated compression seal expansion joint with plow plates will not be measured but shall be the linear foot (linear meter) final pay quantities in accordance with 109.11 for expansion joints required as shown on the plans.

Basis of Payment

5.1 Prefabricated compression seal expansion joint are final pay quantity items and will be paid for at the Contract unit price per linear foot (linear meter) complete in place in accordance with 109.11.

5.2 Prefabricated compression seal expansion joint with plow plates are final pay quantity items and will be paid for at the Contract unit price per linear foot (linear meter) complete in place in accordance with 109.11.

Pay item and unit:

- 560.10XX Prefabricated Compression Seal Expansion Joint (F) Linear Foot (Linear Meter)
- 560.12XX Prefabricated Compression Seal Expansion Joint w/Plow Plates (F) Linear Foot (Linear Meter)
- 560.13XX Prefabricated Compression Seal Expansion Joint – Rehabilitation (F) Linear Foot (Linear Meter)
SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATION

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 561– PREFABRICATED EXPANSION JOINT

This supplemental specification replaces Section 561 – Prefabricated Expansion Joint.

Replace Section 561 with the following:

Description

1.1 This work shall consist of fabricating, furnishing and installing a watertight prefabricated expansion joint system utilizing one of the following: (a) single preformed elastomeric strip seal with steel locking extrusions (edge rails), (b) single preformed elastomeric strip seal with steel locking extrusions (edge rails) and plow plates, (c) prefabricated finger joint, (d) modular bridge joint system (MBJS) in accordance with the contract plans, specifications and the manufacture’s recommendations.

Materials

2.1 Preformed Elastomeric Strip Seal Expansion Joint System. The single preformed elastomeric strip seal joint systems with steel locking extrusions (edge rails) shall conform to the requirements of ASTM D5973, meet the configuration as shown on the plans, and be a product as included on the Qualified Products List. Each seal shall be furnished full length. Splices in the length of an individual seal will not be permitted unless the splices are made at the plant by the manufacturer of the seal with the approval of the Department. The seal material shall be identified with the production date, manufacturer’s name or trademark, and lot number.

2.1.1 Steel members. Steel members for the preformed elastomeric strip seal expansion joint system and plow plates shall conform to specifications AASHTO M 223/M 223M (ASTM A 572/A 572M) Grade 50. Minor steel plates and extrusions may conform to specifications AASHTO M 183/M 183M (ASTM A 36/A 36M).

2.1.1.1 Studs shall meet the requirements of AASHTO M 169 (ASTM A 108).

2.1.1.2 All steel members shall be galvanized conforming to Section 550.2.9 and Section 708, Appendix A, 3.2.3, 3.2.4 and 3.2.5. If distortion becomes an issue, an approved zinc rich coating shall be used as approved by the Engineer.

2.1.1.3 Anchorage of the preformed elastomeric strip seal expansion joint to the backwall and deck, between the curb lines, shall be made using a loop rebar attached to a joint support plate and shall be spaced at 1'-0” (300 mm) maximum, as shown on the plans. Brush curb and sidewalk anchorage shall be made of stud anchors and shall be spaced at 1'-6” (460 mm) maximum, as shown on the plans. The anchorage reinforcement shall extend into the backwall or curb reinforcement cage for proper anchorage.
2.1.2 Lubricant adhesive. Lubricant adhesive shall be a one-part moisture curing polyurethane and aromatic hydrocarbon solvent mixture meeting the requirements of ASTM D4070 for use in lubricating preformed bridge seals for insertion and adhesion to metal and concrete surfaces.

2.1.2.1 Each lot of adhesive shall be delivered in containers plainly marked with the manufacturer’s name or trademark and shall be accompanied by the manufacturer’s affidavit attesting conformance with the specification.

2.1.3 Bolts for Plow Plates and Anchor Rods.

2.1.3.1 Bolts for the plow plates in roadway shall be ¾” diameter high-strength hexhead bolts conforming to ASTM A325, galvanized.

