

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SPECIAL PROVISION NO. 907-626-12

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SUBJECT: Thermoplastic Traffic Markings

Section 626, Thermoplastic Traffic Markings, of the 2017 Edition of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction is hereby amended as follows.

Delete Section 626 on pages 492 thru 496, and substitute the following.

SECTION 626 - THERMOPLASTIC TRAFFIC MARKINGS

907-626.01--Description. This work consists of furnishing materials and placing thermoplastic pavement markings of the type specified in conformity with these specifications and the details shown on the plans or established. All hot-applied thermoplastic pavement markings shall be coated with a double-drop combination of optics.

This work may also consist of placing an audible bump or puck style marking system on the edge line that provides an audible and vibratory warning when driven over. The marking system shall be a road marking system of the dimensions indicated at regular and predetermined intervals.

This work may also consist of placing a profile or raised shape marking system on centerline or edge line that provides audible and vibratory warning when driven over. The marking system shall be a road marking system of the dimensions indicated and at regular and predetermined intervals. When placed on centerline, the markings system shall consist of an extruded black transverse thermoplastic bar of the dimensions indicated at regular and predetermined intervals.

This work may also consist of placing high contrast thermoplastic markings. High contrast thermoplastic markings shall consist of placing thermoplastic pavement markings over a black thermoplastic pavement marking to enhance the marking's visibility.

All pavement marking material, excluding lines over rumble strips, shall be applied using the extrusion/ribbon method. Lines placed over rumble strips shall be applied using the atomization/spray method, [unless the extrusion/ribbon method can be demonstrated to perform adequately and is approved by the Engineer.](#)

Permanent pavement marking tape (permanent cold plastic tape) may be used in lieu of hot applied thermoplastic markings. Substitution will only be allowed for pay items 907-626-A through H. Substituted pavement marking tape shall be of the same color and width as that required for the hot applied thermoplastic. Unless otherwise specified, the markings, whether hot applied or pavement marking tape, shall be of the same type of material for the entire project. Stop bars and crosswalks shall not be substituted with pavement marking tape and shall be alkyd hot-applied thermoplastic markings or heat-fused preformed pavement markings. Material and construction

requirements for substituted pavement marking tape shall meet the requirements of Special Provision 907-628. The layout and spacing for substituted pavement markings will remain as shown in the plans, or in the contract documents, for hot applied thermoplastic markings. Measurement of adhesive substituted pavement markings shall be made in accordance with Special Provision 907-628. Payment for adhesive substituted pavement markings shall be made at the unit price for the appropriate hot applied thermoplastic marking.

When thermoplastic pavement markings are used on bridge decks or concrete surfaces, the surface shall be sealed with an epoxy sealer prior to the application of thermoplastic.

907-626.02--Materials. All pavement marking materials shall meet the requirements of Special Provision 907-720.

907-626.02.1--Audible Bumps. Audible bumps shall have a profile such that the leading and trailing edges are sloped at a sufficient angle to create an audible and vibratory warning.

Audible bumps shall be at least 0.45 inches above the pavement surface at the highest point of the bump. The height shall be measured after the application of drop-on material. The bumps shall have a minimum dimension of two and one-half inches (2½") in both transverse and longitudinal directions. The bumps may have a drainage channel. The width of each drainage channel shall not exceed one-quarter of an inch (¼") at the bottom of the channel.

907-626.02.2--Audible Transverse Bars. The length of transverse bars is the measurement lateral to the direction of travel, also known as transverse width. The width of transverse bars is the measurement parallel to the travel way.

Transverse bars on centerline shall have a length of 10 inches, a width of three inches (3"), and a height of 350 mils. Transverse bars on centerline shall be placed on 2-foot centers through no-passing zones and 5-foot centers through passing zones. Transverse bars on centerline shall be placed in advance of permanent thermoplastic markings.

Transverse bars on edge lines shall have a length of six inches (6"), a width of three inches (3"), and a height of 350 mils. Transverse bars on edge lines shall be placed on 2-foot centers. Tolerance for the longitudinal and transverse measurements shall be one quarter of an inch (¼") and the tolerance for height shall be 50 mils. The above dimensions are based on 6-inch strip application.

