



**SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
FOR  
PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVERS**

**Black Hawk County  
NHSX-058-1(94)--3H-07**

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February 20, 2018**

**THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, SERIES 2015, ARE AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS. THESE ARE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND THEY SHALL PREVAIL OVER THOSE PUBLISHED IN THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.**

**150365.01 DESCRIPTION.**

**A. Summary.**

This special provision includes all labor, materials, equipment, and supervision required to furnish and to install PCC pavers. This includes the requirements for PCC pavers, sand setting bed, paver joint filler, installation of sand setting bed, paver and joint filler installation.

**B. Submittals.**

1. Paver manufacturer's material test data certifying pavers comply with specification.
  - a. Testing shall be performed by an independent testing agency retained by the paver manufacturer.
  - b. Test results shall indicate project name and pallet numbers corresponding to pavers delivered to the job site.
2. Six paver samples representing actual size, shape, and color range. Samples will be retained by the Contracting Authority.
3. Detectable warning paver sample.
4. Setting bed and joint filler sand material sample.
5. Setting bed and joint filler sand gradation reports.

**C. Site Disturbances.**

1. Take precautions to insure equipment and vehicles do not disturb or damage existing site grading, walks, drives, utilities, plants, etc.

2. Repair and/or return to original condition any damage caused by Contractor's negligence at no cost to Contracting Authority.
3. Provide temporary barricades and warning lights as required for protection of project work and public safety.

**D. Delivery, Storage and Handling.**

**1. Delivery.**

- a. Deliver materials in manufacturer's original, unopened, undamaged containers packaging with identification labels intact.
- b. Unload pavers at job site in such a manner that no damage occurs to the product.

**2. Storage and Protection.**

- a. Store materials protected such that they are kept free from mud, dirt, and other foreign materials.
- b. Cover bedding sand and joint sand with waterproof covering if needed to prevent exposure to rainfall or removal by wind. Secure the covering in place.

**E. Environmental Requirements.**

1. Do not install sand or pavers during heavy rain or snowfall.
2. Do not install frozen sand or saturated sand.
3. Do not install concrete pavers on frozen or saturated sand.

**150365.02 MATERIALS.**

**A. Concrete Pavers.**

1. Concrete Paving Units: UNI-Stone as manufactured by a member of UNI-Group USA, or a member of the Interlocking Concrete Paving Institute (ICPI).
2. Concrete Paving Units shall comply with ASTM C 936.
3. Compressive Strength: Greater than 8000 psi. ASTM C 140.
4. Water Absorption: Maximum of 5% per ASTM C 140.
5. Freeze-thaw and de-icing salt durability per ASTM C 1645 (Saline test).
6. **Style and Size.**
  - a. Type 1: Holland stone paver; size: 4 inches by 8 inches (nominal) by 3 1/8 inches thick; Color: Tan / Brown Blend
  - b. Type 2: Holland stone paver; size: 4 inches by 8 inches (nominal) by 3 1/8 inches thick; Color: Charcoal.
  - c. Type 3: Holland stone paver; size: 4 inches by 8 inches (nominal) by 3 1/8 inches thick; Color: Concrete Gray.
  - d. Final color selection will be made from manufacturer's full range of colors and blends.

**B. Setting Bed Sand and Joint Filler Sand.**

1. Clean, non-plastic, free from deleterious or foreign matter, natural or manufactured from crushed rock. Do not use limestone screenings or stone dust that do not conform to the

grading requirements in Table 1. When concrete pavers are subject to vehicular traffic, the sands shall be as hard as practically available.

2. Sieve according to ASTM C 136.

**3. Setting Bed Sand.**

**Grading Requirements for Setting Bed Sand - ASTM C 33**

Sieve Size	Percent Passing
3/8 inch	100
No. 4	95 to 100
No. 8	85 to 100
No. 16	50 to 85
No. 30	25 to 60
No. 50	10 to 30
No. 100	2 to 10
No. 200	0 to 1

**4. Joint Filler Sand.**

**Grading Requirements for Joint Filler Sand**

	<b>ASTM C 144 Natural Sand</b>	<b>ASTM C 144 Manufactured Sand</b>
<b>Sieve Size</b>	<b>Percent Passing</b>	<b>Percent Passing</b>
No. 4	100	100
No. 8	95 to 100	95 to 100
No. 16	70 to 100	70 to 100
No. 30	40 to 75	40 to 100
No. 50	10 to 35	20 to 40
No. 100	2 to 15	10 to 25
No. 200	0 to 1	0 to 10

**150365.03 CONSTRUCTION**

**A. Preparation of Concrete Subslab.**

1. Inspect concrete subslab to insure surface is clean and built in conformance with details.
2. Verify elevation difference between concrete subslab and adjacent finish concrete surface to insure concrete pavers can be installed flush with bordering concrete pavement.