2.1.3.2 Anchor rods shall conform to ASTM 307, galvanized.

2.2 Prefabricated Finger Joint System. The prefabricated finger joint system shall meet the configuration and details as shown on the plans.

2.2.1 Steel members. Steel members for the prefabricated finger joint system shall conform to specifications AASHTO M 223/M 223M (ASTM A 572/A 572M) Grade 50. Minor steel plates may conform to specifications AASHTO M 183/M 183M (ASTM A 36/A 36M).

2.2.1.1 Studs shall meet the requirements of AASHTO M 169 (ASTM A 108).

2.2.1.2 All steel members shall be galvanized conforming to Section 550.2.9 and Section 708, Appendix A, 3.2.3, 3.2.4 and 3.2.5. If distortion becomes an issue, an approved zinc rich coating shall be used as approved by the Engineer.

2.2.1.3 Anchorage of the prefabricated finger joint to the backwall and deck, between the curb lines, shall be made using a loop rebar attached to a joint support plate and shall be spaced at 1'-0” (300 mm) maximum, as shown on the plans. Brush curb and sidewalk anchorage shall be made of stud anchors and shall be spaced at 1'-6” (460 mm) maximum, as shown on the plans. The anchorage reinforcement shall extend into the backwall or curb reinforcement cage for proper anchorage.

2.2.2 Fabric trough. The preformed fabric trough shall be a product as included on the Qualified Products List and shall be a multi-layer sheet composed of multi-plies of 15 oz. per square yard (5%) polyester laminated with butadiene acrylonitrile and vulcanized to form an integral laminate, meeting the following requirements:

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2.2.3 **Bolts and Anchor Rods.**

2.2.3.1 Bolts in roadway plates shall be ¾” diameter high-strength hexhead bolts conforming to ASTM A325, galvanized.

2.2.3.2 Bolts in curb or sidewalk plates shall be ¾” diameter countersunk head bolts with socket head and conforming to ASTM A276, Type 304, stainless steel.

2.2.3.3 Anchor rods shall conform to ASTM 307, galvanized.

2.3 **Modular Bridge Joint System (MBJS).** The modular bridge joint system shall be designed in accordance the current AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, Article 14.5, “Bridge Joints”, and meet the current AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, Section 19, “Bridge Deck Joint Seal”. The MBJS shall be prequalified by satisfying all testing requirements detailed in the current AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, Appendix A19. MBJS shall meet the configuration as shown on the plans and shall be a product as included on the Qualified Products List.

2.3.1 **Steel members.** Steel members for the modular bridge joint system shall conform to specifications AASHTO M 223/M 223M (ASTM A 572/A 572M) Grade 50. Minor steel plates may conform to specifications AASHTO M 183/M 183M (ASTM A 36/A 36M).

2.3.1.1 Studs shall meet the requirements of AASHTO M 169 (ASTM A 108).

2.3.1.2 All steel members shall be galvanized conforming to Section 550.2.9 and Section 708, Appendix A, 3.2.3, 3.2.4 and 3.2.5. If distortion becomes an issue, an approved zinc rich coating shall be used as approved by the Engineer.

2.3.1.3 Anchorage of the modular bridge joint system to the backwall and deck, between the curb lines, shall be made using a loop rebar attached to a joint support plate and shall be spaced at 1’-0” (300 mm) maximum, as shown on the plans. Brush curb and sidewalk anchorage shall be made of stud anchors and shall be spaced at 1’-6” (460 mm) maximum, as shown on the plans. The anchorage reinforcement shall extend into the backwall or curb reinforcement cage for proper anchorage.

2.3.2 **Lubricant adhesive.** Lubricant adhesive shall be a one-part moisture curing polyurethane and aromatic hydrocarbon solvent mixture meeting the requirements of ASTM D4070 for use in lubricating preformed bridge seals for insertion and adhesion to metal and concrete surfaces.