Thermoplastic material for edge line transverse bars shall be as specified on the Plans and meet the requirements of Special Provision 907-720 or as specified on the plans. Thermoplastic material for centerline transverse bars shall be black and shall meet the requirements of Special Provision 907-720.

907-626.02.3--High Contrast Markings. High contrast markings shall be black with the pertinent marking color overlaid on top and shall meet the requirements of Special Provision 907-720.

907-626.03--Construction Requirements.

907-626.03.1--Equipment. Equipment for hot application shall be of sufficient size and stability to ensure smooth, uniform, properly aligned markings of the dimensions specified. The equipment shall be suitably equipped for heating and controlling the flow of the material. The equipment shall be constructed to provide continuous mixing and agitation of the material. The conveying parts of the equipment, between the main material reservoir and applicator, shall be so constructed as to prevent accumulation and clogging. The equipment shall be constructed so that all mixing and conveying parts, up to and including the applicator, maintain the material at the plastic temperature. The thermoplastic material shall be dispensed at a temperature recommended by the manufacturer. The applicator shall include a cutoff device remotely controlled to provide clean, square stripe ends and to provide a method for applying skip lines. The thermoplastic reservoir shall be insulated and equipped with an automatic thermostatic control to maintain the proper temperature of the material.

The application equipment shall be capable of automatic placement of intermittent and continuous line patterns in single or double line applications simultaneously. The intermittent timer mechanism shall provide a variable ratio of materials applied and variable cycle length such that accurate placement of new patterns, or replacement of existing patterns can be achieved.

The equipment shall also be capable of applying the top dressing of optics (beads) in a manner that firmly embeds them into the surface of the thermoplastic material for at least one half of the diameter of the larger gradation sizes of the optics. The dispensing equipment shall be equipped with an automatic cut-off control for the application of the optics that is synchronized with the cut-off of the thermoplastic material.

Optics applied to the surface of the completed stripe shall be applied by an automatic dispenser attached to the pavement marking equipment in such a manner that the optics are immediately dispensed upon the completed line. The dispenser shall be equipped with an automatic cutoff control, synchronized with the cutoff of the pavement marking equipment. The double-drop optics as defined in 907-720 shall be automatically applied at a uniform rate to achieve the minimum retroreflectivity requirements of 907-626.

907-626.03.2--Construction Details. The thermoplastic compound shall be screed or ribbon extruded to the pavement surface. Heat-fused, pre-formed pavement markings shall be fusible to asphalt surfaces by means of the normal heat of a propane weed-burner type of torch or other heating device as recommended by the manufacturer. Heat-fused, pre-formed pavement markings shall be instantly highly reflective without the application of additional optics.

Thermoplastic markings shall not be applied to the pavement surface when the pavement surface temperature is less than 55°F. The pavement surface shall be dry, to the satisfaction of the Engineer, before application will be permitted. Unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer, thermoplastic pavement marking material shall be applied to the surface between 400°F and 450°F with a recommended application temperature being 420°F.

Immediately before application, all areas to be marked shall be thoroughly cleaned. Cleaning may be done by rotary brooms, air blast, scrapers, or whatever combination of equipment is necessary to clean the pavement thoroughly without damage to the pavement surface. On areas of pavement

cured with compound, the membrane shall be removed completely by shot blasting, sand blasting or other approved method. Before edge striping, particular care shall be taken to remove all vegetation, loose soil, and the like from the area to be marked. Should other methods fail, the surface shall be wetted with a water jet and scrubbed as necessary to dislodge all foreign material. After washing, the surface shall be allowed to dry thoroughly, and all films of dried mud apparent after surface drying shall be removed before application of markings. Marking shall follow as closely as practicable after the surface has been cleaned and dried, but no markings shall be applied until the surface has been inspected and permission given to proceed. The cost for preparing the surface shall be included in the contract unit prices for the marking items.

