



**DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
PARTIAL DEPTH BRIDGE DECK PATCHING**

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09029.01 DESCRIPTION.

Partial depth bridge deck patching consists of removing deteriorated bridge deck concrete in areas designated by the contract documents. This includes furnishing and placing patching material to provide a new traffic surface. This work is in areas where the size, shape, and depth of patch depends on the extent of deck deterioration and will be determined during the removal operation.

09029.02 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.

A. Materials.

1. The following concrete mixes have been approved for patching of bridge decks:
 - Pave Patch 3000 by Conspec Marketing & Manufacturing, Inc.
 - Euco Speed MP by Euclid Chemical Company
 - Futura by W.R. Meadows, Inc.
2. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for the patching mix except as modified by this specification. Furnish two copies of the manufacturer's product information to the Engineer at the Preconstruction Conference.
3. Calcium chloride shall not be added to patching mix.
4. Patching mixes may be used with or without coarse aggregate. For repair areas larger than 1 square foot (0.3 square meters) and deeper than 1 inch (25 mm), coarse aggregate shall be used.
5. Aggregate for extending grout shall be pea gravel with a minimum durability of Class 2 meeting the following gradation:

| Sieve Size | Percent Passing |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 0.5 inch (12.5 mm) | 100 |
| 0.375 inch (9.5 mm) | 85 - 100 |
| No. 8 (2.36 mm) | 0 - 8 |

6. Manufacturer's recommendations shall be followed for adding aggregates to these mixes.

B. Equipment.

1. Remove existing deck surface material by wet or dry saws, jack hammers, or similar equipment. Hand equipment may be necessary to achieve a vertical edge and designated shape.
2. The following additional equipment will be required:
 - a. Sandblasting equipment for cleaning the prepared patch area before placing the patch.
 - b. Preparation of the patch area shall be completed using equipment no heavier than a 15 pound (7 kg) air chisel. With the approval of the Engineer, a 30 pound (14 kg) air chisel may be used if its use does not result in significant damage to patch area and edges.
 - c. Compressed air for cleaning the prepared area shall be oil and moisture free.
 - d. An on-site mortar or paddle type concrete mixer shall be used for mixing patching material.

09029.03 CONSTRUCTION.

Tabulations for partial depth bridge deck finish patches shown in the contract documents are for estimating purposes only. The Engineer will designate the location and limits of the patches. The shape and depth may be irregular, thus requiring the use of hand-operated equipment for some or all removal. Existing deck material shall be removed within the designated area to sound concrete as determined by the Engineer. All material removed and not designated for salvage shall become the property of the Contractor and be removed in accordance with Article 1104.08 of the Standard Specifications.

Visually survey the bottom of the deck over open roadways or railroads prior to beginning removal operations. Care shall be taken to prevent material from falling onto traffic below. Lane closures below the bridge deck being patched may be required.

A. Preparation of Patch Area.

1. Area to be Patched.

The Engineer will determine areas to be patched by hand sounding. The patching area will normally include 2 to 3 inches (50 mm to 75 mm) of sound concrete around patch edges. Efforts will be made to mark the patching area to accommodate sawing patch edges by using a square, triangle, rectangle, or similar straight edged shape. The minimum depth of patch shall be 1 inch (25 mm).

2. Sawing.

- a. Determine the depth of existing reinforcing bars before sawing.
- b. Saw at a depth of 0.75 to 1 inch (20 to 25 mm) around the designated area. Care shall be taken to avoid cutting into reinforcing bars.
- c. Keep areas where concrete has been removed free of slurry produced from wet sawing.

3. Removal.

- a. Remove unsound concrete to a minimum depth of 1 inch (25 mm) and no deeper than 1 inch (25 mm) below the top mat of reinforcing steel. Avoid jack hammering on reinforcing steel to prevent damage to reinforcing bars. Care shall to be taken to avoid breaking

through the bridge deck. Keep patch edges as straight and square as possible when removal depth exceeds the initial sawcut.

- b. Within 24 hours prior to placing patching material, thoroughly clean all reinforcing bars and newly exposed concrete by sand blasting or shot blasting. Where the bond between existing concrete and reinforcing steel has been broken, remove the concrete adjacent to the reinforcing bar to a depth that will permit new concrete to bond to the entire periphery of the exposed bar. A minimum of 0.75 inch (20 mm) clearance will be required around the bar. Exercise care to prevent cutting, stretching, or damaging reinforcing steel. Do not sand blast or shot blast epoxy coated reinforcing steel. Clean epoxy coated reinforcing steel with hand tools and compressed air to avoid damaging the epoxy coating. Repair damage to the epoxy coating by a method approved by the Engineer.
- c. After sand blasting, remove all loose material with compressed air.

4. Patching Mix Placement.

- a. Place patching mix according to the patching material manufacturer's recommendations and subject to the approval of the Engineer. Furnish two copies of these recommendations to the Engineer at the Preconstruction Conference.
- b. Thoroughly trowel patching mix into patch edges to ensure a good bond and seal. Ensure that all saw cuts extending beyond the patch area are filled with patching material to prevent water from getting around or under the patch.
- c. Protect and cure patches according to the manufacturer's recommendations.
- d. Match profile of patches to the existing deck grade and cross slope. Texture the surface of patches to match the adjacent deck surface.
- e. Prior to final acceptance, the patch shall be level with the adjacent pavement and have a smooth riding surface.

B. Limitations of Operations.

1. Maintain traffic during construction unless the road is closed. Conduct all operations with minimum inconvenience to traffic. Lane closures shall be in accordance with the Traffic Control Plan. On two-lane roadways, limit work to one traffic lane at a time except for minor encroachment in the adjacent lane for sawing and patch preparation when traffic is maintained. For multiple lane roadways, the work area may include one lane in each direction.
2. When approved by the Engineer, patch areas may extend up to 2 feet (0.6 m) into an adjacent lane as allowed by the Traffic Control Plan.
3. Place patch material within 24 hours of sawing operations.
4. If unforeseen conditions result in excavated areas being left open overnight, furnish a sufficient number of flaggers to warn motorists and direct traffic until patches are complete and the roadway is open to normal traffic. The cost of providing these flaggers shall be at no additional cost to the Contracting Authority.
5. Place concrete patching material only when the ambient air and pavement temperatures are in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
6. Open patched areas to traffic as soon as the manufacturer's recommended patch strength is achieved.

C. Area Restoration.

Keep the bridge deck surface and areas immediately adjacent to patch areas clean of slurry and excess patch materials.

09029.04 METHOD OF MEASUREMENT.

- A. The Engineer will calculate the area of each Partial Depth Bridge Deck Finish Patch in square feet (square meters) from surface measurements.
- B. The area of each patch less than 1 square foot (0.1 m^2) will be counted as 1 square foot (0.1 m^2) for payment purposes.

09029.05 BASIS OF PAYMENT.

- A. Payment for Partial Depth Bridge Deck Finish Patch will be at the contract unit price per square foot (square meter).
- B. Payment is full compensation for sawing, removal of bridge deck concrete, preparing patch area, furnishing and placing patch material, finishing, curing, and restoration of the area.