2.3.2.1 Each lot of adhesive shall be delivered in containers plainly marked with the manufacturer’s name or trademark and shall be accompanied by the manufacturer’s affidavit attesting conformance with the specification.

2.3.3 **Preformed elastomeric strip seal.** Preformed elastomeric strip seal joint system with steel locking extrusions (edge rails) shall conform to the requirements of ASTM D5973, meet the configuration as shown on the plans, and be a product as included on the Qualified Products List. Each seal shall be furnished full length. Splices in the length of an individual seal will not be permitted unless the splices are made at the plant by the manufacturer of the seal with the approval of the Department. The seal material shall be identified with the production date, manufacturer’s name or trademark, and lot number.
2.3.4 Urethane foam shall conform to ASTM D3574.

2.3.5 Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) shall be 100% Virgin Teflon, woven PTFE fabric, or dimpled PTFE conforming to the requirements of the current AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, Section 18.8 and shall be provided on every sliding surface.

2.3.6 Stainless steel sheets shall conform to ASTM A240/A240M, Type 304, and shall be provided on every sliding surface. ASTM A240/A240 M, Type 316 shall be used for a severe environment.

2.3.7 Springs, bearings, and equidistance devices (control springs) shall be the same material composition and formulation, manufacturer, fabrication procedure, and configuration as the ones used in the prequalification test.

Construction Requirements

3.1 General. The expansion joint assembly shall be fabricated at an AISC certified plant with a certification in accordance to Section 550.3.2.

3.1.1 For a MBJS, the manufacturer shall have a minimum of three years experience in designing and fabricating modular bridge expansion joint systems. The Contractor shall provide written certification of the manufacturer’s experience.

3.2 Fabrication.

3.2.1 Submittals. Shop fabrication drawings showing all details of the complete expansion joint assembly such as dimensions, anchorages, and welding procedures shall be submitted for approval in accordance with 105.02. Approval of the shop fabrication drawings shall be required prior to the manufacture of the assembly. Detailed welding procedures shall be considered an integral part of shop fabrication drawings and shall be submitted for approval along with the shop fabrication drawings. The shop fabrication drawings shall indicate the welding procedure to be used for each weld shown. The name of the manufacturer of the preformed elastomeric strip seal shall be shown on the shop fabrication drawings. Original shop fabrication drawings, corrected, shall be delivered to the Department before the final payment is made.

3.2.1.1 The manufacturer instructions for the proper installation of the joint system shall be shown on the shop drawings. Shop drawings that lack the manufacturer installation instruction, may be returned without approval.

3.2.1.2 For modular bridge joint systems, the Contractor shall submit details of the MBJS to be used together with installation and waterproofing plans for approval in accordance with 105.02 prior to fabrication. The shop fabrication drawings shall be in accordance with Section 3.2.1 and the current AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, Section 19.

3.2.1.3 For modular bridge joint systems, the Contractor shall submit test reports and certificates of the MBJS in accordance with the current AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, Section 19, for review and approval in accordance with 105.02 prior to fabrications. The Contractor shall also submit documentation of a Quality Assurance Inspection program performed by an independent inspection agency provided by the manufacturer. The name of the independent inspection agency, details of the proposed quality assurance inspection
program including inspection frequency, and all applicable reporting forms shall be submitted prior to the start of fabrications.

3.2.2 Fabrication and workmanship shall be performed in accordance with the applicable provisions of 550.3.

3.2.3 Preblast. All steel elements shall be blast cleaned before fabrication in conformance with the requirements of SSPC-SP 10, Near White Blast Cleaning. At the fabricators option, surfaces to be welded may be ground to bare metal. If the product is to be galvanized, blasting is not required before galvanizing.

3.2.4 Welding of steel shall be performed in accordance with 550.3.6. Welding shall be performed by prequalified welders and welding operators.