Unless otherwise directed by the Engineer, traffic stripes that are conflicting with the thermoplastic stripe shall be removed prior to placement of the thermoplastic material. Removal of pavement markings shall be done by a means that will not gouge the surface of the pavement in a manner that requires patching to ensure the integrity of the pavement. Temporary paint stripe may be left in place when satisfactorily placed in the proper location. Any temporary stripe not covered shall be removed. Payment for removal of stripe, except temporary stripe, will be made under Section 202.

On newly constructed asphalt pavements, any sand, grit, or other surface contaminants shall be removed using compressed air and/or sweeping. Water blasting may be necessary to remove surface contaminants which cannot be removed by the use of compressed air and/or sweeping. This work is considered surface preparation.

The finished lines shall have well defined edges and the thickness of thermoplastic markings above the roadway surface shall be no less than 90 mils for edge lines, center lines, lane lines, barrier lines, and detail stripe including gore markings, and no less than 120 mils for crosswalks, stop lines, and railroad, word and symbol markings. The minimum thickness, as required above, will be measured in the center of the line when gauged. The minimum thickness one-half inch (½") from the edges shall not be less than 75% of the thickness required in the center.

Any thermoplastic traffic marking less than the required thickness shall be corrected by recapping at no additional costs to the Department. Although a thickness tolerance of 25 percent from center to edge is allowed, a consistent underrun of any amount in thickness as determined by the Engineer will not be acceptable.

The length and width of lines shall be within a tolerance of ± 3 inches and $\pm 1/8$ inch, respectively. For skip markings, the tolerance for intervals shall not exceed the line length tolerance. On curves, unsightly variations from the normal curvature will not be permitted unless specifically shown on the plans or ordered by the Engineer.

Heat-fused, pre-formed pavement markings shall be supplied with a minimum average thickness of 90 mils before application on the roadway surface.

All newly applied thermoplastic material shall be protected from traffic until the material is sufficiently dry so as not to sustain damage from vehicle tires. Any material so damaged by traffic shall be repaired, and the thermoplastic material tracked onto the pavement shall be removed and

replaced.

907-626.03.3--Reflectivity Requirements. The longitudinal pavement markings shall meet the following retroreflectivity values when measured within 10 to 30 calendar days of placement, after removing loose beads.

Table 1. Minimum Dry Retroreflectivity

Color	All Stripe without Rumble mcd/m²/lx	Rumble Stripe mcd/m²/lx
White	375	250
Yellow	225	150

For projects with less than two miles between the BOP and EOP, retroreflectivity measurements will not be required.

907-626.03.3.1--Measuring Devices. Retroreflectivity measurements are required to be taken using a vehicle mounted mobile retroreflectometer using 30-meter geometry with video and mapping capabilities as per AASHTO T-398. The retroreflectometer and operator shall be certified by the manufacturer, authorized representative of the manufacturer, or an MDOT approved program such as the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) Mobile Retroreflectometer Certification Program. The Contractor shall provide copies of current certifications for the operator(s) and the device(s) to the Engineer.

907-626.03.3.2--Acceptance Procedure. Averages of the mobile measurements shall be provided for every 0.1 miles unless otherwise specified or approved. Take measurements on each section of roadway for each series of markings (i.e., edge line, center skip line, each line of a double line, etc.) and for each direction of traffic flow. Measure each line in both directions for centerlines on two-way roadways (i.e., measure both double solid line in both directions and measure all center skip lines in both directions). Furnish measurements in compliance with the below requirements. Use all equipment in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations and directions. Inform the Engineer at least 24 hours before taking any measurements.

A marking meets the retroreflectivity requirements if:

- The combined average retroreflectivity value for a one-mile segment meets the minimum retroreflectivity values specified, and
- Within the one-mile segment, no more than three consecutive 0.1 mile intervals shall have an average retroreflectivity value below the minimum required value.