**B. Placing Setting Bed Sand.**

1. Spread the bedding sand evenly over the subslab and screed to a nominal 1 inch thickness, and not to exceed 1 1/2 inches thick.
2. The screeded sand should not be disturbed.

3. Place sufficient sand to stay ahead of the laid pavers.
4. Screeded area will not substantially exceed that which is covered by pavers in 1 day.

**C. Installation of PCC Pavers.**

1. After the sand setting bed has been installed, carefully place the pavers in straight courses with "hand" tight joints and uniform top surface.
2. Paver spacer bars will provide joints between pavers (joints may be between 1/16 inch and 3/16 inch wide and no more than 5% of the joints shall exceed 1/4 inch wide to achieve straight bond lines).
3. Paver Joint lines shall not deviate more than  $\pm 1/2$  inch over 50 feet from string lines.
4. Fill gaps at the edges of the paved area with cut pavers or edge units.
5. Cut pavers, to be placed along the edge, with a double blade paver splitter or masonry saw.
6. Adjust paver pattern at pavement edges such that cutting of edge pavers is minimized.
7. All cut pavers exposed shall be no smaller than one-third of a whole paver in length.
8. Cut pavers edges are to abut pavers only; a paver spacer bar must abut the cut edge of a paver.
9. Do not place cut paver edges against concrete.
10. Keep skid steer and forklift equipment off newly laid pavers that have not received initial compaction and joint sand.

**D. Joint Treatment.**

1. Use a low-amplitude plate compactor capable of at least minimum of 4000 pounds at a frequency of 75 to 100 Hz to vibrate the pavers into the sand. Remove any cracked or damaged pavers and replace with new units.
2. Simultaneously spread, sweep and compact dry joint sand into joints continuously until full. This will require at least four to six passes with a plate compactor. Do not compact within 6 feet of unrestrained edges of paving units.
3. All work within 6 feet of the laying face must shall be left fully compacted with sand-filled joints at the end of each day or compacted upon acceptance of the work. Cover the laying face or any incomplete areas with plastic sheets overnight if not closed with cut and compacted pavers with joint sand to prevent exposed bedding sand from becoming saturated from rainfall.
4. Remove excess sand from surface when installation is complete.
5. Allow excess joint sand to remain on surface to protect pavers from damage from other trades. Remove excess sand when directed by the Engineer.
6. Surface shall be broom clean after removal of excess joint sand.
7. Final joints will be from 0 inches to maximum of 1/4 inches for concrete pavers.

**E. Field Quality Control.**

1. The final surface tolerance from grade elevations shall not deviate more than  $\pm 3/8$  inch under a 10 foot straightedge.
2. Check final surface elevations for conformance to drawings.
3. The surface elevation of pavers shall be 1/8 inch to 1/4 inch above adjacent drainage inlets, concrete collars or channels.
4. Lippage: No greater than 1/8 inch difference in height between adjacent pavers.

**F. Cleaning.**

1. Clean concrete pavers in accordance with the manufacturer's written recommendations.
2. Sweep excess sand from paved surfaces and remove from site.
3. Remove all excess materials and debris from site.

**G. Protection.**

1. Contractor shall be responsible for protecting adjacent pavements and improvements during installation of PCC Pavers in Crosswalks.
2. After work in this section is complete, the Contractor shall be responsible for protecting work from damage due to subsequent construction activity on the site.

**150365.04 METHOD OF MEASUREMENT.**

The Engineer will measure the square foot (SF) surface area of the installed PCC Pavers (Type 1), PCC Pavers (Type 2) and PCC Pavers (Type 3).

**150365.05 BASIS OF PAYMENT.**

- A. Payment for PCC Pavers (Type 1), PCC Pavers (Type 2), and PCC Pavers (Type 3) includes all labor, materials, equipment, and supervision required to furnish and install concrete pavers.
- B. Unit Price (SF) for PCC Pavers (Type 1), PCC Pavers (Type 2) and PCC Pavers (Type 3) shall include subslab preparation, material and installation of pavers, sand setting bed and joint filler.