3.2.5 Stud Welding.

3.2.5.1 Studs shall be welded using automatically-timed stud welding equipment in accordance with AASHTO Welding Specifications, Section 7 (see Section 550.3.6.10). Welding by SMAW is an option only if approved by the Department.

3.2.5.2 Automatic equipment. Studs shall be welded with automatically timed stud welding equipment connected to a suitable source of direct current straight polarity power. Welding voltage, current, time, and gun settings for lift and plunge should be set at optimum settings, based on past practice, recommendations of stud and equipment manufacturer, or both. AWS C5.4, Recommended Practices for Stud Welding, should also be used for technique guidance.

3.2.5.3 Testing. The first two welded studs installed and ten percent (10%) of the remaining studs shall be tested. The test shall consist of bending the studs, after they are allowed to cool, to an angle of approximately 15 degrees from their original axes by either striking the studs on the head with a hammer or placing a pipe or other suitable hollow device over the stud and manually or mechanically bending the stud. If any studs fail the test, then all studs shall be tested. Acceptable bent studs shall be left in the bent position.

3.2.6 Shipping and adjusting devices required to ship, install, and adjust the joint assembly on the bridge shall be provided at approximately 4 ft. (1 m) spacing and shall be furnished and installed by the fabricator.

3.2.7 The joint system shall be fabricated by the manufacturer and delivered to the bridge site completely assembled, unless otherwise specified in the contract documents. For single preformed elastomeric strip seal expansion joint systems, the preformed elastomeric strip seal will be shipped concurrent with the joint system and will be clearly identified as the joint location corresponding to the strip seal.

3.3 Inspection.

3.3.1 Notice. The fabricator shall give ample notice (two weeks minimum) of the beginning of work so that arrangements can be made for inspection. No materials shall be fabricated before the Engineer has been so notified.
3.3.2 The Department will inspect the fabrication of expansion joints. This inspection will include the examination of materials, welding, testing, work procedures, painting, and the final fabricated product.

3.3.3 The Engineer may waive shop inspection and make a complete inspection at a later stage in the construction sequence.

3.3.4 The Engineer shall visually inspect the seal material to confirm size, configuration, and identify possible defects in seal due to manufacturing or shipment. Any seal with defects shall be replaced at the Contractor’s costs.

3.3.5 When the materials are delivered to the job site, the manufacturer shall provide a certification to the Engineer that all materials meet the specification requirements.

3.3.6 **Pre-installation inspection.** Immediately prior to installation, the Engineer shall inspect the MBJS and the blockout for the following:

   (a) Proper alignment.
   (b) Complete bond between the seals and the steel.
   (c) Proper placement and effectiveness of studs or other anchorage devices.
   (d) The proper placement of waterproofing membranes shall be verified, if utilized.
   (e) The clearance specified on the drawings (3.0 inches [75 mm] is recommended) between the bottoms of the support boxes of MBJS and the surface of the blockout should be verified.
   (f) Conformance with the current AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, Section 19.5.4.2.

3.4 **Installation.** The joint assembly shall be installed in the bridge as shown on the plans, in strict accordance with the manufacturer’s written instructions along with the advice of their qualified representative. Installation of MBJS shall also be installed be in accordance with the current AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, Section 19.5.

3.4.1 For the installation of MBJS, a qualified installation technician shall be present at the job site to assure a proper installation of each expansion joint system. This technician shall be a full time employee of the manufacturer of the specific expansion joint system being installed. The Contractor shall comply with all recommendations made by the expansion joint manufacturer’s installation technician as approved by the Engineer. Each expansion joint system manufacturer’s installation technician shall certify to the Engineer that the Contractor properly followed the approved installation procedures. All certifications to the Engineer shall be in writing and shall be signed and dated by the manufacturer’s installation technician.

3.4.2 Class AA concrete shall be placed as blockout filler as directed.

3.4.3 The joint system shall be set to line and grade, with vertical offset as detailed on the plans, ensuring that the system’s uppermost plane parallels the finished roadway profile.