The one-mile segment will start from the beginning of the data collection and end after a mile worth of measurements have been taken; each subsequent mile of measurements will be a new segment. If the remainder is 0.5 miles or less, it shall be included in the previous mile segment, otherwise the remaining segment of greater than 0.5 mile shall be its own segment. Centerlines with 2 stripes (either solid or broken) will result in 2 miles of data for each mile segment. Each centerline stripe must be tested for compliance as a stand-alone stripe.

The Contractor may elect to restripe with a minimum of 0.060 in. (60 mils) at no cost to the Department each one-mile segment that failed to meet the minimum retroreflectivity requirements.

Measurements shall be retaken within 10 to 30 calendar days after the second application for the mile segment for that series of markings. If the markings do not meet minimum retroreflectivity after the second application, the Engineer may require removal of all existing markings, a new application as initially specified, and a repeat of the application process until minimum retroreflectivity requirements are met.

907-626.03.3.3--Mobile Retroreflectivity Data Collection. Mobile Retroreflectivity Data Collection (MRDC) shall be conducted on dry pavement only and when the ambient air temperature is greater than 40°F. Data shall be submitted to the Engineer no later than 3 working days after the day the data is collected. Submit all raw data collected in addition to all other data submitted. Provide data files in Microsoft Excel format or a format approved by the Engineer. The data file and video must contain the following information.

907-626.03.3.3.1--Data File. Data files shall be provided with the following:

- Date;
- District;
- County;
- Name of mobile retroreflectometer operator;
- Route number with reference markers or other reference information provided by the Engineer to indicate the location of beginning and end data collection points on that roadway;
- Cardinal direction;
- Line type (single solid, single broken, double solid, etc.);
- Line color;
- File name corresponding to video;
- Data for each centerline listed separately;
- Average reading taken for each 0.1-mi. interval (or interval designated by the Engineer);
- Accurate GPS coordinates (within 20 ft.) for each interval;
- Color-coding for each interval indicating passing or failing, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer (passing and failing thresholds provided by the Engineer);
- Graphical representation of the MRDC (y-axis showing retroreflectivity and x-axis showing intervals) corresponding with each data file;
- Distance in miles driven while measuring the pavement markings;
- Event codes (pre-approved by the Engineer) indicating problems with measurement;
- Upper validation threshold (may be included separately with the raw data but must be clearly identified with the data collected using that threshold).

907-626.03.3.3.2--Map. A map shall be provided in an electronic format approved by the Engineer with each MRDC submission that includes the following information:

- Date;
- District number;
- County;

- Color-coded 1-mi. intervals (or interval length designated by the Engineer) for passing and failing retroreflectivity values or retroreflectivity threshold values provided by the Engineer; and
- Percentage of passing and failing intervals, if required by the Engineer.

907-626.03.3.3.3--Video. A high-quality video file shall be provided with the following information:

- Date and corresponding data file name on label;
- District number;
- County;
- Route number with reference markers or other designated reference information to indicate the location of beginning and end collection points on that roadway; and
- Retroreflectivity values presented on the same screen with the following information:
 - Date;
 - Location;
 - Starting and ending mileage;
 - Total miles;
 - Retroreflectivity readings; and
 - Upper validation thresholds (may be included separately with the raw data but must be clearly identified with the data collected using that threshold).

907-626.03.4--Reflectivity Verification Testing. The Engineer or a third party may perform retroreflectivity verification testing on any project. At a minimum, each Contractor performing work for the Department will be verified on an annual basis. The Contractor-submitted retroreflectivity data will be compared to the verification test data to determine acceptability of the Contractor's mobile retroreflectometer data. Comparison of the data will result in one of the two scenarios below:

- Contractor's Data is Validated – If the difference between Contractor's and Engineer/third party data is 20% or less, then the Contractor's data is validated. The Contractor's data will be used for acceptance.
- Contractor's Data is not Validated – If the difference between the Contractor's and Engineer/third party data is more than 20%, then the Contractor's data is not validated. The Engineer/third party data will be used for acceptance and the Contractor will be required to take corrective action prior to additional Contractor data collection and may require re-certification of the mobile retroreflectometer.

907-626.04--Method of Measurement. Thermoplastic stripe completed in accordance with the plans and specifications will be measured by the mile or by the linear foot, as indicated, from end-to-end of individual stripes. In the case of skip lines the measurement will include skip intervals. The length used to measure centerline, lane lines, and edge stripes will be the horizontal length computed along the roadway.

Detail traffic stripe will be measured by the linear foot from end-to-end of individual stripes. Measurements will be made along the surface of each stripe and will exclude skip intervals where

strips are specified. Stripes more than six inches (6") in width will be converted to equivalent lengths of 6-inch stripe.

Hot-applied legend, which is to include railroad markings, pedestrian crosswalks, and stop lines, will be measured by the square foot or linear foot. Pay areas of individual letters and symbols will usually be shown on the plans and measured by the square foot. Transverse railroad bands, pedestrian crosswalks and stop lines will generally be measured by the linear foot, in which case, stripes more than six inches (6") in width will be converted to equivalent lengths of 6-inch widths.

Pre-formed legend which is to include railroad markings and pedestrian crosswalks will be measured and paid for by each.

The length measured for thermoplastic audible bump edge stripe will not include the permanent thermoplastic edge stripe. Permanent thermoplastic edge stripe will be measured for payment under a separate pay item.

Thermoplastic audible bar centerline skip stripe will be measured by the linear foot or mile. Measurements will be made along the surface from end-to-end of the stripe and will include skip intervals. The length used to measure audible bar centerline stripe will be the horizontal length computed along the roadway. The length measured for thermoplastic audible bar centerline skip stripe will not include the permanent centerline continuous or skip stripe. Permanent centerline continuous and skip stripe will be measured for payment under separate pay items.

Thermoplastic audible bar edge stripe will be measured by the linear foot or mile. Measurements will be made along the surface from end-to-end of the stripe. The length used to measure thermoplastic audible bar edge stripe will be the horizontal length computed along the roadway. The length measured for thermoplastic audible bar edge stripe will not include the permanent thermoplastic edge stripe. Permanent thermoplastic edge stripe will be measured for payment under a separate pay item.

907-626.05--Basis of Payment. Thermoplastic traffic markings will be paid for at the contract unit price per mile, linear foot, square foot or each as applicable. Any deductions for non-satisfactory material test results will be made after final testing has been performed.

Payment will be made under:

- 907-626-A: 6" Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Skip White - per linear foot or mile
- 907-626-B: 6" Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Continuous White - per linear foot or mile
- 907-626-C: 6" Thermoplastic Edge Stripe, Continuous White - per linear foot or mile
- 907-626-D: 6" Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Skip Yellow - per linear foot or mile
- 907-626-E: 6" Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Continuous Yellow - per linear foot or mile

907-626-F:	6" Thermoplastic Edge Stripe, Continuous Yellow	- per linear foot or mile
907-626-G:	Thermoplastic Detail Stripe, Color *	- per linear foot
907-626-H:	Thermoplastic Legend, Color *	- per linear foot, square foot, or per each
907-626-Q:	Thermoplastic Audible Bump Edge Stripe	-per linear foot or mile
907-626-R:	Thermoplastic Detail Audible *** Stripe, Color **,	-per mile
907-626-AA:	6" High Contrast Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Skip White	- per linear foot or mile
907-626-BB:	6" High Contrast Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Continuous White	- per linear foot or mile
907-626-CC:	6" High Contrast Thermoplastic Edge Stripe, Continuous White	- per linear foot or mile
907-626-DD:	6" High Contrast Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Skip Yellow	- per linear foot or mile
907-626-EE:	6" High Contrast Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Continuous Yellow	- per linear foot or mile
907-626-FF:	6" High Contrast Thermoplastic Edge Stripe, Continuous Yellow	- per linear foot or mile
907-626-GG:	High Contrast Thermoplastic Detail Stripe, Color *	- per linear foot
907-626-HH:	High Contrast Thermoplastic Legend, Color *	- per linear foot, square foot, or each

- * Indicate Blue - ADA if applicable
- ** Indicate White or Black
- *** Indicate Centerline - Passing Zone, Centerline - No-Passing Zone, or Edge Line