3.4.4 In order for the expansion joint to be installed properly, it must be set at a width that is directly dependent upon the ambient temperature at the start of installation under the direction of the Engineer, as shown on the contract plans. The width setting shall be accomplished through the use of mechanical devices supplied by the fabricator.
3.4.5 Cleaning the mating surfaces of the steel elements shall be performed just prior to installing the seal. The steel and seal surfaces shall be cleaned in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

3.4.6 Immediately after the joint has been secured to the structural steel and the abutment, the shipping and adjustment devices shall be removed and any bolt holes plug welded. Any welds on exposed surfaces shall be ground smooth. Repair any damaged galvanized surfaces according to Section 550.2.9.1.

3.4.7 For a finger expansion joint system, a water collection and drainage system shall be located as shown on the plans. The drainage system shall catch and channel all water to a point where it can be discharged away from the superstructure and substructure.

3.4.7.1 The hopper and downspout shall be secured to the concrete substructure at 10-foot (3 meters) intervals (maximum) or as shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

3.4.8 Watertight Integrity Test for the Strip Seal Expansion Joint System. After the joint system has been fully installed, the Contractor shall test the entire (full length) joint system for watertight integrity employing a method satisfactory to the Engineer. The entire joint system shall be covered with water, either ponded or flowing, for a minimum duration of 15 minutes. The concrete surfaces under the joint shall be inspected, during this 15 minute period and also for a minimum of 45 minutes after the supply of water has stopped, for any evidence of dripping water or moisture. Water tightness shall be interpreted to be no free dripping water on any surface on the underside of the joint. Patches of moisture shall not be cause for non-acceptance.

Should the joint system exhibit evidence of water leakage at any place whatsoever, the Contractor shall locate the place(s) of leakage and take all measures necessary to stop the leakage. The repair procedure shall be recommended by the manufacturer and approved by the Engineer. This work shall be done at the Contractor's expense. A subsequent water integrity test shall be performed subject to the same conditions and consequences as the original test.

3.4.9 Watertight Integrity Test for the Fabric Trough of the Finger Expansion Joint. After the joint system has been fully installed, the Contractor shall test the entire length of the fabric trough for watertight integrity employing a method satisfactory to the Engineer. The entire joint system shall be covered with flowing water for a minimum duration of 15 minutes. The fabric trough, during this 15 minute period, shall be inspected for any evidence of dripping or splashing water. Water tightness shall be interpreted as all free dripping water is collected into the fabric trough and flows down the trough into the downspout. No free dripping water shall be outside the trough or splashing occurring at the entrance to the downspout.

Should the expansion joint exhibit evidence of water not being collected in the trough at any place whatsoever, the Contractor shall locate the problem place(s) and take all measures necessary to ensure that the fabric trough will collect all the water. The repair procedure shall be approved by the Engineer. This work shall be done at the Contractor's expense. A subsequent water integrity test shall be performed subject to the same conditions and consequences as the original test.
3.4.10 Watertight Integrity Test for the MBJS. After the joint system is installed and completed, the MBJS shall be flooded for a minimum of 1 hour to a minimum depth of 3.0 inches [75 mm], in accordance with the current AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, Section 19.5. For phase construction, the MBJS shall be flooded as noted above, for each completed phase. If leakage is observed, the MJBS shall be repaired to the Engineer’s satisfaction and retested at the Contractor’s expense. The repair procedure shall be recommended by the manufacturer and approved by the Engineer.

Method of Measurement

4.1 Prefabricated expansion joints, of the type specified, will not be measured, but shall be the linear foot (linear meter) final pay quantities in accordance with 109.11 for prefabricated expansion joints required as shown on the plans.

Basis of Payment

5.1 Prefabricated expansion joints, of the type specified, are final pay quantity items and will be paid for at the Contract unit price per linear foot (linear meter) complete in place in accordance with 109.11

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